EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Prasonted in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Preve Interesting.

Senator Hansbrough has introduced a bill to end the lieu land evil.

The Caar is much downcast over the war and appears little in public.

Fourteen people met death in Paris factory from an explosion.

Russians expect Japan to lay siege Port Arthur and are preparing for

The Czar will likely proceed to the front in the spring to take personal command of the army.

Japan has had a dispute with China Japanese Fleet Wants Battle With

regarding a Russian gunboat which took refuge at Shanghal.

The Porto Rican has demanded that

they be admitted to statehood or that the island be granted independence. Perry S. Heath has resigned as secretary of the National Republican committee. Elmer Dover will temporarily succeed him.

Presbyterian churches of the Unit ed States have agreed upon a plan of

Russia has abolished the censorship on all news excepting war move-

Mitchell is sure to head the interoceanic canal committee if Platt does not want the place.

The British press warms the na- AMERICA HAS TROOPS PREPARE tion to be prepared for an alliance by the powers against her.

St. Louis constables precipitated riot, in which six men were shot, by attempting to close a poolroom across the river in Illinois.

Russia is said to be preparing to ovacuate Port Arthur and make Har-bin her headquarters. This is claim-ed to be a much better point of vant-

The house is considering the naval appropriation bill. It is the desire to have a navy which will be second to none in the world. The bill carries \$14,000,000 more than last year's ap-

The house has passed the fortifica-

Insurance companies and the Baltimere fire losses were overestimated. Canada is placing heavy modern guns in all of her coast fortifications.

Abner McKinley is seriously III. A number of his relatives have been called.

Tillman has re-introduced his bill in the senate to grant ex-Queen Lillinokalani a gratuity. A number of additional indictments

will be made in connection with the Hyde-Benson land conspiracy. Two hundred and fifty picked ship-wrights have been sent to Port Ar-

to hurry repairs on Russian war

The Lewis and Clark Fair bill will not be reported to the house until the committee learns more of the needs of

the exposition, Japan now has 120,000 men in

Woman wuffragists will hold their

1905 convention in Portland. Hanna left an estato valued at be tween \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,800.

Russia will prepare for action by Britain threatening her hold in Thibet and Persia.

A Sydney, Australia mob caused Dowie to quit the stage and suddenly leave the city.

Russians are very cruel to foreign ers at Niu Chwang and a reign of terror is feared.

occurred at Port Arthur which badly wreched the forts. The death of Senator Hanna will

probably make Senator Mitchell chairman of the committee on interoceanic canals. Foraker officially notified the sen-ste of the death of Hanna and Gros-venor the house. Both bodies adopted resolutions and took other steps to

honor his memory. Heavy landslides in California have

blocked railroad traffic.

who have served in the army. Santo Domingo revolutionists have captured and are in complete posses sion of Navarette.

The British commander at Wei Hal have been making that port their

have been dispatched on the Prairie with secret orders. It is supposed they are bound for Santo Domingo. The transport Dix has just cor

606 marines. Affairs in the Balkans are assum ing a serious aspect.

William J. Lemp, the well-known St. Russia is lashed into a fury by the

continued defeats and highly patriot ie demonstrations are common. Great Britain and France are pre paring for the possibility of an emer-gency. Rush work is the order at the ship yards of both nations.

The house sub-committee will re-port for Sunday opening of the 1905 fair, but will reduce the appropria-

BATTLE ON LAND.

Russians Badly Beaten in Engage ment on Yalu River.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Authority St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Authority which prohibits doubting veracity of the report, in spite of the official dispatches stating that nothing is taking place and everything is perfectly quiet, says, outpost engagements have taken place on the Yalu resulting in the Russian advance guards being triven back with considerable losses, which are estimated at 2.500 lives. which are estimated at 2,500 lives, but whether this means those who fell on the Yalu or the entire Russian losses since the commencement of the war is not exactly clear.

Large Force Engaged.

