

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

The official plurality of Frederick A. Busse, as mayor of Chicago, is 12,923.

The United States has joined with Mexico in a move to stop the Central American war.

Senator Clark, of Montana, had a close call by breaking through the ice on Trinidad river.

Congressman Townsend, of Michigan, says he can see no way out of Roosevelt running for a third term.

French seamen threaten to strike and in event they do warships will carry the mails that would otherwise be delayed.

Exposure of bribery by Hearst men has caused a row in San Francisco reform forces but Heoney will go on just the same as before.

A last east bound Pennsylvania train was wrecked near Hudson, Ohio. But one man was injured. Officials lay the blame on train wreckers.

Reports show that 25 persons were killed and more than twice that number injured in the recent tornado in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

The minister from Salvador to the United States says the conservative people of Central America are becoming tired of the frequent wars and predict that a confederacy will be formed.

Carnegie has given an endowment of \$6,000,000 to Carnegie institute.

All railway employes east of the Mississippi will demand more wages.

Cubans are eager for a decision as to when the end of intervention will come.

President Joseph Smith says the Mormon church has abandoned polygamy.

President Bonilla, of Honduras, is gathering forces to continue the Central American war.

The amount of coffee being imported into the United States is decreasing, but the importation of cocoa is increasing.

Roosevelt is counting on compelling congress at its next session to pass a reform land law by enforcing present statutes.

Eight more indictments are coming for San Francisco telephone men. Heney has sent a warning to Detweiler that he had better give up.

England is becoming aware of the fact that 75 per cent of the canned goods used in that country come from the United States unlabeled and that English labels are put on by the importers.

A part of the outer wall of the vatican has collapsed.

A denunciation of the czar may cause dissolution of the douma.

Roosevelt says corporations have conspired to defeat his policy in 1908.

Thaw has been declared sane, but Jerome will appeal for a right to see the evidence.

John A. Lewis has reached Chicago from Mexico and will at once start the fight to secure control of Zion City.

Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, resigned because he was ordered to apologize by his home government.

The army quartermaster's department at Manila is under fire because the payroll has been found to be padded.

Heney has found that the telephone companies contributed to both sides in the campaign of Schmitz for mayor of San Francisco.

Harriman's lawyers are defending before the Interstate Commerce committee the right of railroads to water stock. They also claim rail roads have a right to combine.

Oklahoma elections gave Republicans control.

Six men were overcome by gas in a mine at Lead, S. D.

The Herrmann defense has attacked Hitchcock's methods of conducting the land office.

Doctors in the Thaw case have disagreed, some saying him sane and others insane.

J. J. Hill has formally retired as president of the Great Northern and his son Louis has assumed control.

All cities and towns of Colorado except Denver have just held municipal elections. The liquor question was the chief one and in a large number of places the temperance people carried the day.

As a result of the city election in St. Louis the Democrats are in complete control of every branch of the city government.

A letter from Harriman to a friend published in Eastern papers, says Roosevelt asked him to raise \$200,000 for the 1904 campaign fund, which he did. The president says the statement is false.

Nicaraguans have captured another Honduran port.

NEW STATE IMPROBABLE.

Spokane Plan Regarded With Amused Tolerance by Conservatives.

Portland, April 9.—Though they recognize that there has long existed in certain sections of the Inland Empire latent dissatisfaction with existing state boundaries, conservative citizens of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are inclined to regard with amused tolerance the Spokane project to create a new state through the secession of the disgruntled communities from their parent commonwealth.

Even in Eastern Washington, where most of the population of Spokane's new state of Lincoln would be centered, the sentiment in favor of the creation of a new commonwealth is by no means unanimous. Many conservative citizens are of the belief that the time is not yet ripe for actual separation, and even among those who endorse the Spokane scheme, it is recognized that there would be serious problems to face were the present states to say: "Bless you, children, go in peace."

In large measure, the differences that have brought about the desire for separation are political, and it cannot be overlooked that other political jealousies would spring up to fill the new state of Lincoln with discord and heartburnings. Already two Inland Empire cities, if not more are looking with green eyes upon Spokane's assumption that she is to be the capital of the new state. The politicians of the dissatisfied communities who are now in power can be depended upon to oppose from the word go any move that would impair their influence and drag them away from the public crib where they are now feeding.

HOW TO CURB THE TRUSTS.

National Civic Federation Plans for Convention in Chicago.

