HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

IRRIGATION BY POWER.

Eastern Oregon.

Baker City-A novel plan in this section is being adopted here to reclaim half over, taking Umatilla county as a the cannonade of the batteries, the hr-the arid lands lying a tew miles east whole, and the results of shearing so til there was a continuous crash of of town.

prepared for seeding. Wells have been obtain over dirty wool. sunk to water and pumps will be in-| With one exception, only a f-w small stalled to be operated by gasoline en- clips, trifling in comparison with the engines. The wells are so situated that tire output, have been sold. Most of a large area can be covered by water.

manner, except that instead of gasoline pessimistic talk of buyers. By these engines he has installed motors and from 9 to 12 cents was realized. will run his pumps by electric power. "The outlook for good prices keeps His land is on the line between this up to the mark, and I can see nothing city and the Cyclone mine. Mr. Pat- in the situation in the United States, terson estimates that each pump will or in the world, for that matter, which irrigate 80 acres. His plant will begin full operation next week. He thinks at all weak," said J. H. Ginn, secrethe cost of power will not exceed that tary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' asof keeping up irrigating ditches.

sinking from 15 to 40 feet.

Should this venture prove a success from a financial standpoint, it is expected thousands of acres will be reclaimed in this way when the large electric power plant on Eagle creek shall have been completed.

STOCK PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

C. J. Millis Views the Range in Eastern **Oregon** Counties.

La Grande-C. J. Millis, livestock agent for the O. R. & N., has returned from an extended tour to the interior of Oregon, where he covered a vast csope of country, including Grant, Harney and Crook counties, and was compelled to make the trip incomplete on account of bad roads, as they are impassable in many places on account of spring washouts and many bridges are swept away.

Mr. Millis reports that stock prospects are very good all through Eastern Oregon and he thinks there will be the best range this year for many years past. The spring rains and freshets have done the work for the range, even though they have swept away bridges and ruined many roads, and he also thinks that the hay crop will be ahead of any for many yes

FINE YEAR FOR WOOL.

by a traction engine was placed in op- and will probably be more than com-

sociation. "In fact, I believe sales There is a large body of rich land ly- days will see prices a shade better ing east of town which is practically than were received last year. Growuseless without water on the surface. ers should hold their clip until the Water can be obtained in quantities by sales, and I think none of them will be sorry for it."

Creamery Runs at Top Limit.

Oregon City-The Clear Creek cream-

pounds of butter being churned in a killed. single day this week. Several new cream routes are being established and the output of the plant is beng increased weekly. Many Clackamas county farmers have been taken in during the last two weeks by a fakir who is traveling through the interior of the county selling a recipe by which it is claimed that butter can be made in a few minutes and at the same time deodorize cream. For each recipe the smooth-tongued salesman collects \$5.

Land Business Slackens.

The Dalles-A report of the business transacted and the cash receipts of the United States land office at this place showed a slackening of the rush which has continued in this office for the past two years, in which the working force of the office has been taxed to its ut-87 original homesteads, 14 final homesteads and 55 final timber and stone proofs are reported, 'the cash receipts being \$24,342.27; total cash receipts, fees and commissions \$26,467.95.

TOGO AGAIN AT IT.

Jananese Make Another Attempt to Close Port Arthur Harbor.