Niu Chwang, Feb. 22.—A Japanese victory is reported near the Yalu river, but is unconfirmable from any source. According to the report current here a large part of the forces of both Rus sians and Japanese were engaged. The Russians are said to have lost several thousand men. There are no details of the engagement obtainable.

SEEKING RUSSIAN SHIPS.

General Kouropatkin is to command the Russian army, sided by two grand dukes, uncles of the Czar.

New York, Feb. 22.—The American's Tokio cable, dated February 21, says: Russian warships are reported between Japan and Corea. Transports

Orders Issued That Men Be Ready for Service at Short Notice.

San Francisco, Feb. 22 — Under orders issued by the War Department, the commanders of the various military departments of the United States Army are placing in readiness for ser-vice at short notice the organizations under their immediate charge. This work is being done in the quietest possible manner, and the officers in charge are very reticent about talking on the subject. on the subject.

on the subject.

Although it is not generally known, the San Francisco Presidio is the most active Army post in the work of preparation. The troops of the Presidio are doing extra drill daily, and it is stated on the best of authority that within the next two weeks a large consignment of cold-weather clothing will arrive at the post ready for distribution on 24 hours' notice. The fact that blanket-lined overcoats, fur gloves and heavy Arctic boots are among the and heavy Arctic boots are among the supplies to arrive in San Francisco is significant of the intention of the War Department to prepare the troops for climate more regorous than that of

California.

Another phase of these preparatory Another phase of these preparatory measures is the work of the Coast Artillery that has charge of the harbor defenses. The recently organized school in submarine mining has taken such an interest in its work that a corps of men is daily devoting the hours between sunrise and sunset to the study of the methods of modern harbor defense, while a large force Russia is greatly surprised that Hay did not wait for its reply before telling of reception by powers of his Chinese note.

WAR CALLS FOR '04 MONEY.

Russia Officially Notifies St. Louis She Will Not Participate.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.-Official confirm tion of Russia's intention to abandor articipation in the exposition was recived today in a cablegram to Presi dent Francis from Commissioner-General Alexandrovsky at St. Patersburg.
The cablegram follows:
"Notwithstanding the best of feeling

to America and a readiness for par-ticipation in the World's Fair, Russian tradesmen think their patriotic duty is to give the money appropriated for the exposition to the Red Cross and wounded soldiers. I am going person-ally as the chief delegate of the Red ross to the Far East. My sincerthanks for your kind atention to our staff and me personally. My best re-gards to all directors and chiefs."

China Denies Request for Aid.

Tokio, Feb. 22,-Advices to the Jap anese government from Pekin say that while at Mukden, Vicercy Alexiff ask ed the Chinese troops to aid in guard ing the railroad, so as to prevent the interruption of traffic. The Chinese refused the request and asked for in-structions from Pekin. The Chinese government told them to inform Alexiff that as Russia had insisted the locked railroad traffic.

Chinese were unable to guard the railway in time of peace, surely Russia could not expect them to guard it in time of war.

France Fears No Japanese Invasion Paris, Feb. 22.—The Foreign Office denies that Japanese vessels here declared to be absurd the report circulated yesterday in New York, alleged to be from Paris, to the effect W. A. McKowen, defaulting socre-tary of the board of regents of the University of California, has com-concentrated at the Island of Formosa, possessions in the Far East in case of France siding with Russia against Japan. The Foreign Office also denied the report that President Loubet to the against tended to visit the resident Loubet to the second state of the city of the report that President Loubet to the report that President Loubet to tended to visit the report that President Loubet to tended to visit the resident Loubet to the report that President Loubet to the report that President Loubet to the report that the resident Loubet to the report that the resident tended to visit the resident tended to visit the resident tended to the report that the resident tended to visit the resident tended to the resident tended ten menced serving his sentence in san with the intention of invading French Trouble between New York lithougraphers and their employers in likely to cause a lockout, in which events
the report that President Loubet intended to visit the Caar, and added
such a visit had not been considered.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.-The reusal of the Commander of the United leted a cargo at Portland for the hillppines. The Buford is also here loading a lumber cargo for fanila. The Buford will also take 200 marines.

