

If You Suffer from WEAKNESS, take the Strength-Giver, Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge.

RUSSIA NEVER WANTED PEACE

DEMONSTRATIONS IN THIS LINE ONLY A PRETENSE.

SHE WAS PREPARING FOR WAR

Such is the View of the Japanese Officials Upon the Question.

Japan Notified Russia She Would Terminate Negotiations and Would Take "Independent Action," Which Virtually Meant Opening of Hostilities—Formal Declaration Unnecessary.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The Japanese minister here has received an official statement in answer to one recently promulgated by Russia after reciting Russia's charges of treachery and flagrant breach of international law, and Japan answers by asserting Russia never entertained any sincere desire for peace.

That on February 1, the military commandant at Vladivostok requested the Japanese commercial agent to notify his government that a siege might be declared any moment and the threatened demonstration by warships at Port Arthur occurred "under such circumstances."

On February 6 Japan communicated her decision to terminate negotiations and "to take such independent action as she might deem best."

The fact, it continues, "that Russia was unable to understand it in that light is, of course, no reason why Japan should be held responsible."

Wives and Daughters Patriotic. Vladivostok, March 1.—Everything is quiet here. The rise in the price of provisions has been slight and trade continues.

Was the Battle a Fake? St. Petersburg, March 1.—Direct telegraphic advices received here from Port Arthur tonight made no mention of a bombardment of that place reported by the London Daily Telegraph today.

General Staff Takes Field. Tokio, March 1.—The general staff and a regiment of guards left Japan today for a port on the west coast of Korea, probably Chemulpo.

WILL OF LATE A. B. BUREN. Admitted to Probate With Leda Buren as Executrix—Daughter Remembered Liberally

The last will and testament of the late A. B. Buren was yesterday admitted to probate by County Judge Scott.

In the petition for the probate of the will, the value of the personal property of the estate is estimated at \$25,000, and of the real estate, \$15,000.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED. Safecrackers at Work in Athens, But Are Frightened Away by Citizens.

ATHENS, Or., Mar. 1.—The safe in the postoffice here was blown open early yesterday morning, and Postmaster Githens says that \$50 in cash is missing.

CAVALRY TROOP INSPECTED. (From Wednesday's Daily.) Governor George E. Chamberlain returned last evening from Lebanon, where he witnessed the inspection of Troop "A" of the cavalry branch of the Oregon National Guard.

IS AN ATTACK IN PROGRESS

NO NEWS FROM SEAT OF WAR IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

ATTACK UPON PORT ARTHUR

Which Was Reported Yesterday Lacks Confirmation From Any Source Whatever.

Japanese Are Very Active and Are Dispatching Troops Into Corea at the Rate of a Transport Load a Day—Coreans Are Hostile to the Japanese.

LONDON, March 2.—No confirmation of the report published yesterday in the Daily Telegraph that the Japanese had bombarded Port Arthur, February 29, has been received from any point.

The wires from the scene of war have been practically silent for the past 24 hours and in some quarters this silence is supposed to indicate a Japanese great attack on Port Arthur is actually in progress and consequently the use of the wires has been discontinued.

In a dispatch from Shanghai the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that the Japanese military authorities object to the installation of wireless telegraph apparatus on the newspaper dispatch boats.

At the last quarterly inspection, Company "M" received 97.4 per cent on attendance, thus ranking second in the regiment on attendance.

AN EARLY FIRE

RESIDENCE OF MRS. T. H. HUBBARD NARROWLY ESCAPES BEING BURNED DOWN.

Fire Broke Out in the Woodshed and Soon Spread to the Kitchen Where it Was Arrested by the Fire Department—Loss No More Than \$500.

At 3:45 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the woodshed at the rear of the residence of Mrs. T. H. Hubbard, No. 326 Commercial street, an alarm was sounded and in a few moments the department responded.

It was but a few minutes later until two heavy streams of water were playing upon the burning shed and the kitchen which had just taken fire.

The blaze was soon under control and was extinguished before any serious damage was done or the occupants of the house were hardly aware of the conflagration.

