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DEPENDS ON FIRST LAND BATTLE.

Russia Believes That it Will Decid

Whether China Remains Neutral.

St. Petersburg, March 23 .- In gov-

ernment circles there exists a strong

belief that the question as to whether China will observe her neutrality will

TO SMOTHER BILL.

NO. 39.

House Committee Will Prevent Passage of Land Reforms

Washington, March 22 .- Convinced that congress will not, at the present ession, amend the public land laws in a way to shut off fraudulent operations, as recommended by the public-lands Cottage Grove Citizens Inaugurate Movecommission, the interior department has determined to take advantage of

Cottage Grove-A meeting of the the present laws, and to construe them business men of this place was held at the city hall last week for the purpose in such way as to minimize fraud. of discussing and effecting an organiza-tion with the object of trying to obtain tained that the timber and stone act turns out that the Quarles bill repeal-

measure when it reached them.

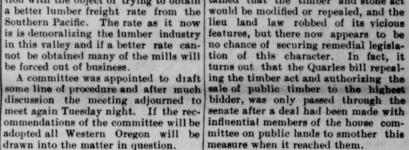
The same fate awaits the Mondell bill, modifying the lieu land law, if it passes the house and reaches the senate committee.

Under the present law, timber entries as well as lieu selections, can be made only of surveyed land. It ap-pears from land office records that the most valuable surveyed timber lands in the West have now been taken up, but accorded the Pilot Butte development company and the Oregon irrigation company and acquired other interest giving it control of some 200,000 acres of arid land. The Three Sister be surveyed until its survey is asked for by at least three bona fide settlers on lands within that township. In a

La Grande-Judd Geer, horticulturist commissioner for the Eastern Oregon listrict, states that the fruit prospects Higginsville, Mo., March 23.—Fifty buildings are partly wrecked, one man is mortally injured and several others hurt, the town is in darkness, and the streets streets with debris as the cesult propertty herein enumreated shall be exempt from taxation." they point to as "improvements." The huts are not only uninhabitable but are unoccupied, consequently re-quests for surveys are denied.

nspector for the government for rural

free delivery mail routes, has inspected and favorably reported on a third route to be operated from the Oregon City



Far-Reaching Irrigation Rules. Salem-The proposed irrigation rules

which were recently sudbmitted to the state land board for approval are designed to apply to all the irrigation projects in the Deschutes country.

Grand Ronde Fruit Outlook.

The supreme court of this state has several times decided that punctuation the fruit line that this valley has ever

Favorable Report on Rural Route. Oregon City-E. C. Clement, special

Russia Plans a Rude Awakening for the Japanese

FLEETS TO JOIN.

St. Petersburg, March 22. - The whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadpostoffice. The route was inspected 10n is a profound official secret, but after a largely signed petition having there are those here who believe the been forwarded to the government au-thorities asking that the route be estab-to find that thee two divisions of Ruslished. The new route will dispense with Beaver Creek, Scheubel, Carus and Needy postoffices. sia's Pacific squadron have perfected a juncture. It is betraying no confidence to state that both the admiralty and

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ant Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers. PROPRIETOR The second trial of Mrs. Botkin has Barnes & Son, opened in San Francisco. Bristow declares that he did not regard Beavers as an honest man.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

TWO HEMISPHERES.

omprehensive Review of the Import-

Keystone Shaving Parlors GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE

General Blacksmiths Baron De Rosen, ex-minister of Japand Wagonmakers We buy our stock in large quantities and keep a full line of carriage and of Florida, be ousted.

wagon material. All kinds of work in The British house of commons had a warm debate over the admission of Chinese into the Transvaal, but vote of Horseshoeing a Specialty censure was defeated. Henry Norman, a member of the

British parliament, declares that the conhtrol of China is the real issue of the Japanese Russian war.