States gunboat Vicksburg to unite with the Commanders of other foreign warships at Chemulpo to protest against the fighting there on February 8, which resulted in the loss of the Russian warships Variag and Koreitz, and the fact that the Vicksburg did not take on board any of the survivng Russian soldiers, has created much favorable public comment here.

> Arming Black Sea Coast.
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> Warsaw, Feb. 22.—Heavy siege guns are being mounted on the coast 15 versts (ten miles) from Odesan. They will cover the approach to the harbor. Brasia's foverish military and naval activity, belies the outlingte official. activity belies the optimistic official assurances to the effect that nothing untoward is anticipated and that no other power is expected to become involved in the present conflict.

TWENTY - FOUR DIE

CAR OF DYNAMITE BLOWS UP IN COLORADO WITH FATAL RESULTS.

Air Brakes on Train Fall to Hold and Collision Results - Twelve People Also Badly injured and Everything for a Torn to Pieces.

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 22.-Twenty-four orsons were killed and 12 badly in-ored this afternoon by the explosion a carload of dynamite, caused by a lead-on collision at Jackson, a tele-graph station on the Ogden-Lucian ut-off of the Southern Pacific Comany, 85 miles west of Ogden. Eight the dead and five of the injured to Americans. The others are

collision occurred between two

BIG REVOLT NEAR.

Predicted That Russia Will Have War Right at Home.

Geneva, Feb. 22.—Russia is facing a revolution of great magnitude, and the uprising may come at any mo-ment. At the headquarters of the central revolutionary Russian com-mittee this evening it was stated that reliable advices received from St. Petersburg show that everything is now in readiness for a far-reaching At the word of a fresh Russian re-

demonstrations against the government in all of the principal cities of the empire. The revolutionists are declared to be well armed and equipped and to have a well-nigh perfect organization, and that numbered in the ranks are some of the best-points in Manchuria, and in case points in the case poin

RUSSIA FAST - MOVING TROOPS Twelve Days More and the Manchurian Force Will Be Vast,

Paris. Feb. 22 .- A representative of the Matin, who has reached the cen-ter of the Russian military concentration at Harbin, after great hard-ships, due to the trans-Siberian rail-way trains being crowded with thous-ands of soldiers, in a dispatch from Harbin confirms the announcement that the place will be the main base of the Russian operations. Thus far the base has succeeded in maintainng its communication with Port Ar-

men from the divisions of Moscow, Kieff and Varsovie. Before 12 days

Intense demoralization exist among the populace and the people of the surrounding villages are flock ng into the town, seeking to reach Western Russia. The railroad trains however, are blocked and over 2,000 voyagers are thus held up.

Afraid of Togo.

Paris, Feb. 22 .- According to the t. Petersburg correspondent of the rigaro, the Russian government, fear-ing for the safety of the battleship slabya and the cruisers Dumty. onakol and Aurora and their convoy I torpedo-boat destroyers and trans orts, now at the entrance to the Red es, has cabled orders to the Admiral command to return to Russian n command to return to Russi waters at once. It is known that Japanese flying squadron is lying in wait to capture this fleet should it at-tempt to continue its cruise toward

Forced to Fire on Rebels. New York, Feb. 22 .- A French mall teamship which has arrived here reorts that the United States cruisers Newark and Columbia have, says a and starvation prevails in Santo Domingo City.

Fire Losses Are \$31,000,000.

Baitimore, Feb. 22.—The Baitimore inderwriter in its issue tomorrow ill print a list of all the fire insurace companies involved in the more fire. The total loss is \$32,864. from the neighborhood of 800, of which \$6,000,000 falls on the after a skirmish in which local companies. The estimated total ese were taken prisoners of salvage is \$1,769,700, which leaves a net lose to the insurance companies of \$31,095,100. It has been learned that many of the large wholesale dry goods houses formed an insurance

Empress Dowager No More. source of news.

