

**LOCAL BITS.**

Fifty per cent cut on gloves and mittens at Merrill's Semi-Annual Clearance Sale.

Alfalfa and rye hay, wheat and rolled barley grain, and potatoes for sale by Arnt Anne.

Yellow, white and purple crocuses have been in full bloom this week on the Drake lawn.

The Bend Mercantile is making a big price cut on its entire stock. Read their ad. on the first page.

W. E. Guerin, Jr., left for Portland Sunday morning after attending to business matters in Bend.

The Bend band will give a St. Patrick's dance tomorrow night, Saturday. Let everyone attend.

The Merrill Co. will soon have a fine line of millinery goods for sale. Save your orders for spring and summer hats.

J. N. Hunter, W. H. Staats and A. L. Goodwillie were transacting business in Prineville Wednesday and Thursday.

Do not forget Merrill's Semi-Annual Clearance Sale, lasting until March 15. A great price cut on every article in stock.

Rev. Tavenor's theme for his next Sunday evening sermon will be "Palm Sunday, or the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem."

C. M. Weymouth, Fred Shouquest, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whitsett made final proof on timber claims before Commissioner Ellis this week.

Paul Kraemer, after an extended residence in Bend, will leave tomorrow morning for the old home at Wadena, Minnesota, where he will reside in the future.

A number of timber cruisers outfitted in Bend yesterday morning and went south to cruise timber for a Portland firm. It is the same crew that cruised in the Sisters country last fall.

Merrill's Clearance Sale will be continued two weeks longer, or until March 15. The cut prices he is offering are selling his goods rapidly. If you want bargains in clothing, dress goods, etc., call on him.

Springtime is here with its housecleaning and general rejuvenating. Get in line and paint up a little. I have a fine and dandy and complete line of

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COAL OIL FOR SALE

J. I. WEST, Bend, Oregon

Mrs. C. A. Jones left this morning for Portland.

Merrill is selling hats cheap during his Clearance Sale—in fact the price is cut in two.

Beck Hoxsie, a registered barber from The Dalles, has arrived in Bend and made arrangements to open the Triplett shop.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Tompkins left Bend last Monday morning for Hood River where they will reside in the future if that place suits them.

S. C. Caldwell is sealing the entire room in his building preparatory to putting in his stock of hardware. He expects the stock to arrive between the 1st and 15th of April. "Bill" Stephens is helping in the sealing.

C. B. Dinwiddie, county school superintendent, writes The Bulletin that "No legislative enactment of the recent legislative assembly affecting the school laws of Oregon will be in force until May 25, 1907, at which time we hope to have a copy of the revised school laws in the hands of all school district boards."

A. I. Goodwillie is making several improvements around his place this spring. One of them is the building of three stone pillars a few feet from the south wall of his house. The pillars are built of native stone in the rough and with green vines growing over them—as is the intention—will give a very pretty effect.

H. H. Davies is in Bend from Wilbur, Wash., and will remain here for some time. Last fall he was here and purchased land under the D. L. & P. Co.'s canals. He is acquainted with irrigated lands in Washington and is very favorably impressed with prospects in the Bend country. Monday he went out with Mr. Chapman to the latter's homestead near Powell Buttes and looked over the land in that vicinity.

**Japan's Real Attitude toward America**  
American Brethren! I came to this land of freedom about a year and a half ago. Since then I am freely enjoying American liberty. I notice, here, even small boys and girls are kind. They treat me, a stranger-boy, just as their familiar friend.

During the famine in Japan, about this time last year, I was in a Seattle school. One day, the principal called me to his office, and producing one dollar, he told me that that money was collected among low third-grade pupils to subscribe to the relief funds. Then he wanted me to take it to the Japanese consular office which I did willingly.

you are doing so nobly. My country, my nation, including its fifty million people have been bathing in the showers of your kindness and generosity for a long time.

Since fifty years ago the American Commodore Perry went over, and opened Japan for the rest of the world how much do we owe to you? Japan was a kind of a baby, then. She did not know what to do. It was your country which made the first and fair treaty with Japan. Then she advised us, and fixed the custom duties at a fair rate. The Japanese government believed from beginning to the sincerity of your country, and whenever anything happened with any other country, the Japan government first talked with the American minister, and asked him what to do, and how to do.

In the development of material civilization we had a great aid from your country. In the developments of education and democratic ideas, which are the most important parts of the real civilization, you have helped us to a great extent. America sent us many missionaries. America established many colleges and schools in Japan. They educated the many Japanese, many of whom have since become prominent men.

Moreover, a large number of Japanese was educated in your country who returned to Japan, and educated their people. A large number of the Japanese is now in American schools; many of them are cared for, by American families as their own sons.

Then it is quite plain since Americans have done and are doing so much for the education of the Japanese, that her democratic ideas would thus be poured into the hearts of the Japanese a great deal.

Indeed, America did a great deal in every way for Japan. We owe very much to your country. And nothing will explain plainer and shorter than what my friend Jimmie A-ki-ta says, "America is the mother of Japan." It is a belief among us, that if we had not the motherly America probably we could not make such rapid progress in half a century.

In the latest Russian war while America maintaining a strict neutrality, she aided my country so far as she could, both materially and morally. We are grateful to your country. Our bosoms swell with thankfulness. See what a strong moral influence America has in Japan. The American minister Grigum, who is, I think, now the ambassador to Brazil, had a great reputation among the Japanese student circles. He used to go from college to college speaking to students. He would rather be called Prof. Grigum, Dr. Harris, who is called "the father of the Japanese" in America and who presides over all the Methodist churches in Japan and Korea, is welcome even by Buddhists. What did Marquis I-to, the author of the Japanese constitution, many times the prime minister and now the real ruler of Korea, say when he was starting for Korea? "What I want to do in Korea is what Dr. Harris and George Kennan, (the famous American writer) have suggested to me." You may not know in the very diplomatic department of the Japanese government there is an American adviser who has served for about 36 years.

