

As soon as Russia lands in Korea, it is probable that the Japanese will land on Russia.

A general European war would cost \$6,000,000 a day. The proper advice on the subject is: Don't.

It is easier to make a threat to "wipe Japan off the map" than to produce a plan showing how it can be done.

The endeavor to please everybody is bound to lead to a disastrous failure to please anybody. Do the right thing as nearly as you know it.

Senator Morgan announces that he has made his final speech on the Panama canal treaty, but gives no intimation of the subject he will next tackle.

Senator Hanna's influence in politics will probably survive for many years. His most recent manifestation was to cause the resignation of Perry Heath.

Russia is more than anxious to agree to Mr. Hay's request that the fighting zone shall be limited, provided Japan can be restrained from striking below the belt.

The unusually long and cold winter has been favorable to a heavy maple sugar crop. The experience of the old sugar men is that a cold winter is succeeded by a heavy flow of sap.

Oklahoma is looking for a large wheat crop. Rains in the latter part of winter put it in a good growing condition and now it is growing finely, and there is a good stand, with no ravages of insects reported. The weather has been favorable to farm work. Oats are sown and some farmers are ready to plant corn, which will begin the last of the month.

Prof. F. B. Mumford, of the Missouri Experiment station does not think Missouri will have an average crop this year. He says: "The general report from the farmers is that the conditions have not been favorable to a maximum crop of wheat. The winter has been cold and the ground unprotected by snow. The weather was dry in the fall and the wheat soon did not get much growth in the fall."

General rains throughout Kansas during the past week have greatly benefited the winter wheat and will put the range in much better shape for early pasture. In some sections no rain or snow had fallen for four or five months and considerable damage to wheat was predicted. Doubtless a good many fields which were given up as ruined will show a decided improvement and may yet produce a fair crop.

An electrical storm, accompanied by a high wind and a heavy fall of rain, caused much damage at East St. Louis, Ill., last week. The lightning struck many buildings, among them the plant of a fireworks manufactory, which exploded, and three of the larger buildings were burned. A large number of persons were injured, many dwellings demolished, and the loss will reach many thousands of dollars.

Twenty per cent of the wheat is in farmers' hands, less than the usual quantity. As compared with last year there are 32,000,000 fewer bushels of wheat in sight now. The corn in farmers' hands is estimated at 839,000,000 bushels, or 37 per cent of the crop, against 41 per cent on hand at this time last year. Of oats, there are in the farmers' hands 273,000,000 bushels, or 35 per cent of last year's crop, compared with holdings of 37 per cent of the crop last year.

A private dispatch received from Hamburg, says the Hamburg-American Steamship Company has sold the steamer Furst Bismarck to Russia, and that the negotiations for the sale of the steamer Kaiser Friedrich, previously announced, are now completed. In spite of the denial of the Hamburg Boersen Halle of all reports of the sale of German liners to Russia, the Hamburg correspondent of the Tageblatt insists that the Furst Bismarck and the Kaiser Friedrich have actually been sold to that government and that the crews have been engaged.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, at a reception given in his honor at the Central Labor Union, Washington, told of his unsuccessful efforts to bring about a consolidation of the warring labor factions in Porto Rico during his recent visit there. Mr. Gompers said economic and social conditions in Porto Rico were deplorable, and wages in many instances were lower than they were under Spanish rule. Thousands of men are idle because they have no work to do, and misery and hunger are common. Mr. Gompers laid the blame on the United States for the existing economic conditions in the island.

It is officially admitted at Cape Town that during the last fight between the rebellious Herrerros and the German force sent to put down the insurrection, and in which seven officers were killed, the soldiers were thrown into a panic at the first volley and fled, leaving their

officers behind. Some of the officers were only wounded, and were tortured by the tribesmen. The ambushade was completed, and the officers who had failed to take the most ordinary precautions to avoid a surprise paid dearly for their folly.