Port Arthur, May 5 .- Another daring attempt was made by the Japanese yesterday morning to block the entrance to Port Arthur. A few minutes before 1 o'clock the first shots were Great Bravery Exhibited-Officers Ware Gasoline Engines Used for Pumping in Grade is Higher and the Texture Finer fired, awakening the town with their Thez Usual. Pendleton-Sheep shearing is about the mouth of the harbor joined in the cannonade of the batteries, the firtown. A few weeks ago W. J. Patterson and what the clip would be. The grade is and boats ware dimonstrated but the associates sold 780 acres of this land to Wisconsin men, who immediately be-lost in weight because the clip is pedo boats were discovered, but they were finally swallowed up in the darkness, and the batteries and warships gan clearing it of sage brush. When cleaner this spring is nearly compen-this was completed a steam plow run sated by the greater length of strands after 40 minutes' activity were again abrouded in sloom though the fleathing shrouded in gloom, though the flashing eration and a large part of the land pensated by the improved price it will searchlights showed that the military were alive to the warning conveyed of the approach of the Japanese ships. Shortly before 2 o'clock a searchlight played from the sea directly upon the nes. The wells are so situated that the output, have occal active property in the entrance of the harbor, lighting it up to show the way for the fireships. Mr. Patterson is placing under culti- the sand district, who needed the The projector moved to the right from wation a large tract of land in a similar money or were scared into letting go by Liao Tishan to Golden Hill. For a quarter of an hour the light was watched with curiosity, and then a second cannonade began, the heaviest fire being directed to the left of Golden Hill, where the fireships were located. At about 4 o'clock the batteries ceased firing, save for an occasional shot. Just about dawn the bark of the rapid fire guns and the crackling of the mitrailleuse was heard from Golden Hill. Occasionally there was sounds of explosions, as of mines going off. It was the enemy's ships striking on Russian torpedoes.

The fireships were ten in number and of about 3,000 tons each. It is reported that two Japanese torpedo boats were sunk, the remainder withdrawing ery, located near this city, and operated in a damaged condition. Eight fire by the farmers on a co-operative basis, ships were sunk and very few of their is being run to its' full capacity, 600 crews were saved. Most of them were

TO MARK ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Canadian Commissioner is Preparing to Dispatch Surveyors.

Vancouver, B. C., May 5 .- W. F King, Canadian boundary commissioner, is on the way to Vancouver to arrange for the dispatch of three Canadian parties of surveyors, who are to most immediately. work jointly with the American surveyors in delimiting the Canadian-Alaskan boundary under the London award of last year. Two Canadian and Two United States parties will survey the country where the boundary will cross the head waters of the Lynn canal, Chilkat river. A joint party will

PORT IS BLOCKED ADMIRAL TOGO AT LAST SUCCESS-FUL AT PORT ARTHUR.

Ready to Lose Half Their Men-Men Who Toek in Fireships Persuaded Admiral to Make Attack in Daylight instead of Night.

London, May 6 .- The opinion gains ground here that the Japanese have at last effectually blocked Port Arthur. No official Japanese reports have been received, but the Tokio correspondents are very positive regarding the matter, and describe the determination with which the enterprise was undertaken. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent declares the entrance to Port Arthur is "absolutely sealed," and adds that the Japanese fleet, in effecting its purpose, steamed into the entrance at fall speed. The naval officers who made the two previous attempts begged perimesion to carry out the next attack by daylight, that being easier, and their request was

granted. So determined were they to succeed, adds the correspondent, that they de-

announced. The correspondent of the Daily ber of files that will pester the anicorked."

and another engagement is expected al-

Reports have been received here that the Japanese captured a quantity of railroad material after Sunday's battle. This is supposed to indicate that the Russians had made great progress with



The Darkened Stable.

Where animals are kept in the stable during the summer months, as, for example, work horses, or, in some instances, the breeding stock, nothing contributes so much to their comfort as that of protecting them from flies. Animals that are kept busy fighting flies require more food to keep them in condition, and, indeed, it is impossible with an unlimited supply of food to keep them in proper condition.

Advantage should be taken of the fact that flies constantly tend to seek the light places. A stable need not be absolutely dark in order to prevent annoyance from files, and, in fact, we do not believe in keeping stables too

dark, on account of the fact that animais are liable, if kept in such quarcided, if necessary to lose half their ters for any considerable length of men. The number of casualties sus- time, to go wrong in their eyes. Guntained by the Japanese has not yet been ny sack nalled over the windows of the stable will greatly reduce the num-

Chronicle is also positive the harbor is mais. These should not be nailed down absolutely tight at the bottom,

