

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LONDON, April 20.—A Vienna correspondent telegraph: "I am informed from Bucharest that Prince Charles received a copy of the Russian manifesto, which contains the following declaration:

Whereas every endeavor by the Emperor of Russia to preserve peace has failed owing to the stubbornness of the Porte, while the condition of the Christians in the East is unimproved, their lives and property have been endangered; therefore His Majesty in the name of humanity and with a full consciousness of his sovereign duties as natural protector of the Slavonic nations in the East has been compelled to resolve on obtaining by force of arms such guarantees for his distressed fellow believers on Turkish soil, as appears absolutely necessary for securing their future welfare.

The document proceeds to state that this armed intervention is not meant for the purpose of conquest, and will end after securing the above mentioned results.

A later dispatch from Constantinople, confirming the above in effect, adds that the manifesto also declares that Russia intends to occupy Bulgaria and hold the province as a material guarantee for the execution of the reforms; that she will invite other European powers to take part in the occupation and finally that she disclaims any intention to acquire territory permanently.

LONDON, April 21.—A special from Pera says it is reported that Russia has decided to send a second circular to the powers and await a reply before declaring war. The bad condition of roads in Asia is considered the cause of the apparent hesitation.

A Paris correspondent says: "I hear on good authority, that in St. Petersburg, Constantinople and London the most authoritative diplomatists believe that war must come. No action is being taken in either city to avert the catastrophe.

BUCHAREST, April 21.—The Russian general and staff has left Kischoneff for Ugheni and Sentari. The cavalry force is marching toward the Danube. The artillery is concentrating at Ugheni, the infantry is marching in the direction of Choty, Sentari and Ugheni.

Strict Neutrality.

Now that the European war is imminent the administration is considering the necessity of a strict enforcement of the neutrality laws. Instructions to Kasson will doubtless call his attention to the necessity of negotiation for a commerce treaty with Spain, which shall abolish present discrimination duties upon exports from the United States to Cuba.

The Times' dispatch from Berlin reports that Russia has caused to be understood that she does not object to the occupation of Bosnia by Austria and of Constantinople by England, if the Russians are obliged to cross the Danube. The reception to these overtures, however, have been far from favorable. It is certain that Austria will enter into no premature arrangement. If Russian operations should be delayed or produce no tangible result, Austria will not act at all.

OREGON.

The number of school districts in Polk county is 42; school children, 2,589. Amount of school fund for last year, \$6,816 50.

The Teachers' Institute for Jackson county, will be held at Jacksonville, on the 4th and 5th of May. Discussion of several branches has been assigned to different teachers.

UNIVERSALIST STATE CONVENTION.—Mr. A. J. Wigle, secretary of the above named convention, drops the following note to the Oregonian: "The Universalist State convention will be held eight miles southeast from Halsey, commencing Thursday, June 7, 1877. There will be conveyances at the Halsey depot on Wednesday and Thursday to take all who may come on the cars to the place of meeting. All wishing to avail themselves of a free ride as above stated will please write to the secretary at Harrisburg, letting him know on which day we may expect them.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Bro. A. W. Lucas is in Portland this week on the grand jury.

The Teachers' Institute for this district will be held at Monmouth, commencing May 10th.

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Closing exercises of the Hesperian Literary Society is expected to take place in the college chapel, next Friday evening, by the way of an open session. The boys, doubtless will, as usual, entertain a good audience.

Open session of the Biblical Literary Society this (Thursday) evening. In the programme is the following question for discussion: "What is the difference between the mind, the soul and the spirit, and does the Bible distinguish them?" A full house anticipated.

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The Vesperines gave an open session of the society on Friday evening, 6th inst. They were greeted with a full house. Miss Maggie Butler presided with grace and dignity. The exercises were well prepared and read and recited with taste and elegance. The discussion, presented by Miss Josie Wolverson and Miss Rosa Bentley, in prepared addresses read from manuscript, would have done honor to older heads and maturer minds. The recitations by Miss Kate Lucas and Miss Alice Butler were well selected and presented in an almost inimitable style. But it is needless to particularize where all did so well. If we are to form an estimate of the relative merits of the open sessions given by the several societies during the session from the criticisms we have heard, the Vesperines are entitled to the palm of victory.

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