An amendment has been attached to the Indian appropriation bill to pay the Klamath Indians \$537,007, in settlement of their claims against the gov

ernment. The senate committee on Indian affairs, in reporting the Indian approincreasing the capacity of the Chema-

wa school. This reduces the appropria-tion for that school \$8,000. possibly can be avoided, until the Rus-deal the enemy a crushing blow. and the tools, implements, apparatus, team, vehicle, harness or library neces-An immense steel plant will be erect-

ed at San Diego, California. Andrew Carnegie has given another

\$5,000,000 for educational purposes. America has asked Russia to treat

kindly Japanese noncombatants in Sioreia

Germany will support Russia in proesting against the concentration of streets strewn with debris as the result Chinese troops Republicans of the Tenth congress onal district, Georgia, have nominated

negro for congress C. H. Markham, formerly of Portland, is to be made manager of the town were blown down and several Southern Pacific railroad. Trains leave West Scio for Portland

Leave Captain Piper, of New York, on investigation, declares Chicago police to be a disgrace to the city. " Albany 12.10 p. m., 11.30 p. m. Arrives Ashland 12.33 a. m., 11.30 a. m.

June.

Rear Admiral Walker tells the house ommittee that actual work on the It kept within a narrow path, at least Panama canal will be begun about the tornado portion, only about two

blocks of the business portion of the was erroneous. town being damaged. Chairman Tawney, of the house com-

Two other towns in this section were

WIND LIFTS ROOF.

Missouri Town.

Tornado Wrecks Fifty Buildings In

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

FLAW IN EXEMPTION LAW. Use of a Semi-Colon Leaves Meaning o Phrase in Doubt.

depend largely upon the result of the first heavy land fighting. A big vict-ory by the Russian army, it is believed, will insure the acquiescence of the Celestial empire, but there are grave lears -One more flaw has been as to what might happen in the event found in the tax exemption act passed of a signal Japanese success in the early by the legislature at its special session. stages of the land operations. For the time being the situation appears to be While there is no uncertainty as to the satisfactory, and it is certainly much intent of the framer of the bill, the better than it was three weeks ago. punctuation leaves opportunity for The Pekin government has reiterated question whether there is any limit to its professions regarding neutrality to Paul Lessar, the Russian minister, and an, declares that the cabinet was dragged into the war. Paul Lessar, the Russian minister, and has given him fair assurances in answer be claimed as exempt. The doubt

dragged into the war. The house committee has decided to recommend that Federal Judge Swayne, to his questions regarding the move-ment of Chinese trows north of the great wall. The natives manifest a Representative Shelley of Jane great wall. The natives manifest a friendlier disposition than they did at county, father of the bill, was com-

the beginning of the war, but the Rus- municated with in regard to it, and rethe beginning of the war, out the rate sians know the Oriental character as no other Europeans do. They know how deep scated is the hatred for foreigners in China, and that the only prestige of in China the the only prestige of

the Russians is their strong arm. the Russians is their strong arm. The recent naval success of the Jap-anese has not greatly impressed the Chinese, but if the Russians should exemption might be made up from any sustain a really disastrous defeat on sustain a really disastrous defeat on land the Chinese might suddenly be ial session of 1903, provides that the The rules were proposed by both the aroused, with the connivance or even following property shall be exempt

the censent of Japan, against Russia, from taxation Russia's present plans are based on the by a householder and in actual use, or appreciation of the supreme importance of the first land battle, and no fighting ily; household goods, furniture and priation bill, cut off the provision for on a large scale will take place, if it utensils; two cows ten sheep, five swine possibly can be avoided, until the Rus-

> his trade, occupation or profession by which such person earns his or her living to the amount of three hundred (\$300) dollars, the articles to be select-

ed by such householder; provided, however, that when the assessed valua-ricties, and that the weather conditions Higginsville, Mo., March 23 .- Fifty

hurt, the town is in darkness, and the of a tornado and hailstorm, which

struck this place late this afternoon. The hail on the streets was a foot deep within five minutes after the storm

marks are not controlling in construing known. came, and some of the hailstones were an act for the purpose of ascertaining its meaning. In the port of Portland case, decided last July, the supreme very large. Dozens of trees in the court changed the location of punctua-tion marks in order to arrive at the The storm came without warning. The wind and hail came first and were meaning of the legislature. But in followed by a terrific downpour of rain that case the court found that the which flooded nearly every cellar in the meaning was otherwise clear. It is not town. The storm came from the west. certain that the language of the exemp-

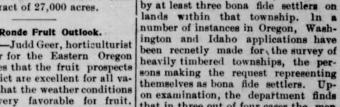
NO DEMAND FOR PRUNES.

tion act shows that the punctuation

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ment Affecting Southern.



that in three out of four cases the men asking for surveys are not residing on lands for which surveys are asked, but have merely erected crude huts, which