In favor of the supposition of Japan- or air will be excluded and the stable ese success in blocking Port Arthur it will become warm and unhealthful. If is pointed out that the previous at- the sacks are partly loose at the bottom tempts had left the channel so narrow they will still shade the stable satisthat a couple of vessels sunk in the fair factorily and at the same time admit way would probably suffice to seal up air. Horses placed in the stable for the entrance, while there is a notice- an hour at noon will eat better, rest able evasion, and half-heartedness, in better, and we cannot help but think the Russian denials of the enemy's suc- they will work better afterward, if they are afforded some protection dur-

There is no confirmation here of a ing the time they are in the stall. In Paris rumor that an engagement be- some of our better class of stables regtween the Russian and Japanese squad- ular window blinds are used, these berons had taken place off Vladivostok, ing pulled down during the day and and St. Petersburg knows nothing of run up at night, thus freely admitthe rumored capture of Niu Chwang. ting the sir when no protection from It is said the Japanese have advanced files is necessary. It is claimed by to within 18 miles of Fang Wang Cheng, those who use such blinds that their cost is more than offset many times during a single season in the saving of feed that is effected by the protection which they afford.

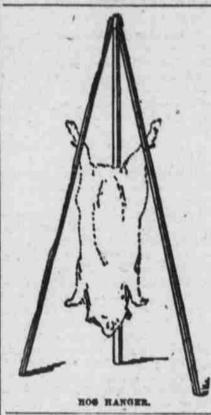
Grindstone Frame.

My grindstone frame is made of twothe railroad from the main Manchurian inch plank with hole cut through for line to the Yalu. If this is so, it the stone, and wide enough to fasten would be a simple matter for the Jap- on the bearings. The legs are made of make a survey on the Stikine. This anese to repair this line, which would pleces of 1x4 mortised in. They are will delimit the more important dis- materially assist them in their advance long enough so the man who does the of the office has been taxed to its ut-most in order to keep abreast of the current werk. For the month of April 87 original homestand 14 final to the should be shou wheels made of inch hardwood board B

well for the farmer, his wife, daughters and sons to slick up in the matter of dress after the day's work is done, so they may appear at the supper table and during the evening in clothes suitable for receiving any one who may happen to call. Very likely no one may call, but for the sake of the family it will pay to give this attention to dress.

A Simple Hog Hanger.

Here's a sketch of a hog hanger, which is a good one for the farmer. Take three 9-foot poles, 21/2 inches in diameter. Put a 1/-inch bolt through the top and two 3-8-inch bolts in the outside poles, as in the cut, 18 inches from top, so that they stick out 3 inches. Lay the hog on its back, slip the little bolt under the cord, and raise



It up. One-half of the hog can be taken down and the other half left hanging.

Disking Land for Corn.

A correspondent writes us that having heard of quite successful corn growing in Illinois without plowing the land first, inquires whether one can safely disk the corn land, list and plant without the usual breaking. Sometimes the lighter prairie soils are prepared in this way and corn is planted and does fairly well without first however, in seasons following deep winter freezing, and little spring rain to run the soil together. Only the light blank solis mixed with some sand have been successfully grown to corn by disking, rather than breaking. In wet spring seasons some risk is taken even with these soils to plant in this way. It is far safer to break the ground first and pulverize it for corn. And the clay loam should be always be so treated, and it is best to wheels run on the axle so the other | break them deeply. Disking heavy soils and listing for planting would be a great mistake in any kind of a season. These soils are run together and hardened by the usual spring rains more than others are, and our correspondent would make a mistake to undertake corn growing on his clay loam lands by merely disking them .--Exchange.

But the prices of stock are not the best now, though a change is being looked for soon. There is an overplus throughout the country, too many stock everywhere. Oregon has a good range and this is established for the present year, and the stockmen will be able to hold the stock for better prices.

As soon as the roads will permit, Mr. Millis will complete the trip through the interior.

Coming Events.