New York, April 9.—The executive council of the National Civic Federation has decided on Chicago as the place and May 28, 29, 30 and 31 as the dates for holding the national conference on combinations and trusts, which recently was announced by that organization. Representative men from the various walks of life have signed the invitations asking the appointment of delegates by governors and presidents of the important commercial, manufacturing, agricultural, labor, economic, political and law associations. The purpose of the conference is to consider the trust and combination problems, especially the question of what amendments, if any, should be made to the Sherman anti-trust act.

GENERAL BARRILLAS SLAIN.

Man Who Might Have Been President Coldly Slain.

City of Mexico, April 9.—Manuel Barrillas, ex-President of Guatemala, was assassinated here Saturday evening as he sat in a streetcar. As the car stopped a young man 17 years of age climbed aboard and rushed up to the general and stabbed him twice, the first blow severing the jugular vein, the second cutting his face. The general died instantly. The assassin was captured. He gave his name as Jose Estrada, and his home as Ocos, Guatemala.

Ex-President Barrillas was generally considered as strongly associated to the present government of Guatemala. He was 62 years of age and was a strong possibility for the next presidency of the country. Members of the Guatemala colony here think Estrada was a paid assassin.

ALASKANS WELL PLEASED.

Governor Hogatt is Not in Favor of Changing Government.

Seattle, Wash., April 9.—W. B. Hogatt, governor of Alaska, reached Seattle tonight from Washington.

"We got almost everything we asked of the last session of congress," he said. "The people of Alaska are well satisfied with Uncle Sam's treatment of them. This cry for a territorial form of government comes from political discontents. To have this change in rule would mean an increase in taxation of 25 cents per capita for the small population. Together with the fact that the country is only partly developed this burden is not yet warranted. We can very well afford to go along as we are despite the howl of politicians."

List of Dead is Growing.

Montgomery, Ala., April 9.—As communication is established with the towns in South and West Alabama that were storm swept last week, the list of casualties increases and the loss to property is shown to be heavy. In Coffee county the towns of Central City, Clay Hatcree and Waterford were swept away and at least 20 persons were injured. At Central City a Mr. Odom was killed in the wreckage of his home. Specials from various parts of Alabama say growing cotton has been badly damaged.

Searching for Coal Barge.

Norfolk, Va., April 9.—The naval tug Potomac left the Norfolk navy yard today to search for the naval coal barge with ten men aboard, which broke loose last week from the collier Caesar, which had been towing the barge up the coast. The barge was lost at sea, being last sighted Thursday. The collier Albaranda was to follow the Potomac out tonight and it is expected the cruiser Cleveland will leave the Norfolk navy yard early tomorrow.

Mormons Aid the Chinese.

Salt Lake, April 9.—Twenty tons of flour were voted for the relief of the Chinese famine sufferers at the 78th Mormon conference today. The flour will be taken from the tithing stores.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

INVOKES REFERENDUM.

Linn County Grangers Hold Up University Appropriation.

Allany.—The University of Oregon appropriation bill is to be referred to the people. Efforts of Linn county Grangers to hold up the university bill culminated in a meeting of representatives of all grange organizations of Linn county in Albany.

Besides the Grangers there were in attendance President P. L. Campbell, of the university, and Senator M. A. Miller, member of the board of regents of the school. These men presented very strongly the university's side of the case showing the need of more money than was appropriated.

The \$125,000 carried in the bill was segregated by President Campbell, who explained the use to be made of every dollar. But the Grangers were obdurate and at the close of the conference decided to use the referendum to hold the appropriation up until the next general election, when the people will determine the fate of the school.

But little argument was used in support of the position of the Grange, other than "retrenchment." It was also decided to have reproduced an editorial printed in the Oregonian of Saturday, February 11, 1905, entitled "Machine Made Citizens," and scatter thousands of copies over the state.

Country Sheep Inspectors.

Pendleton.—State Sheep Inspector Lytle has announced the appointment of eight county sheep inspectors for Eastern Oregon. Appointments have not yet been made for Wheeler, Harney, Lake, Klamath or Gilliam counties. Those named are: Umatilla county, John Bryant, Pendleton, present incumbent; Wasco, P. J. Walsh, Antelope; Crook, J. A. McCoy, Hay Creek; Malheur, H. L. Anderson, Skull Springs; Grant, George Irwin, Monument, present incumbent; Morrow, Andrew Cook, Heppner, present incumbent; Wallowa, J. W. Dale, Wallowa City, present incumbent; Baker, A. N. Ingle, Richland, present incumbent.