It was first discovered by a chance passerby who rushed to give the alarm and others who arrived on the scene, hastened to awaken Mrs. Hubbard and the hired girl, the only occupants of the house, the daughter, Miss Edna, being absent.

Mrs. Hubbard has not the slightest idea of how the fire could have started unless it was from an electric wire which passed through the shed and into the house.

FOR A BIG TIME. Liberty Ladies Preparing Dinner in Honor of the Salem Business Men.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The ladies of Liberty are making elaborate preparations for the dinner to be given at that place next Friday, March 4, in honor of the business men of Salem, and in the interest of good roads.

Among those who have promised to speak are Governor Chamberlain, ex-Governor Geer, County Judge John H. Scott, Mayor F. W. Waters, E. Hofer, H. B. Thibsen, J. H. Albert, and many others.

SHE IS NOW A WAITRESS. SUMPTER, Or., March 1.—It has been reported here that Mrs. William Baker, who ran away with William Walker, the gambler, is now a waitress in a restaurant at Pendleton.

HILLSBORO SALOON ROBBED. Hillsboro, Or., March 1.—The saloon of E. Blaser was entered early Saturday morning by burglars, entrance being effected by boring a hole in the panel door at the rear and opening the night latch.

Two Kinds of Children. Children that grow too fast and those that seem hardly to grow at all, both need Scott's Emulsion.

AND ENGLAND EXPECTS WAR

AND PREMIER BALFOUR HANDLES SITUATION WITHOUT GLOVES.

HE URGES A GREATER NAVY

Claiming That Matters in the Far East Justify This Wise Precaution.

Admits the Magnitude of the Estimates But Says That, in the Light of Events, It Appears That Great Britain Will Possibly Have War Upon Her Hands.

LONDON, March 1.—In the course of the discussion in the House of Commons tonight Premier Balfour, while admitting the magnitude of the estimates, said the House should not only consider the amount but should watch the general European and Asiatic situation, which alone could justify what the country was asked to spend.

The country should not lose sight of the possibility of war between Great Britain and two maritime powers, which could hardly end without great losses to both the enemy and Great Britain, in which event the other navies would be intact and in a maritime position which they did not now hold.

DEEDS RECORDED. (From Thursday's Daily.) The realty transfers filed for record in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday aggregated the consideration of \$11,792, as follows:

Table listing realty transfers with details: W. A. Zimmerman et ux to Earl Jump, 75 acres in T 9 S, R 3 W 1, \$2000; J. W. Willson et ux to E. Poin-dexter, land in Roberts' addition to Salem; C. Homery et ux to Conrad Homery, 1,775 acres in T 7 S, R 3 W 1; G. W. Ellis to E. Smith, lots 3 and 4 in Sunnyside Fruit Farms, No. 1; D. S. Livesey et ux to Anna Butterfield, lot 4 in Cochrans' addition to Woodburn; C. Homery et ux to Charles Homery, lot 1, block 23, North Salem; I. L. Shanks et ux to A. Miesler et ux, lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, block 12, in Turner's addition to Turner; J. Hart et ux to Lydia Livesey, 1 acre in T 5 S, R 1 W 1; J. C. Goin et ux to Roscoe C. Thomas, land in block 7, Jefferson; Albert Batten to C. P. Wunderlich, lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, block 10, Mount Angel; P. Bostrack et ux to S. P. Howell, 12 acres in T 7 S, R 1 E; W. H. H. Darby et al to Kate Bashor, lot 4, block 8, Yew Park addition to Salem; M. J. Brannan et ux to G. Drager, 10 acres in T 9 S, R 2 W 1; T. W. Rutherford to C. E. McIlwain, 5.87 acres in T 7 S, R 2 W 1; First Baptist Church of Salem to W. H. H. Darby, et al, lot 4, block 8, Yew Park addition to Salem; Frank L. Hackett to Jacob Hackett, 2.12 acres in T 5 S, R 1 W 1; T. M. Hicks et ux to Lydia Livesey, a parcel of land in Woodburn; Mary J. Paxton to J. N. Skafte, lot 5, in A. F. Waller's addition to Salem; P. H. Marlay et ux to Joseph Meyers et al, lots 5 and 6, block 16, North Salem; E. H. Herren to Mary E. Herren, 1/2 of lot 6, and all of lots 7 and 8, block 58, Salem; W. W. Hepburn to Western Oregon Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, lot 12, of Sub-division of blk 27, University addition to Salem; J. C. Jeffrey to Fox, No. 1-4 sec 22, T 9 S, R 3 E; A. A. Brandenburg to M. Brandenburg, land in T 7 S, R 3 W 1.