Grand lodges I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs, Astoria, May 17-19. Farmers' institute, Pendleton, May

26. State Grange, Corvallis, begins May

24. Intertsate oratorical contest, Port-

land, May 27. Eastern Oregon high school oratori-

cal contest and track meet, La Grande, May 28.

Umatilla Pioneers' reunion, Pendleton, June 2-4.

General election, June 6

Annual reunion, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., Hood River, June 15-17.

Linn county Pioneer association reunion, Brownsville, June 22-24.

Northwest sportsmen's tournament, Pendleton, June 24-26.

Pioneer association reunion, Portland, June 25.

Western division State Teachers' as sociation, Portland, June 29 to July 1. Eastern Oregon G. A. R. encampment, La Grande, July 1-4.

Boring for Oil and Sait.

Independence - A new corporation has been formed for the purpose of developing the oil and salt prospects on the B. F. Whiteaker farm near this place with a capital stock of \$100,000. Development was begun on this property more than a year ago. A well was sunk over 900 feet and work stopped for lack of better machinery. New machinery will now be put on the grounds and the work pushed. Besides the oil indications discovered so far the water flowing from the borings made is strongly impregnated with salt.

Pine Needle Plant Moves.

Grants Pass-The machinery of the Pine Needle company was taken from the old factory at Grants Pass last week and shipped to La Grande, where store, 11%@12%c." a new company with a capitalization of \$100,000 will operate. The new com- sour cream, 19c. pany is under the control of Turner and plans to put up a factory of 2,500 dozen; geese, live, 7@8c per pound. pounds per day. Cheese — Full cream, twins, new

Union Sawmillis to Start.

La Grande-The Casey sawmill at Hilgard, Or., a few miles from this city will start its summer run in a few days. The mill will cut 3,000,000 feet of lumber this season. The Perry mill will soon start on its run. The water in the Grand Ronde has been in fine shape for the bringing down of logs and all the mills in Eastern Oregon will cut large amounts of logs this summer.

Chilly Weather Timely.

Pendleton-Chilly weather which has prevailed for a veek in Umatilla county is welcomed by most ranchers through the county because it is pre-venting what promised to be a too rank

growth of wheat. Fall grain in the county is well advanced. The hot weather and generally fine condition of the ground, caused a rapid shooting up

which threatened to run the crop to a strong growth of straw. This is very opportunely checked.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 73@74c; bluestem, 84c; Valley, 85c. Barley-Feed, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.

Flour-Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard, wheat straights, \$4@4.25; twin Lakes reservoir, which is reportclears, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat pat- ed to be running full of water. ents, \$4.40@4.70; graham. \$3.50@4; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye flour,

\$4.50. Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.17%@1.20; gray, \$1.12%@1.15 per cental.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$19@20 per ton; middlings, \$25.50@27; shorts, \$20@ on the Gunnison branch since Monday 21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19. morning on account of deep snow which clover, \$10@11; grain, \$11@12; cheat, tunnel.

\$11@12.

Vegetables-Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, -\$1; cabbage, 2@2%c; red cabbage, 2%c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz.; cauliflower, \$2; celery, 75@90c; cucumbers,

Honey-\$3@3.50 per case. Potatoes - Fancy, \$1.25@1.50 per cental; common, \$1@1.25; new potatoes, 31/2@4c per pound; sweets, 5c per

pound. Fruits-Strawberries, \$2 per crate; apples. fancy Baldwins and Spitzen-bergs, \$1.50@2.50 per box; choice, \$1

@1.50; cooking, 75@\$1. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 18c per dozen, Butter-Fancy creamery, 17%@20c;

Butter Fat-Sweet cream, 19@21c,

Poultry - Chickens, mixed, 12%@ Oliver, of La Grande. Considerable 13c per pound: springs, small, 18@ stock has been sold at La Grande. The 20c; hens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 16 company has control of a 100-acre site @17c; dressed, 18c; ducks, \$7@8 per

> stock, 12% @ 13c; old stock, 10c; Young America, 14c. Hops - 1903 crop, 23 @ 25c per

pound. Wool-Valley, 16@17c; Eastern Ore

gon 11@14c; mohair, 30c per pound for choice.