BATTLE AT HAND.

Armies of Japan and Russia Massed on Yalu River.

Chefoo, Feb. 20.-Many wild rumor are current here, but there is a dearth of reliable news and there is conse uently much anxiety felt as to the atest developments in the war. It is believed that there has not been a clash of the opposing land forces, but Radius of Half a Mile is Completely news of one is hourly expected. The two opposing armies are now face to face and it is simply a question as to which will attack first. Owing to the fact that the two

armies are unaccompanied by war correspondents, there will probably be ome delay in getting the news out afer the battle actually occurs. The Japanese commanders have made numerous promises to the correspondents, but passes to the front have not been forthcoming, and they are all un-der guard and likely to remain there. extra trains, and was caused, it is according to present indications. The said, by the air brake apparatus on Russians, of course, want no English SEEKING RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Japanese Fieet Wants Battle With Cable-Cutting Squadron.

New York, Feb. 22.—The American's Tokio cable, dated February 21, says: Russian warships are reported between Japan and Corsa. Transports carrying troops across are heavily conveyed in consequence. Half the Japanese fleet is occupied in surveying and protecting the landing of troops in Corea and the other half is searching for the Russian Vindivostock warships. The prefectural office has received a telegram from the chief magistrate of the Island of Miyake, south of the Studies and the other half is not provided in surveying and protect in the offing on February 19. The subsequent movements of this mysterious party are not reported, but inquiry is under way. The Russians were professional and received the scene of the disaster. Late to be first the lack of reliable news and the received a telegraph office was shattered and the other half is searching for the Russian Vindivostock warships. The prefectural office has received a telegraph from the chief magistrate of the Island of Miyake, south of the subsequent movements of this mysterious party are not reported, but inquiry is under way. The Russians were professional train with doctors, turnes and stretchers was hurriedly despatched to the scene of the disaster. Late to be first twill be first the lack of reliable news and the received a train with doctors, where completely demolished, and the occupants blown are reported by Greeks, were completely demolished, and the occupants blown are reported by Greeks, were completely demolished, and the occupants blown are reported by Greeks, were completely demolished, and the occupants blown are reported by Greeks, were completely demolished, and the occupants blown are reported by Greeks, were completely demolished, and the occupants blown are reported by Greeks, were completely demolished, and the form tracks of new tracks of this absence of trained observers from the track point of the same control of the same country of the same comple Gulf of Corea, reporting that is taken a boat from a vessel in the offing on February 19. The subsequent movements of this mysterious sparty are not reported, but inquiry is under way. The Russians were probably seeking to cut the cable, as three warships were reported off Okushirit and the injured. Conductor Derwarships were reported off Okushirit injuries en route.

Island today searching for the cable. are holding their advance until the majority of the troops arrive.

CHINA COMPLICATES SITUATION Belligerents Are Warned Not to Dis-

turb Tombs of Ancestors, New York, Feb. 20.-The Sun's London correspondent cables as follows: "A communication of the utmost im is portance which may add fresh com plications to the Far Eastern situaand Japan, reiterating its intention to maintain strict neutrality, but declarerse, the trouble is to be begun with ing that the sanctity of tombs of the

points in Manchuria, and in case either Russians or Japanese desecrate the tombs, or in other ways does in known persons in Russia. In addition, thousands of students are entrolled as members, and many of the purp to them, orders have been given thank and file of the army and may be the troops to vindicate the honor have sworn allegiance to the move-