And even very simple, unlettered old farmers, who listen eagerly to their educated son's and grandson's wonderful talks, will tell you that there is a country called America who is always kind to their country.

Since the two countries are friendly connected by a glorious tie, if any trouble may happen, it will be settled by both governments, with a good will, and by a peaceful means. The Japanese government is always trying to promote the mutual feeling, and not to hurt the American interest and the American sentiment. One is not allowed by the government to come over here to America, if he has money enough, unless he is a graduate of a high school, or any other school corresponding to it, and he belongs to well-to-do family, and his personality is good and pure, which the government sees through police.

About two months ago, when the Japanese training squadron was expected to sail over, and visit American ports, what did the Japanese here say? They were anxious to welcome the glorious ships and men from home, but since the question in San Francisco was still unsettled, that would not be a good time. And did not the Japanese government abandon its undertaking promptly?

pan is the only country who, rising from a different race, is enjoying a full equality with the world powers. It is natural, if very often we become the aim of jealousy. So often the voice of "yellow-peril" was raised against us.

If we have some different thoughts and some different customs, human hearts beat for the same. Japan must be understood thoroughly throughout the world, or at least, by the English speaking people.

Right after the Boxer war, when China was brought to the fate of being divided among the powers, it was Great Britain, the United States and Japan, who cried together that "Japan must be preserved as she is." When the Anglo-Japanese alliance was organized we believed America could not join it only because of the nature of her institutions.

Those talks, that Japan wants war with America—because she wants to get Hawaii and Philippines; because she wants to control the Pacific ocean for herself—are all foolish and absurd. Just one year ago there were many rumors which said, Japan wanted to purchase the Philippine; and now they say, Japan wants to get her by force. What a change it is!

If Japan has any ambition on American territory, which rightly belongs to her, then Japan will be a robber. If Japan wants to control a highway ocean, for her selfish purpose, which must be used for the good of the world at large, she will be a robber, too. Whatever excuses she may make, she cannot be better at it than a robber. Will Japan—when it is her time to try hard to promote her civilization, to try to be understood thoroughly throughout the world, that the Japanese are a peaceful and righteous nation; when it is her duty to fix up the wounds in the hearts of her widows and orphans which still hurt; when her people are patiently paying the same heavy taxes as those at the time of war,—be preparing for a robbery war against the most righteous country, to whom she owes so much, and where many men, papers and religious bodies are all her true sympathizers? Oh, it is horrible even to think of it!

When I am writing this I am thinking of your book "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Once I read it, and I wept. Truly the powers of kindness and sympathy from the very bottom of a human heart are so strong. Even that cold and dreary heart of the negro girl touched with the burning lips of that dying, little, angelic Evangeline! America has done more than Eva. Is Japan still indifferent? Is she a lioness? But, you know the lioness did not forget her benefactor.

Why is it then, that some papers talk of a war so much? But do not let me judge them. Last Christmas time, a certain paper in Seattle, that had been writing on war-topics, appealed to its readers to subscribe money for the Christmas presents for those kept in an asylum. When finally it got \$280 from the Japanese, while \$110 from the Americans, how it praised the Japanese which they did not deserve!

Thus far I wrote. I do not know whether I made you convince that there would never be a war between the two countries, or not. Those papers have had such a great influence on you, and I am but a poor, miserable stranger-boy; for his cries who pays many considerations? I will tell you, if Japan wants a war, if I be allowed to join the American army, I will fight for your country. I will fight against Japan although she is the home of my emperor, my fathers, my brothers, and my friends, whom I dearly love!

Brethren, it is the twentieth century! Do not let us repeat the same history with that of the nineteenth century, when crimes were committed under a beautiful name. War! war! war! and when will a war cease? If the two countries in a relation of mother and daughter still have to meet face to face as enemies, where is Christianity? Where is humanity? Christ ever lives in our hearts; not only because he is the son of Eternal Father, but also because he died for those who hate him. Man is not born to enjoy selfish fortune, hurting his neighbor's happiness. He is born entirely to do good and work for another. Nations should have to do so, and then no doubt wars will forever extinguish. All of us must die before the dawn of the next century. Let us strive while we live, and try to get a glorious victory in this century.

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- Pull Cream Cheese, regular 20c per lb.; now 15c
- Four oz. Vanilla, former price 25c; now 20c
- Sliced Sea Clams, former price 20c; now 15c
- Green and Black Tea, formerly 30c; now 25c
- Eclipse Mocha, formerly 15c; now 12c
- Union Meat Co.'s Shoulders, fresh, former price 16c; now 14c
- Armour's White Floating Soap, was 10c bar; now 5c
- Salmon, 1 lb. can, 2 cans now 25c
- Crescent Wheat Flakes, same as Force, now 2 for 25c
- Oil Sardines, formerly 10c; now 5c
- Perfection Stock Catsup, was 35c; now 25c
- Fountain Apricots, former price was 25c; now 20c
- Fountain Grapes, formerly 25c; now 20c
- Good Coffee, was 20c; now 15c
- Laundry Soap, formerly 5 for 25c; now 7 for 25c
- Tomatoes, 2 cans for 25c
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