Beef-Dressed, 5@8c per pound. Mutton-Dressed, 6@7 1/2 c per pound ; spring lambs, 12c per pound. Veal-Dressed, 6@7%c per pound. Pork-Dressed, 7@8c.

Mount St. Elias, east and south. But send the most ample descriptions of it is not the intention to survey the en- the people and country traversed, but tire distance, only that portion of the not one word about the fighting.

boundary which crosses the rivers, valleys and plateaus where travel and prospecting will be probable. J. J. McArthur is also en route to British churia is exceedingly weak, as a conse-Columbia from Ottawa to continue tha quence of the enormous number of men work of relocating the boundary line obtain provisions. between British Columbia and the

states of Washington and Idaho.

STORM BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

Colorado Railroad Traffic Is Again Practically Suspended.

Buena Vista, Colo., May 5 .- After an abeyance of several hours, the storm which has practically suspended rail- greater than previously reported. road traffic in this section, resumed

with added force this afternoon .. Six feet of snow has fallen in the mountains, and while the fall has been heavy in the valleys, only about six inches remains on the ground, the rest

having melted. Considerable apprehension is felt for the safety of the

The Colorado Midland railroad has abandoned its tracks in this vicinity and is using the Rio Grande traces. The trains on the latter road are 12

hours behind the schedule. The Colorado Southern has operated no trains Hay - Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; is piled high at both openings of the

Russian Officer Blamed.

Paris, May 5 .- The St. Petersburg Yalu. correspondent of the Ecoh de Paris General Kouropatkin, in telegraphing to the emperor, blames Lieutenant \$1.75; asparagos, \$1.25; peas, 4@5c General Zassalitch's obstanacy in refusper pound; rhubarb, 3c; beans, green, ing to retreat in time despite the orders 16c; wax, 20c; onions, Yellow Dan- he received. The Japanese artillery, struction of torpedo-boats and destroythe correspondent says, included 18 seige guns which were brought from ment. These sections, with all needed Yokohama on gunboats and landed on machinery, are to be shipped to Liban, the Corean bank of the Yalu. The where the boats may be completed, or long range of these guns enabled the they may be sent by the railway to Japanese to silence the Russian batter- Port Arthur or Vladivostok. Whether ies on the opposite bank.

Funds for Great Irrigation Work.

Washington, May 5 .- The secretary cure an official opinion. of the interior has set aside, provisionally, the sum of \$1,000,000, for the construction of the Path Finder reservoir, on North Platte river, in Wyomcapacity to supply all of the land un- bombardment the big guns of the Rusder it in Wyoming, but it is considered sian ships and batteries fired 2,500 izing water in Western Nebraska, where gunboat Giliak fired 2,000 shots. The there are large areas of arid and semi- Novikrai says it learns that the Rusarid country.

Insurance to Be Higher.

Chicago, May 5 .- It has been practically settled by the committee of the Union Fire Insurance association to advance premiums in the West at least 20 per cent within a month. By June, the West will be increased.

The Standard's Tientsin correspondent says he is convinced that the Russian position in Southern Mandetached to guard the railway and to

LOST TWO THOUSAND.

Russian General's Official Report on the Yalu Battle.

St. Petersburg, May 6 .- The Russian osses at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng should be braced as required. The were 2,000 men and 40 officers, far

This is the official estimate of Major General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report has not been received by the emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher.

General Kashtalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng Wang Cheng, and these

may not be included in his calculations. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating they must have been colossal.

The magnitude of the Russian losse had an almost stunning effect on the authorities, and aroused general grief, m'tigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops

Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for

Building Torpedo Boats for Russia:

Berlin, May 6 .- It is reported that the Vulkan Shipbuilding company at ers in sections for the Russian' governthe construction of these vessels in sections is a breach of neutrality is a subject upon which it is impossible to se-

Nearly 5,000 Shots Fired.

