

PLANS A GREAT NAVY.

Program Contemplates 25 Battleships and Other Vessels.

One of the most immediately significant of the many forward steps which are being reported from China, is the news that a body of young men is being sent to the various capitals of the world to be educated for a general program of naval construction. Said a recent dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle:

Peking.—If the plans which are now under consideration by the Chinese government materialize, China will within the next decade or so have one of the most powerful navies of the world. Under this plan a large number of the brightest young men in China are to be educated in the American and European naval colleges, and a program of building is to be inaugurated which contemplates not less than twenty-five battleships of the first class, with armored cruisers and small vessels in sufficient number to round out the fleet in accordance with the most advanced ideas of naval strategy.

The idea is to have educated Chinese officers ready to take the subordinate positions at all events aboard these ships as soon as they are completed, employing foreigners for the higher positions in command until such time as the Chinese officers have gained experience sufficient to warrant placing them in charge.

Ultimately it is proposed to eliminate the foreign element in both the navy and the army from the plan which has proved so successful in Japan of having no foreigners whatever in any capacity in the fighting arm of the government.

The first step in the carrying out of this scheme is already under way, that is, the arranging of the finances. Sir Robert Hart is working out the problem of money, which is admittedly a difficult one.

Visits His Old Home.

Ed. Dekum, an old-timer Salem boy and Portland, but at present a resident of Honolulu, has been spending the day in town, renewing old acquaintances. He is one of the proprietors and advertising manager of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser of Honolulu, and is an enthusiast for the land of his adoption. Mr. Dekum will be remembered as the gentleman who gave the Oregon regiment such a grand good time several years ago when the boys were en route to Manila. He is the gentleman who was an intimate friend of Perry Card, and assisted that Salem boy so substantially during his last illness there. He is also known to every Oregon visitor to the islands, all of whom have received favors at his hands. Mr. Dekum likes the Honolulu climate, and says the temperature averages 74 degrees, 80 degrees being the hottest. He says the country is prosperous, and has undergone little change since the Americans have taken the reins of government, and that much has been for the better. There are about 40,000 inhabitants of the city, but only 3000 whites. There is no middle class over there. All are either rich or poor.

Mr. Dekum is over with the excursion of about 50 who came to visit the Lewis and Clark fair, and is enjoying a royal time after six years' continuous absence. He says everything over there is run very much on the plan of a tropical country. Stores close at 5 o'clock and the people soon fall into easy, Southern habits of life, that there is little emigration coming from the islands to this country, and there are good inducements for young men of activity and good habits. On the whole, Mr. Dekum thinks the development of the Hawaiian country will be slow, as it is a new country with old laws and traditions to overcome, which is usually looked upon as a process.

Extremes of Temperature.

Water freezes every night through out the year at Alto Cruero, in Bolivia, while at noonday the sun is hot enough to cause actual suffering.

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BOY MURDERER RELEASED.

Antone Wood Will Go to Elbert Hubbard's Roycroft Shop.

Antone Wood has just five nights more to spend in the darkness of his prison cell, says the Denver Post.

Mrs. James B. F. Reynolds, the gentle-hearted woman who has stood his friend for years, has prevailed at last, and the governor will pardon Wood on next Saturday morning. She has secured pledges from members of the prison board to free Wood, and they will take favorable action next Friday night on his application for release. Mrs. Reynolds says she will send him east on the first train out of Denver, and Elbert Hubbard will meet him at the station in Buffalo and take him down to East Aurora to begin life again in the Roycroft shops. Twelve years it is since Antone Wood has seen the blue sky or looked upon the sun without the shadow of the bars between him and God's world.

He was 11 years old when he was committed to the prison, and he is 23 now.

He was a boy and he is a man—a man of brains, too, and of unusual talent, Mrs. Reynolds says.