CLUB HOUSE BURNED. Handsome New Home of Rainier Club Was Gutted by Fire Yesterday.

SEATTLE, Wn., March 2.—The handsome new home of the Rainier Club, which was to be ready for occupancy April 1, was gutted by fire early this morning. Loss, \$30,000; covered by insurance.

SUPREME COURT CALENDAR. (From Wednesday's Daily.) The following cases have been set for hearing before the Supreme Court for next week:

TWO KINDS OF CHILDREN. Children that grow too fast and those that seem hardly to grow at all, both need Scott's Emulsion.

It gives that rich vital nourishment which is the secret of all healthy growth. It rounds out the long limbs, and helps children to grow without using up all their strength in growing.

Mothers ought to know more about the wonderful help which Scott's Emulsion would give their children.

IS DOUBLY CHARGED.

Wallace H. Ham Under Arrest For Embezzlement to Meet Another Charge.

BOSTON, March 2.—A warrant charging Wallace H. Ham with embezzlement of \$34,000 from the funds of St. Luke's Home was issued today. Ham was arrested last week charged with the embezzlement of \$104,000 from the American Surety Company, of which he was the Boston manager. He was also treasurer of St. Luke's Home.

FOUR TEAMS ENOUGH. ROSEBURG, Or., March 2. The announcement that the Oregon State League will consist of only four teams is hailed with hearty accord in this city, as it was the general opinion here that a league with more than four teams would not be a success.

Hives are a terrible torment to the little folks and to some older ones. Easily cured. Doan's Ointment never fails. Instant relief, permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

UP TO MARSHAL

COUNCIL INSTRUCTS CHIEF GIBSON TO ENFORCE ALL CITY ORDINANCES.

Amended Ordinance Defining His Duties Passed, and Sweeping Resolution Adopted—Council Takes Action In Matter of Rotten Covering Over Mill Race on Front Street.

The controversy existing between the city council and Chief of Police Gibson came to a show down, last evening when the council in regular session passed an amendment to the ordinance defining the duties of the city marshal, and at once adopted a resolution by unanimous vote, directing the city recorder to notify Chief Gibson that such amended ordinance had been passed and that upon its approval by the council to perform his duties by enforcing all city ordinances.

Mayor Waters affixed his signature to the new ordinance immediately after the adjournment of the council, which is now in full force and effect, and when Recorder Judah serves the required notice, it will be up to the chief of police to enforce the ordinance in effect, and covers all ordinances of the city.

The text of the resolution follows: "Whereas, The charter of the city of Salem, Oregon, passed in 1889, took away from the marshal the duty of enforcing ordinances of the city; and Whereas, The common council have now adopted and passed an ordinance which makes it the duty of the marshal to enforce all ordinances of this city; and

Whereas, The marshal has indicated by his interview in the daily paper that he did not intend to enforce the ordinances of this city; therefore, be it Resolved by the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, that the city recorder be and is hereby directed to notify the marshal, D. W. Gibson, forthwith in writing, that an ordinance has been adopted, and passed, making it the duty of the marshal to enforce the ordinances of the city, and that as soon as this ordinance is approved by the mayor and becomes a law, that the marshal will be expected by the council to perform his duties in the manner prescribed by law and the ordinances of the city.