> HAY WROUGHT UP. Russia's Attitude to America Is Very

Aggravating. Washington, Feb. 20. - Secretary Hay is disposed to request an explana tion from Russia if the fact is de termined that Russia is detaining American vessels in Chinese ports and preventing Consul Miller from protect ing Japanese interests in Niu Chwang He is much dissatisfied with the in dications of irritation felt by the Rus sian government at the attitude of the correspondent says, proceeds system tions have been sent Admiral Evans, ematically and provision has been nade for the speedy arrival of 12,000 port on his inquiry now under the repent from the divisions of Maria Evans, the intention being to await the repent from the divisions of Maria Evans, the inquiry now under the repent from the divisions of Maria Evans, the inquiry now under the repent of the speedy arrival of 12,000 port on his inquiry now under the repent of the speedy arrival of 12,000 port on his inquiry now under the repent of the speedy arrival of the speedy arrival of the speedy arrival of 12,000 port on his inquiry now under the speedy arrival of the speedy a the intention being to await the re-port on his inquiry now under way. If it is proven that American ships kieff and Varsovie. Betore is a Manchurian ports, secretary as shall have elapsed the Russians will Manchurian ports, secretary as shall have elapsed of an army of 400,000 carry out his intention of addressing some pointed inquiries to the St. ays are being prevented from leaving Many of the fruit growers in the will Manchurian ports. Secretary Hay will valley are preparing to set out young

Petersburg government. British Steamer Detained. Shanghai, Feb. 20.-The British condition of Port Arthur, and that the was then ordered to Dainy, where the was detained four days, in spite of the captain's protest. The Russian gunboat Mandjur has not gone up the river to be dismantled, an reported She remains at Shanghai in defiance f the orders of the Chinese officials

America Will Send Fleet.

San Francisco, Fob. 20.-A special lispatch to the Bulletin from Washington states that the transports that nave been held at this port in readiness for sea for many weeks are really to be sent to China, and that the squad ron of warships at Manila will also be ordered to the Orient. The reason given for this is that the Washington Micials believe that China's object in sending an army north, ostensibly for the purpose of maintaining her neutrality is really for the purpose of regaining Manchuria.

Japan Hag Lost No Ships. London, Feb. 20.—The Japanese legation here received an official declar ation from Tokio tonight saying it was not true that any Japanese ves-sels had been destroyed so far in any of the various naval engagements and all necessary repairs had already been made. The Japanese fleet remains intact. This message also denies the report that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kinchow after a skirmish in which 150 Japan-

Japan Attacked the Russian Fleet Be-

fore Relations Were Broken Off. New York, Feb. 20,-The Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent cables as follows: "The fact is now known to all foreign nations that, according to careful calculations made, allowing London, Feb. 22—A special from a follows: "The fact is now known to all foreign nations that, according circles there that the Dowager Empress of China is dead. The Chinese legation here has heard nothing of attack upon the ships at Port Arthur here reported death of the Dowager Empress, and discredits it. Nother Canton nor Hong Kong is a reliable that diplomatic relations had been as a large acreage was planted last breken off." that diplomatic relations had been as a large acreage was planted last breken off."

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

Result of Private Investigation by State Winter Has Been Very Mild Miners Ux-Land Commissioner West.

Salem-By conducting a special in

state some \$5000 last week. Last spring the State Land Board sold a section of newly surveyed land at anche it in and the successful bidder offered \$14.25 per agre. The land was heavily the news out at yoccurs. The case of the news out at yoccurs. The section of newly surveyed land at anche it became known that severally local it became known that severally persons had filed homestead claims of the corresponde of front have not they are all unto remain there indications. The same distributed in the land and the state would look the land as valuable and had been sold at a good price, Mr. West undertook to establish the state's title. He made inquiry as to the persons who filed the homestead caime as it is held up and the real and from what he learned further that they means that they are state's title. He made inquiry as to the persons who filed the homestead caime as it is held up and the real as it is held up and the state would look the same day passed the center of the state's title. He made inquiry as to the persons who filed the homestead caime as it is held up and the real and settlement at the time allows and the real and settlement at the time allows that they are the context of the persons who filed the homestead caimed as the real and the real

Mild Winter in Malheur Has Enabled Cattle to Keep in Condition.