The 61st annual race between crews of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge was rowed at Putney, on Saturday, over the Putney-to-Mortlake course, about 4 1/2 miles, and was won by the Cambridge men, who crossed the finish line at 8:19, four lengths in front of their opponents. There was scarcely any breeze and the water was smooth. The boats were sent away at 7:57 o'clock in a slight, drizzling rain and very hazy weather. Oxford striking a 36 stroke and Cambridge pulling 35. At Barnes railway bridge, which was reached at 8:14, the Cambridge crew had a lead of 2 1/2 lengths, which was further increased to four lengths at the finish. Oxford seems to have been outrowed. The Cambridge men won well within themselves, but the Oxonians looked to be done.

BOULDER CREEK

Mr. H. L. Jensen, of Boulder, went down to his father's at Hebo last Friday. Dave Hess is moving Mr. Borba to G. W. Lucas' ranch.

Mrs. Elsie Kinnaman had a tussle with the grippe last week, but is able to be around again.

Marion A. Cady, of Blaine, was over in our neighborhood the first of the week, looking after his interests here.

The families of H. L. Jensen and W. G. Gladwill spent Sunday at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lucas.

Miss Cecile Kinnaman, of Spruce, has been visiting her uncle and cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Kinnaman for a few days past.

Mrs. Millie Sappington made a flying trip from Hebo up to her brother's (H. L. Jensen) last week.

W. D. Gladwill, of the Boulder Creek Cheese factory, went down to Mr. Kinnaman's last Monday, taking some of the product of his factory along. Mr. G. makes excellent cheese.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kinnaman went down the river Saturday evening and returned Monday.

Owing to the bad weather and snow in the mountains, M. T. Soares was compelled to bring his calves down to the valley, as he was out of hay. He was so fortunate as to get some of C. A. Smith.

Dave Hess brought a load of feed from Tillamook last Friday for W. D. Gladwill.

Mr. Jake Huston was in our neighborhood on business one day recently.

We learn that L. P. Grey will leave the Ford place the first of April.

G. W. Lucas has been at work on his ranch the past week, making ready to move as soon as the river is fordable.

J. S. Myers purchased a horse from Allie Foland last week.

Mr. Jas. Hughey is expected out to his ranch in a day or two.

Roy Brady was down from Upper Boulder the first of the week.

NEHALEM.

The Republican primary met on Saturday and elected these delegates: E. H. Lane and Herman Tohl to represent the sandhills. H. V. Alley and S. Scovell for the North Fork. Fred Zaidach for the South Fork. Hugo Effenberge, G. W. Cox and Oscar Bergman to represent the towns.

Prof. G. A. Walker closed a eight months term of school in the town district Saturday.

Miss Jones, of Albany, came by way of Garibaldi Sunday, to teach school in the Sandhill district, commencing Monday.

Wm. Batterson came home Sunday from Astoria, where he has been for medical treatment.

Wm. and John Crawford went out last week to Lewis and Clark river, to work in the logging camp.

School commenced in the Balm district Monday. We did not learn the teacher's name.

G. W. Cox and F. J. Cronen has rented Dan Hickies' place on Foley.

We are informed that the Foley democrats now named John Heckey as their choice for county commissioner.

T. Kingsley went to Tillamook Monday.

NETARTS

Mrs. Ralph Ackley, of Tillamook, visited with her parents on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Returning Sunday evening.

M. Cone has been working up to the lighthouse for a week, plowing and sowing oats for Keepers Mahler and Morris.

Mr. Munson, of Tillamook, has been stopping with George Coffman the past week.

Geo. W. Phelps went to Tillamook Friday. Returning the same day.

J. Johnson, of Portland, came in last week to visit with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. O'Hara. He will spend the summer in Tillamook.

Geo. W. Phelps put a phone in for Mr. Alford Platle last Saturday.