Before the above resolution had been introduced, upon motion of Alderman Bayne, the resolution introduced by him, and which was tabled at the last regular meeting of the council, was taken from the table and by a vote of 11 to 2, was killed, Alderman Bayne and Jacobs voting in favor of its adoption, and Alderman Walker, Downing, Crossen, Curtis, Sims, Geeser, Hubbard, Hughes, Young, Churchill and Acheson, voting against the adoption of the resolution. Alderman Smith was the only member absent.

Another important matter which came up during the meeting was in relation to the unsafe condition of the covering over the Salem Flouring Mills Company's mill race on Front street.

The council has endeavored for a long time to induce the company to repair the covering and make the street safe for the traveling public, but having failed it was decided to take action, and the committee on streets was instructed to take such action as was necessary to bring the company to time, and was given full power in the premises.

A communication from the Citizens Light & Traction Company, with reference to the report made by the committee on lights at the last regular meeting of the council, upon the condition of the lighting service being furnished the city, was referred to the committee on lights. The communication is published in full in another column of this issue.

William Manning was elected a member of the city park board to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Wm. Brown.

A committee from the Salem Woman's Club appeared before the council and asked permission to install in the council chamber a public library. The matter was referred to the committee on public buildings.

The report of City Recorder Judah for the month of February was referred to the committee on ways and means.

With reference to the opening of Court street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, Alderman Acheson, of the street committee, stated that an ordinance was now being prepared to cover this matter, whereupon a motion was made and carried that council adjourn to meet at 7:30 o'clock on next Tuesday evening.

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THEIR ANSWER

CITIZENS' LIGHT & TRACTION CO. REPLIES TO REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE

So Far As Lighting of City Is Concerned the Company Has Been Working Hard to Place the System in Good Condition and Will Install a New Plant.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Salem:

The recorder of your city served upon the undersigned company on the 29th day of February, 1904, a copy of certain report purporting to have been made by your committee on lights, in which it is set forth that the services it is furnishing your city under our present lighting contract, are inadequate in that the lamps do not average more than 600 candle power, and that the lights are not suspended the requisite number of feet above the street.

In referring to the above report we beg to state that said committee is misinformed as to the service that is rendering your city.

The lights that are now being used by it for the purpose of street lighting are full 1200 candle power. The height of the lamps will state that the present poles upon which these lamps are suspended will not permit of a lamp hanging 33 to 35 feet from the ground as per contract, but if the wires suspending these lamps are all made tight, the lamps will hang at a distance ranging from 28 to 35 feet from the ground.

As to the globe we will state that there are some of the street lamps at the present time without globes, which we do not think makes any material difference in the lighting power of the lamp.

It is the purpose of the company to install an entire new lighting plant in this city at once, which will necessitate a complete change of every street light in this city, and with the permission of your honorable body we desire to install in lieu of the present lights, General Electric 6-6 10 Ampere Series Alternating arc lamps, 1200 candle power.

These lamps are known as the latest improved style of lights, and are universally used for street lighting. The construction of the lamp is such that the climatic conditions have no effect upon the services and candle power of the lamp. The lights have two globes—an inner globe to protect the arc and carbon. The outer globe of clear glass is a protection for the inner globe.

These lamps are superior to the 100-hour lamp, and the illuminating power of the lamp is superior to the old lamps now being used. In this: 1st, There is no flicker to the lights as the carbon is placed in an inner globe thoroughly protected from the weather. 2d, These lamps are so constructed that it is impossible for the trimming to cause the carbons to pass each other, thus causing the light to go out, and for various other reasons, which I could name if necessary. These lamps are now in the office of the company, and can be inspected by any member of the council when desired.

At the present time we have no lights of the kind now in use in stock, and we do not desire to go to the expense of purchasing and installing any further lights of this same kind for the reason that we expect to be able within one month from this date to install the new system of lighting here mentioned.

The company has purchased machinery and new equipment at a cost of \$25,000, not including the expense that will naturally be incurred by the installation of this new machinery. About one half of this machinery has arrived and is now being installed in our present power house; had notice of shipment of the balance on the 9th of last month, which we are expecting to arrive in the next few days.

This machinery when installed will replace all old machinery in our present equipment, leaving only steam engines and boilers; the boilers to be re-inforced and additional power added, and this machinery retained for emergency cases.