Ontario-Now that there is prosct for a "break up" in the weather stockmen are beginning to discuss their prospects for 1904. The heavy now in readiness for a far-reaching revolutionary movement. The men who have prepared the ground have left nothing undone to add to the general feeling of unrest within the country, and have seized on the defeats of Russian naval forces in the Far East as a pretext for their agiof the weak condition of the animais, occasioned by scarcity of bay and feed, combined with the high price paid for hay last fall and the low to the combined with the high price paid for hay last fall and the low to any exposition by the schools of the condition of the conditio

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The mildness and short duration of the winter weather will result in considerable hay left unfed and to be sold by the stockmen to other buyers.

SELLING GRAND RONDE APPLES.

Many Carloads are Now Going East-Good Sale in Oregon. La Grande-The fruit growers of the Grand Ronde who did not dispose of all their apples in the fall are now

apple trees this spring, and most of them are of the winter varieties, in-cluding the Jonathans, Roman Beauties, York Imperials and Yellow New-towns. L. Oldenberg, one of the big-gest fruit growers near La Grande, steamer Hsi Ping, from Chin Wang the remainder of the order, 2000 more, the remainder of the order, 2000 more, will be set out in the apring. This et out 3500 young trees last fall, and

Will Build Mill at Paradise.

Enterprise — James Winters, who lives in the Paradise country at the extreme north end of this country was a Enterprise recently, sating that persons in his vicinity are making persons in his vicinity are making propagations to build a new flouring all at Paradine the coming spring-fley expect to have the mill come-leted by harvest time. This will be a great convenience for the people of that section, as they have been peretofore compelled to hauf their veste for miles on a warm to ret it. grain 40 miles on a wagen to get it to a mill, some bringing it to Loutine and Enterprise, while others had to the mills at Abotin and Lewiston.

Contracts for Work on Hotel.

Pendleton-The contract for the in-Howman hotel, being constructed here at a cost of \$50,000, has been let to a Portland firm. The heating plant will cost \$4000. The contract for the plumbing has been let to the Goodway. These ways Goodman-Thompson Hardware Com-pany of this city. The plumbing will cost \$3900. It is expected the building will be completed by May 1. A large force of men are at work, it is believed that more building will be done in Pendleton during 1904 than was done in 1903, which was a Sc heavy building year. Wallowa Herds Depleted by Cold.

La Grande-Reports come from

Wallows County that a number of sheep have been lost from the herds in that county this winter on account of the cold, and in some places the cattle have suffered intensely. There have been no reports as yet of the loss of sheep or cattle in Union County, and in many places in the valley cattle have had good picking the greater part of the winter. The farmers all report an abundance of dry feed, and the cattle never was in better and the cattle never was in better condition than they are this winter.

GRASS IS GROWING IN GRANT. pect Early Clearing Off of Snow.

Canyon City-The cold storm that vestigation on his own account, State prevailed so generally near the Pacific land Agent Oswald West saved the section during the past week was Land Agent Oswald West saved the section during the past week was state some \$5000 last week. Last hardly perceptible here. Although spring the State Land Board sold a much anow has fallen it has been

With this information is his possession he met the homesteaders with the suggestion that they cease to assort a claim to the land. They demuted at first, but when West gave them a limit of the evidence in his possession and backed this up by filing contests in the General Land Office, they came forward with relinguishments, thus leaving the state with clear ithe to convey to the purchasers at auction sale.

Mr. West's experience shows what can very often be done in the way of overthrowing homestead entries made by speculators if some one interested will take the trouble to investigate the facts regarding the entry and the term of residence.

STOCK OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT.

The Secretary of State Bears From All the County Clerks.

Salem Secretary of State Dunbar they captured the fact of the aunual rejected the reverge to the support of the summand for the county poses. The reports show that in the same as a whole the expenses where shows that for 1902, the decrease being due largely to the absence of election expenses, the repeat of the scalp bounty law, and a reduction in miscellaneous expenses.