Elmer Hall has sold his place to Jacob Cook, the timber man. Mr. Hall will move to Pleasant Valley this coming spring.

W. A. High and E. Quick were over from Tillamook Sunday.

Albert Mason was over from the Hub last Friday looking after his homestead.

Miss Millie Phelps returned home last Friday, after a visit of several days' in the city.

BLAINE.

Tip a canoe and Roosevelt to.

Be honorable and you will be honored.

A foolish son is a grief to his father.

March blowed out and blew in April.

Let the people's will be done. So be it.

Will Ray made a business trip to Beaver this week.

Next Sunday is Easter, how the rabbits will jump.

Now, all pull together and we will elect our ticket from coroner to congress.

Rev. R. Y. Blalock will begin a series of revival meetings in Blaine. Commencing this week.

Where do you intend to get off? This life does not end at the grave.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But that don't mean that you can peel his bark without permission.

Portland held her first municipal election 53 years ago, the 6th of next month. What a contrast it will be to the next June election.

Hay is somewhat scarce in this part of the county, and the cattle began to suffer. The snow and cold rains add to their distress.

W. Booth and Dee Moon went to the metropolis this week on business, and as the wires are down we wait with much anxiety their return.

One cow well kept will do more good than two half kept. Do not allow dogs, cats or loafers to be around at milking time.

Say, neighbor, don't grumble about rain. Why, in November 28th, 1853, there was seven inches of rain fell in Portland in 24 hours. So don't kick.

The ships that the United States is building to add to her navy have a greater total tonnage than those now afloat. Hurra for Uncle Sam.

Salt water is to play a prominent part hereafter in fighting fires in seaport towns. Every new disaster teaches some new lesson.

Neighbor: What would it profit you if you were to gain the world and then loose your own soul? The Blain Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening. Come out, it will do you good.

Pears can be grown as cheap as apples in Tillamook county, and sell for almost twice as much. The pear tree thrives best in deep clay soil, but must have cultivation.

T. Nelson, of Sand Lake, tamed at the Hower House during the noon hour Tuesday, while on his way to Sheridan, going out over the Nestucca trail.

M. Melcher, of Tillamook City, visited Blaine this week. Mr. M. was up looking up a chittim bark claim. We hope he will locate here, as he would make a good neighbor.

The Republican primary that was held here Saturday was well attended and perfect harmony prevailed. The delegate that was elected are: E. E. Roland, J. J. Hollett and John Creecy. Alternates: J. D. Jones, J. J. Howser and Mr. Bays.

A Chittim Bark Association was organized at the bark meeting which met at Blaine last Saturday. R. Y. Blalock was elected president; E. E. Roland, vice-president; R. O. Richards, secretary; M. Cady and M. Curl were elected trustees. Regular meetings will be held the last Saturday of each month. The question of peeling the bark will be taken up at the next meeting. The meeting was well attended. There will be but very little bark peeled this year unless the price is good.

President Roosevelt has nominated a strong Isthmian Canal Commission. The members are all very able and well qualified for the position. Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, who is chairman, has been repeatedly on the isthmus and in Nicaragua in official investigations. He knows the whole subject and situation, and is a vigorous incorruptible administrator. Admiral Walker is very ably assisted by such men as Wm. H. Burr, of New York, who served on the commission that investigated the canal routes, having been appointed by President McKinley in 1899. The commission will leave Washington, D.C., for Panama at once and begin the preliminary work.

Oregon has made a wonderful growth in the past 53 years. In 1851, the population of Oregon was 13,323, all told. Her total vote on June 2nd, of the same year was only 2,337. The popular vote in November, 1900, was 80,000. There will be over 100,000 votes polled in Oregon next November. The Republican party held its first convention in Oregon, Thursday, February 11th, 1857. Harvey Scott has been editor-in-chief of the Oregonian, 49 years, the 15th of next May. Harvey has made a wonderful record. He did more for the upbuilding of Oregon than any ten men that

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