He who has not seen a growing plant for years, paints flowers so that they seem nodding in the summer wind. He who has not looked upon running water since he came into the prison 12 dreadful years ago, makes rippling water sing before your very eyes under the touch of his magic brush. He writes a letter such as not one in 10,000 can write, and he reads books that few men read or care to read. Mrs. Reynolds, the woman who has had him freed, has had him on her heart day and night for years.

"I cannot forget that boy's face," she said. "I often dream of him sitting there in his cell working so hard to learn what he never had any chance to learn outside."

Run Down and Badly Injured.

Last Saturday night, after the conclusion of the dance, in this city, as Eph Platt with a back load of people and two young men by the name of Garland in a buggy were on the home-ward journey, a race occurred, by one of the teams attempting to pass the other. During the race, Young Stupke, who was also on the homeward journey, was overtaken. In attempting to get out of the way of one team, Stupke dodged into the roadway of the other and was badly injured. Just who was to blame in particular, we have, as yet, been unable to learn except that both drivers were blameable for racing on the public highway, regardless of the rights and safety of others. Stupke was run over, we are informed, by the Garlands. He was knocked insensible in some way. He was, at once, picked up and brought to the Seis hotel, in this city, and Dr. Prill summoned. After thorough examination, it was found that two of his ribs were broken away from the backbone and the skull cracked. The injuries were dressed and the sufferer made as comfortable as circumstances would allow. On the following morning he was taken J. R. Warwick's, where he now is. If he escapes fever, he will be up and around in a few days. As he is badly bruised in many places, his condition, at the present, is quite painful.—Santiam News.

Oregon Suburban Auto Co.

Automobile car leaves Willamette Hotel for Independence, week days, at 7 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Returning leaves Independence at 8:30 and 5 p. m. Sundays leaves Salem at 8 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Leaves Independence at 9:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. Connects at Independence with motor for Monmouth, Dallas and all points on the West Side. Special for evening parties.

6-17-4f M. P. BALDWIN, Mgr.

Preparing Incense for Trade.

A missionary traveling down the Lau River in Mongolia says he passed 31 rapids in one day. At most of them were water mills for the grinding of aromatic trees into powder to make incense. The trees are chopped into small pieces and thrown into a hole in a heavy millstone, which revolves on a larger stone as the water rushes through below. In the rainy season, when the river flows full and fast, a pair of mills can grind 200 catties (266 pounds) of incense a day. It is made up into bundles of this weight and sold on the spot for 50 strings of cash (about \$6).

Young Nobility in England.

The titles of nobility won by Englishmen on battlefields and by council table are flaunted today in a disquieting large number of cases by pallid weaklings, skirt-dancing men, and poor slaves of skirt-dancing women. The fortunes wrested from the seas by sturdy old pirates or won by manufacturing enterprises are being dissipated in hundreds of cases by futile fellows without wit enough to justify their wearing.—Sydney Bulletin.

A BAD DISORDER

In the fall of 1895 I contracted that fearful disease, Blood Poison. It gained such headway that I was forced to resign my position and seek relief at Hot Springs. After spending all the means I had I went to Memphis. In less than three weeks I was in a hospital, and after nine weeks of suffering I was discharged as cured. In less than a month every bone in my body seemed to be affected and felt as if they would break at the least exertion. Again I was compelled to resign, and I returned to the hospital for a seven weeks stay. When I came out I was advised to try farming. When I first went on the farm I prevailed on the only farm who handled drugs to get me one dozen bottles of S. S. S. At that time both of my hands were broken out with blisters and I was covered with boils and sores. In the meantime my druggist had gotten two dozen bottles of S. S. S. for me and I began its use, and after taking the thirteenth bottle not a sore or boil was visible. R. B. POWELL, East 9th St., Little Rock, Ark.

Of all human diseases, Contagious Blood Poison is the most hideous and hateful. The victim is tortured with eating ulcers, sores and abscesses, unsightly blotches, eruptions and other symptoms of the miserable disease. S. S. S. has been used successfully for nearly fifty years for Contagious Blood Poison. It contains no mercury, potash or other mineral. Our home treatment book gives all the symptoms of this disease. Medical advice free.

The Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

INTER-STATE BRANCH STUDIO

Of the Western Conservatory of Music—Steinway Hall, Chicago.

The Salem branch of the Western Conservatory of Music, of Chicago, will be opened September 1st, in room 3 of the Gray block by the local representative, Frank E. Churchill, B. M.

The Western Conservatory is the only regular college of music in the United States offering helpful co-operation with capable private teachers and their pupils at home by allowing them to become a part of the institution.

During the past ten years nearly one hundred branch studios of the conservatory have been established throughout the West, all of which are in successful operation.

Mr. Churchill, who has charge of the Salem studio, is one of the most successful pupils of this great conservatory, and his work is recognized by competent musicians as of the highest order. Pupils will receive his most painstaking care, and can depend upon results, such as many more pretentious teachers could not undertake to convey.

Among the special advantages of this institution might be mentioned the following:

1. Pupils who become members of the conservatory class in any branch studio are enrolled upon the register at Chicago by means of matriculation cards, as "Conservatory Inter-State pupils."

2. They are assigned to a regular grade in the course of study, according to their proficiency, which grade is entered upon the register; likewise the number of lessons per week, daily practice, etc.

3. By means of "term reports" sent in by the teacher, the standing of each pupil is kept on record in the conservatory office from term to term, just as in the case of those studying in the conservatory at Chicago.

4. Their "promotion" from one grade to the next is also recorded at the conservatory, and placed to the credit of the pupil.

5. Instructive "letters" and "lectures" are prepared by the president and other members of the faculty, and sent out monthly in typewritten form, to all branch studios, to be read and discussed before the classes. These are the same in subject matter as the lectures and talks given at the conservatory.

6. "Certificates of Proficiency" of the Western Conservatory may be conferred upon Inter-State pupils who complete the regular course in any branch studio.

7. All teachers and pupils connected with the branch studios are fully recognized in the "Annual Catalogue," together with those of the main institution.

Will Give Concert.

The reform school band will give an open air concert on Wednesday evening, the 9th, for the benefit of the Central Congregational church, corner of 19th and Ferry streets. Young People's Society will serve refreshments. 5-7-3t

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BEEF TRUST CRIES FOR MERCY.

Vice-President of Swift Company Writes to Congressmen That He Is Making Little Money.

The Beef Trust is appealing to congress and to the public for mercy. Early in February every member of congress received a letter from Edward Swift, vice-president of the Swift Beef Packing Company of Chicago, making a statement regarding the affairs of the company, intended to show that it is neither a trust nor a great money-making concern.

The letter declares that while the stock of the company paid a dividend of 7 per cent, the actual profits from the sale of meat for the last three years had ranged from 1 1/2 to 2 per cent.

The statement denied emphatically that there exists or has existed a conspiracy to control the beef market or to fix prices.

The significance of the letter is that the trust is beginning to realize that, notwithstanding its evasions of the law, its contemptuous disregard of the injunction against it obtained by the Department of Justice, and the reluctance with which national legislators approach the subject of trust control, the president will not be diverted from his purpose and will eventually obtain and enforce laws that will regulate trust operations and prevent unjust exactions.

The plea of the Swift Company, as it is understood in congress, is one for its stockholders, of which there are declared to be 6000. It is the same line of argument the railroads are using and the other corporations in the general attempt to awaken public sympathy.

Altogether, they afford the most encouraging indications of the fear which has been inspired by the president's persistent efforts in behalf of the public, and show that, if not prepared to surrender, the trusts are at least preparing for defeat.—Philadelphia North American.

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Employees Complain That General Cut in Wages Is Being Made.

Employees of the Oregon City Manufacturing company are undergoing a sweat in wages process, and loud murmurs of protest are being heard. As a result of the strike three years ago, wages were increased throughout the woolen mills, but a flat cut has been made, and the operatives fear that the management intends placing the wages back on the former basis. Many of the old employees have been discharged and new blood is being introduced in the factory. The foreman of the spinning room has lost his official head and the direction of that department has been consolidated with the carding room.