In 1902 laker County Sevenses were swelled by reason of the acquirment of the Panhandle country from Union County Morrow County had an expense of \$47.534 in 1902 for a new court house and has \$10,000 et and the same account in 1902.

a new court house and has \$10,000 expense on the same account in 1903.

In 1901 Wheeler County had an expense of \$11,000 for a new court

Baker's School Evhibit Ready.

Baker City The school exhibit for Baker City, to be sent to the St. Louis feed, combined with the high price paid for hay last fall and the low price of stock caused gloomy fore bodings as to the year 1904.

But the winter has been mild, at lowing the stock to consume the hay without waste, and to put on flesh rapidly, so that when spring opens they will be well prepared to put through the mud to do their feeding on the new pastures. There will be good reasons to expect large increase with little loss.

From Enterprise to Chico,

Enterprise-The enterprise Com-mercial club is interested in a move ment to build a new telephone lin with 1903 hay on hand the ranchors will sell the new crop of hay at a lower price than last fall. The cattlement are expecting an advance in prices, so that with all these conditions in their favor the future is much brighter than it was last fall.

The business men of this town have already subscribed over \$4400, and the residents of Chico and Immaha have manifested a willing ness to subscribe stock in the proposed new line. This, besides being a paying proposition, will give the from here to the Imnaha by way of Chico. The business men of this town have already subscribed over a paying proposition, will give the people of that section a much needed service, help the country in general It is proposed to build the new line as soon as the ground thaws in the spring.

Power From the Walla Walla the Grand Ronde who did not dispose of all their apples in the fall are now disposing of them in large quantities at from 35 to 40 cents per bushel for the Eastern markets. The Blue Mountain Fruit Company, of La Grande, now his a large force of packers at work, and many carloads are being shipped East, while many of them are being sold in Oregon. The Oregon apples are in great demand in the Eastern markets.

Many of the fruit growers in the valley are preparing to set out young apple trees this spring, and most of

Reorganizing State Granges

La Grande—J. Voorhees, of Wood-burn, Ore, is in La Grande for the purpose of organizing a grange for the State of Oregon. Mr. Veorhees' intention is first to make a complete canvass for membership and at a later date call a meeting and complete organization. Twenty years ago there were four prosperous grange organizations in Union Coun-y, and Mr. Voorhees intends to re-Twenty years

stablish them.

PORTLAND MARKETS. ley, 79@80c. Barley-Feed, \$21 per ton; brew-

ing, \$22; rolled, \$22 per ton; orew tremsty cod weather in first process of the p patents, \$4.20@4.50; graham hole wheat, \$4; rye flour, \$4.500 Onts-No. 1 white, \$1,106(1.124)

gray, \$1.07% (\$1.10 per cental. Millstuffs — Bran, \$18.50(\$19 per on; middlings, \$26; shorts, \$19.50(\$) ream, 29c. Poultry — Chickens, mixed, 1249

12½c per pound; aprings, small, 14@ 14½c; hens, 12½@13c; turkeys, live, 15@15c per pound; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$8@9 per dozen; geese, live per pound. Choese—Full cream, twins, 14c;

Young America, 15c.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 26@271/2c per vegetables—Turnips, 80c per sack; herds corrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1. count cabbage, 1% 02c; red cabbage, 1% c; es the parsley per dozen, 25c; tomatoes, There \$1.50@2.00 per crate; cauliflower, 75c 75 per sack, growers' prices. Potatoes—Fancy, 75@99c per sack; ommon, 60@75c; sweets, 2½c in acks, 2½c crated.

Hops-Choice, 27@29c per pound; Plows are Started.

Pendleton—Because of springlike weather many farmers have already started their spring plowing. This is

½c. Veal—Dressed, small, 8@9c; large 5@6%c. Pork—Dressed, 6%@7c. je .-8*16, 2Pork8 emfwyshrdl emp AROUSED TOWARD AMERICA.