This will give us one of the most modern and complete lighting plants on the Pacific Coast, and will thus enable us to guarantee our patrons, both public and private, a thoroughly reliable and economical service.

This machinery was contracted for and purchased July 11, 1903, but owing to the demand on the manufacturers of electrical machinery, we were at that time compelled to sign the contract on six months' delivery, and today we cannot purchase electrical machinery under eight months' delivery.

The delay in improving the car lines of your city is due to our delay in receiving this machinery as it would not be practical to rebuild our car lines and cars and make all improvements required to give first class service until we had a power plant that was thoroughly reliable.

The policy of the company is to make all improvements of a permanent type, and have at present several contemplated improvements in the street car system which will be made at as early a date as possible.

For the above reason we sincerely hope that this city will not insist upon making a radical change in our lighting system until our new machinery can be installed. If the city has any doubt about the capacity of the present lights pending the installation of our new system, we are perfectly willing to have the lights inspected and their capacity measured by a competent man at any time the city may desire.

We have also been notified by the recorder of this city that you have instructed us to install fifteen additional arc lamps for public use and service, at various street intersections in the new wards of this city.

In referring to this matter we desire to call your attention to the fact that our present lighting contract with this city extends only to September of this year, and that the cost of installing these lamps would be as follows:

Table listing costs for lighting equipment: 6435 pounds, or 11 miles of wire at 16c per pound \$1029.00; 107 30-ft. poles at \$2.75 pole \$294.25; 28 40-ft. poles at \$6 each \$168.00; 2 50-ft. poles at \$8.50 each \$17.00; 30 30-ft. poles for guys and anchors at \$2.75 each \$82.50; 15 windlasses at \$3 each \$45.00; 30 sleet proof pulleys at \$1.25 each \$37.50; 1500 feet lamp cordage at 3c \$45.00; 1500 ft. galvanized iron pipe at 60c \$900.00; 300 pounds galvanized iron wire at 4c \$12.00; 250 oak pins at 2 1/2c each \$6.25; 250 glass insulators at 4c \$10.00; Cross arms \$60.00; Labor \$360.00; 15 arc lamps at \$22.50 each \$337.50; Total \$2564.25.

Total \$2564.25. We submit to your honorable body that it would be unjust to request this company to install the above lights when the cost would so greatly exceed the amount of revenue that could possibly be derived from them during the life of said contract.

In conclusion I will state that it is the policy of this company to render the city the most efficient service possible, and that I would be pleased to meet the wishes of this body at any time you desire to consider any differences that may exist between us concerning our lighting service or in the installation of the new lamps requested by you. By so doing I hope to be able to explain away any misunderstanding concerning the lighting proposition, and the sincerity of this company to operate and maintain a lighting and street railway business that will be a benefit to the community.

Respectfully submitted, CITIZENS' LIGHT & TRACTION CO. By J. W. Springer, Manager. Salem, Or., March 1, 1904.

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It has been cynically said that nothing can be sold by advertising nowadays. This is not so. Many hints have been advertised but only one, Perry Davis' Painkiller, has stood the test of sixty years' use.

It is greater than ever and is loved not upon what anybody says but upon what the remedy does. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

SHEEHAN REINSTATED.

He is Exonerated From Blame in the Trouble Which Occurred at Prison.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Some little change took place at the penitentiary among the employes yesterday afternoon. M. F. Sheehan, who was dismissed from the institution during December of last year, for absconding and ungentlemanly conduct, was reinstated to his old position as guard in the foundry, while Dunan Ross, who has been taking his place during his absence, was transferred from the shops to assistant farmer, and Frank Guard, formerly assistant farmer, was given employment as a night guard on the inside. Sheehan was discharged from the prison during December on account of an altercation between him and another guard, Wm. Fouts, which resulted in a fatal encounter inside the prison. Superintendent James has satisfied himself that Fouts was the aggressor in the matter and that Sheehan was not to blame so he reinstated the latter, but will not so recognize Fouts.

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