The management of the factory state that consolidation of these positions was effected as a purely business proposition, and for that reason alone. It is generally believed that trouble will result over the difficulty in wages, but it is possible that the differences between the employees and the management may be adjusted harmoniously.—Oregon City Courier.

Pays \$500 Fine.

No longer is Ed. Switzer being sought by the sheriff, for as far as the circuit court is concerned the charge against him has been satisfied. Late yesterday afternoon Judge Jas. A. Fee, as attorney for Switzer, appeared before Judge Ellis and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of assault and battery upon his wife. Thereupon a fine of \$500, the maximum, was imposed by the court and the case ordered dropped. It is understood that the money with which to pay the fine was advanced either by some of the friends of the missing man, or by his attorney, for Switzer himself has been restrained by order of the court from using any funds which he may have in a bank.

It is said by friends of Switzer that he will not return to Pendleton, as it is his intention to close his affairs here and remain away for good. Consequently the divorce suit brought by his wife will be allowed to go by default of the defendant. No time has yet been set for the hearing of the divorce case, as no notice has yet been served upon the defendant.

It is said that Switzer was let off with a fine at the earnest and continued appeals of his wife and her friends, who are said to have been very anxious to prevent his imprisonment or his being whipped. It is believed that had it not been for the strong requests and the representations that anything but a fine would result in future harm to Mrs. Switzer, that a term in the county jail would have been given the wife-beater had he been caught.—East Oregonian.

STATE NEWS

Judge Frazer, of Portland, has issued a permanent injunction against ticket scalpers, and holds that the law is constitutional.

Judge Frazer Saturday issued a permanent injunction against pool sellers at Irvington race track. The case will probably be appealed.

Mitchell, in Wheeler county, and Shaniko, in Wasco, each had a water spout last Tuesday. Considerable damage was done to crops during the storms.

Crook county had 1500 school children last year, and this year has 2018. Another feature of the school census is that there are only 804 boys, while there are 1214 girls.

Heney will remain in the state office of U. S. district attorney, so he says, until the land fraud cases are tried out, and asserts that the millionaires' turn will come when he gets through with the officials.

The Luckiamute flouring mills, six miles south of Monmouth, changed hands last week. The ownership passed from G. and M. A. Keller, partners, to Walter and Werner Klinger. The property sold for \$10,000.

Mrs. Hulda A. Brown, a pioneer of 1850, died at her home in Corvallis Thursday, aged 81 years. She was one of the most familiar figures at that place, and was known as "Aunt Hulda" wherever she went. The remains were laid to rest beside her husband at Buena Vista.

President W. N. Ferin, of Pacific University, of Forest Grove today announced that the institution had received a gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. Lieutenant Cabell, Miss Henrietta Failing and Miss Mary F. Failing, the daughter of the late Henry Failing. The money will be added to the general endowment fund of the university.

Mrs. Mary Rogers, a highly respected pioneer of Polk county, died suddenly at her home in Monmouth Monday. Her maiden name was Fawc. In 1859 she was married to William Ball, of Polk county, and to this union five children were born, three of whom are living. After her husband's death she married J. W. Bridwell in 1876. The only child by this marriage was Mrs. Ethel Bedwell. Mr. Bridwell died in 1882, after which she was again married to George Rogers in 1894, who still survives her.

PLENTY OF PROOF

From People You Know—From Salem Citizens.