Russia la Finding Great Fault With The Note of Sercetary Hay,

New York, Feb. 18.—The Herald has the fullowing from St. Peters-

At the foreign office here the Amerian note continues to excite much anper. An influential member of the council of the empire said:

"The American note is considered n official circles as dealing with Manchurla as well as the rest of China, notwithstanding different interpretations by the French and German press It is believed, at any rate, that the note has been besued to make Russia selieve America wants to re-establish Chinese sovereignty there.

"It is considered as a measure of ntimidation, and an official intima tion beforehand that the United States, even after Russia's victory, will strongly oppose our point of view egarding Manchurla.

"If America steps into Japan's place nesla cannot but adopt toward the inited States the very same firm but onciliatory attitude which she has hown toward Japan."

ABANDONED TO ITS FATE.

tussians Will Not Attempt to Save Port Arthur

New York, Feb. 18 .- The Sun's Lonon cable, dated February 17, says ort Arthur is to be left by Russia o exami or fall by herself.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says that military cirdes recognize that relief from the esponsibility of maintaining the long ine of ratiway in Manchurla will implify Admiral Alexieff's task.

Port Arthur can be safely left to ske care of itself, while with Harbin ecurely garrisoned preparations may ontinue for gathering an overwhelm ng force for a southward advance then the weather is favorable; The World's comment on this la:

The tone of the above cablegram initentes a plan of campaign on land. At the beginning they boasted of Port arthur as Impregnable. The Rusiana have determined to abandon the defense of the railway between Port Arthur and Harbin.

TRY TO SEIZE RAILROAD.

Japanese Attempt to Take Manchurian Line Near Kinchau,

Lundon, Feb. 18.-According to Port Arthur advices received by the Lonion Times, a Japanese landing party which attempted to seize the Manfurtan Raliway near Kinchau, was friven off after severe fighting with enty loss.

That the settle was of a nevern haracter is indicated by the fact that the Russian officials admit their loss was not less than 70 killed. The Rusdans allege to have captured 150 Japnese prisoners. A report reached here last night

rom both Toklo and Shanghai to the effect that the Russlan fleet, now at liboutil at the end of the Red sea, and which is declared to be preparing to walt the arrival of the rest of the tussian war fleet now on route from home waters, will be bettled up there by a Japanese flying squadron,

Fortification Appropriation Bill. Washingto Feb 18 - The fortification appropriation bill was reported to the house today from the appropriapropriation of \$7,222,292, which is less y \$447,229 than was appropriated for fortifications at the last session of congress. The estimates on which the bill is based aggregate \$21.573,-

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Severe Weather in East. Baltimore, Feb. 18 - Today was one of the severest of the winter. The temperature was as low as seven degrees above zero, and all day long a gale blew through the ruins in the fire district at a 40-mile gair, making the Wheat—Milling quotations: Walla Walla, 78e; bluestem, 806;81c; Valuestem, 810;81c; Valuestem, 806;81c; Val are now covered to the depth of two

First President of Panama

Panama, Peb, 18,-Dr. Manuel Amafor was unanimously elected first president of the republic of Panama 20: chop, \$18; inseed diary food, \$19.

Butter—Sweet cream butter, \$224c per pound; fancy creamery, \$30c; choice creamery, \$25@274c; diary and store, nominal.

Butter fat—Sweet cream, \$1c; sour creamers, \$25.

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> Two Russian Vessels Still Ashore. Washington, Feb. 18 .- The Japanese ninister today received a dispatch rom Tekio stating that trustworthy information has reached the Japanese government to the effect that as a re-sult of the Japanese attack on the Russian squadron off Port Arthur on February 8, the Russian hattleship Retvigan, is still aground outside the port, the Ckarevitch was towed into port, and the Pallada is still aground

Russians Increase Guard.

at the entrance of the port. All three

New York, Feb. 18 .- The Russian authorities have taken every precaution to protect the argenal, cables the Port Arthur correspondent of the Herald. The usual guard of 500 men has now been increased to 2000. At Kinchow, Talienwan and Bidsevo, the forts and garrisons have been replenished threefold,