Port Arthur, May 6 .- There have been no developments since the attack ing. The reservoir will be of sufficient on Port Arthur, May 3. During the necessary to increase this area by util- sbots, while the machine guns of the sophobe Chinese, headed by Viceroy drinking of more water and more ex-Yuan Shikai and General Ma, are carercise in open air, these are my prinrying on an active anti-Russian camcipal remedies for ails and aches .paign. Green's Fruit Grower.

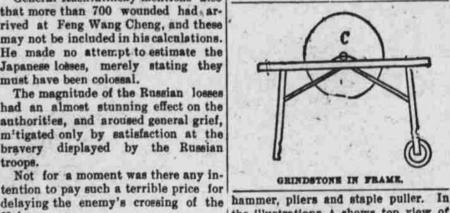
Steamers to Boter the War.

Berlin, May 6 .- A special dispatch from Libau, Russia, says that the it is believed, the insurance rates in former German liners Columbia, Belgia Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Salt Lake, and Kalserin Maria Theresa have just purposes,

SECTIONAL VIEW.

about eight inches in diameter. These end of the frame can be picked up and the grindstone rolled around easily wherever it is needed. The legs

same idea will hold good in making a bench to stand on to drive fence posts, only the wheels should be larger, so it will run over uneven ground easier. A hole through the top of the bench will take in the handle of the post driver, a hook and staple on one side would carry the bar and a drawer in one end could be used to put in nails, staples,



the illustrations A shows top view of frame, B an end view, and C the com-

plete side view .-- J. B. Crookston, -in St. Louis Republic.

Stop Eating.

I act on the theory that most people eat too much. Much is said of the evils of intemperate drinking and but little is said about intemperate eating, yet intemperate eating has killed hundreds of people where intemperate drinking has killed one. I aim to eat temperately, always leaving the table with the ability to eat more, and with the appetite for more food, yet when I feel indisposed I stop eating. I do not always stop entirely. If my ailment is not serious, I eat perhaps onehalf or one-third as much as usual and always find relief. If your horses, cows, poultry, sheep or swine are alling it is safe to take away their feed for a short time, particularly their grain. If we or our animals are not enjoying usual health, in addition to giving them less feed it is well to give them more exercise. Less food, the

Farmer's Dress.

Since rural people are isolated the Don't worry with moisture gauges or hygrometers. tendency is for them to become care-Don't turn nor cool the eggs after less in dress. I am sure that I became careless and that I was a frightthey are pipping. San Franciceo and other large cities in arrived there to be fitted out for war ful object to look upon when I was Don't neglect cooling the eggs; it striving for a foothold upon the farm | makes strong chicks,

Swelled Leg Treatments.

Horses that have run at pasture are often troubled with swollen or "stocked" legs when first brought to the stable in the fall, and others that do not run to grass are so affected when suffering from "general debility." The following is an excellent remedy for such cases:

Powdered sulphate of iron (copperas) three ounces, powdered gentian root three ounces, sulphite (not sulphate) of soda three ounces. Have the druggist mix these ingredients thoroughly in his mortar and then divide. the compound into twenty-four powders.

Give one of the powders night and morning mixed in the grain feed, until all are used. Moisten the grain slightly before putting in the powder.

If this does not effect a cure, give a tablespoonful of glauber salts in the grain feed every night for two or three months, if necessary. Cases where the legs have been "stocked" constantly and quite badly for some time have been permanently cured by glauber salts alone.

Magazines on the Table.

When you visit a farmer's home and find creditable papers and magazines upon his sitting-room table you are favorably impressed with that farmer's intelligence. Shiftless farmers are not inclined to pay out money for reading matter. Ignorant farmers consider money spent for reading matter wasted. There is no better sign of prosperity than to see upon his table farm papers, church papers, magazines, etc.

Incubator Don'ts.

Don't use oil less than 150 test. Don't help the chick out of the shell.

Don't fail to fill the lamps every evening.

Don't set the incubator near the window. Don't use the same wick for more

than one hatch.