The greatest skeptic can hardly fail to be convinced in the face of evidence like this. It is impossible to produce better proof of merit than the testimony of residents of Salem, of people who can be seen at the time. Read the following case of it:

G. S. Cooper, farmer, living three miles northeast of Salem, on the Garden road, says: "I was raised in the wheat district and when a good lump of a boy I prided myself as having as much strength as any other boy in the neighborhood, and when a number of us got together we often tested our strength by lifting. I very often lifted two bags of wheat, but have since regretted having done so, as the result was that I strained my back and ever after had more or less trouble from dull aching pains across my loins and other symptoms of kidney complaint. In some way Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my notice and the first I went to town I dropped into Dr. Stone's drug store and inquired about them. I was told they were highly recommended and advised to give them a trial. I did so. And while I did not follow the treatment as regularly as I should have done, being a poor hand to take any kind of medicine, the benefit I derived from their use stamps them as a remedy which acts fully up to the representations made for it."

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CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

Won Second Prize.

At the competition drill at Portland Saturday Silver Bell Circle, W. O. W. of this city, won second prize, a silver cup. Mr. Tabor circle took first prize, \$50. There were 16 members in the drill team, under command of Mrs. Dr. Pomeroy, and it was the general opinion that the first prize should have gone to the Silver Bells.

An Italian band furnished the music for the Silver Bells while drilling, but the music stopped before the drill was finished, which made a difference in the effectiveness of the evolutions. This is the first time the local team has not taken first prize in contests, and they immediately challenged the winning team for a competitive drill.

X-RAYS

Most of the delegates to the session congress from this state are from the wet side of the mountains.

Only a few years ago Chamberlain's was mentioned for the penitentiary. If Jerome gets busy he may make a successful run for the penitentiary.

According to the dispatches the ministers plenipotentiaries wore frock coats and silk hats, but as undress uniform, but maybe weather was warm.

A friend stated yesterday that he was going up in the mountains "to see the heat and bustle of the town." Heat is not oppressive but the heat gets onto one's nerves.

If some stenographer had taken President Goode's addresses of welcome at the Lewis and Clark fair he would work the "Fads and Fancies" for all the electric light managers worth.

The managers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific send word to New York that their roads are not hampered by the telegraphers' strike, but Portland papers say no trains are running over either road.

The O. R. & N. would not take the right of way from Elgin to Walla Walla, though often urged by citizens of that section to build that road. As yet, however, as other parties located in O. R. & N. jumped it, and it is in courts to acquire title.

Portland is finding fault with the cent census, which gives her a population of 110,000. There may be a difference of opinion concerning the figure. If the assessor says there are more than 110,000, it is too many for many souls undoubtedly exaggerated.

Rather strange that in each of the trials of the land fraud cases in part of the jury standing for acquittal offered to find Van Genser and Biggs guilty, if the others would acquit Williamson, yet the evidence against them was as convincing as against the others. In each case those voting for Genser and Biggs guilty proved to be best friends, further refused to acquit them unless Williamson was also found guilty.

Notice to Gas Consumers.

On and after the first of September the price of gas will be reduced to ten per thousand feet for all purposes. Citizens' Light & Traction Co. 8-3-1m Salem, Ore.

Want Pipe Organ.

George S. Acheson and J. C. Ingham went to Salem yesterday afternoon on a short business visit. Their purpose was to examine the new \$3000 pipe organ recently built for the First Methodist church in that city. The Presbyterian church of this city is spring rented a portable pipe organ for use in the church, and the officers of the church are now planning to secure one for permanent use, and for this reason that the one is owned by the Salem Methodists was declined. It is likely that the United Brethren will, if the Salem organ is found to be entirely satisfactory, take steps to secure a similar one for their church in this city.—Albany Herald.

Unwise Shepherd.

A shepherd, near Wapinitia, a week fixed his rifle so that it would off and kill a bear that had been making his camp. During the night he imagined he heard the gun fired, and hunting around in the dark for the victim of his trap, discharged the rifle himself, and as a result lost two legs and the thumb of his right hand. The physician there attended to his injuries.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Scotland's Factory Inspector.

Probably the busiest woman in Scotland is Miss Paterson, the woman factory inspector in that country. There are 140 male inspectors, but she is the only woman as yet appointed to the position. She supervises all factories in Scotland, where women are employed, and in order to do so she travels 13,000 miles a year.

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