Students to Fight Sheep Disease.

Corvallis.—Four Oregon Agricultural college students are leaving college to take positions on the government staff for eradicating sheep diseases in Oregon. They are G. A. Dodson, Walter Foster, Edgar W. Donnelly and Henry Rooper. They receive good salaries and have their expenses paid. The work will extend from now to the end of the summer. Their appointments are received from the bureau of animal industry at Washington. Dodson, Donnelly and Foster are to operate in Eastern Oregon and Rooper in the Willamette valley.

Commission to Hear Protests.

Salem.—At a meeting of the state railroad commission a conference for April 16 was set, to hear the complaints filed by the lumbermen along the line of the Southern Pacific railroad in this state, in regard to the raising of rates on rough lumber from \$3.10 per thousand feet to \$5, which rate is to go into effect April 18. Among the concerns that have filed complaints are the Western Oregon Lumber Manufacturers' association, of Cottage Grove, the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association, with offices in Portland, and the B-oth-Kelly company, of Eugene.

New Insurance Company.

Salem.—The first domestic corporation ever organized in this state for the purpose of doing a surety and accident business insurance has been authorized by the secretary of state to incorporate under the laws of the state, proving that they had available capital to the amount of \$100,000. The Union Guarantee association is the name of the new firm which will have offices in Portland. William Glafke in president and H. D. Wagon secretary.

Part Payment Stops Limitation.

Salem.—Holding that payment of part of a joint obligation by a maker thereof or by his agent or legal representative revives it against all persons who are liable thereon, and also that such payment, however small, is sufficient to remove the bar of the statute of limitation, the Supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Moore, affirms the decision of Judge Burnett, of the Circuit court of Marion county.

Prizes for Cover Design.

Portland.—At a recent session of the board of trustees of the Chamber of Commerce, the matter of issuing a new advertising booklet, to be entitled "Oregon," came up, and it was decided to offer cash prizes of \$10, \$15 and \$25 for the best cover design. The premiums will be advertised when the competition is opened.

Farmers Loyal to Varsity.

La Grande.—The Blue Mountain Grange at its last meeting presented the action of the Albany grange in holding up the appropriation for the state university. The farmers of this portion of Eastern Oregon are heartily in favor of helping in every possible way the state institutions of learning and especially the state university.

Asylum Board Buys Land.

Salem.—The state asylum board has paid over \$10,000 to Charles Riley and his wife and the deed is recorded covering 23 acres and a fraction adjoining the asylum grounds, which was purchased by the board recently.

REORGANIZE HOSPITAL CORPS

Military Board Holds Session—New Company at Oregon City.

Salem.—The state military board, at its last meeting, effected a reorganization of the hospital corps of the Oregon National Guard into what will be known in the future as the ambulance company, consisting of 43 non-commissioned officers and men. A new company will be formed at Oregon City to take the place of the one disbanded.

The Dalles, Oregon City, Ashland, Roseburg, Albany and Woodburn have offered land for armory sites provided for by the appropriation of \$100,000 in house bill 118. No action was taken, the matter being left to the towns. The various companies of the state are paying an average of \$300, per year for the use of buildings as armories, and General Finzer figures that in 20 years the state will be repaid the \$100,000 appropriation.

Very little action was taken on account of the anticipated action of the Grange in asking that the appropriation be submitted to the referendum at the June election.

May Be Held to Three Inspectors.

Salem.—State Labor Commissioner Hoff is in a quandry over adjusting things to fit the new law, authorizing him to appoint special deputy inspectors of mills, factories and workshops. He has divided the state into four inspection districts, but now is afraid the revenues from the act, which levies an annual inspection fee of \$10 upon each factory, mill and workshop in the state where machinery is used, will not support four inspectors, and he has about come to the conclusion that he will have to divide the state into three districts in order to make both ends meet. He cannot figure that the act will produce much more than \$10,000 per year revenue from this tax, and the inspectors are entitled to \$4 per day for each day's actual work together with expense allowance of about \$4 per day.

Will Sell Mohair Pool.

Silverton.—At a meeting of the officers of the Silverton Mohair pool held in this city it was decided to sell the pool to the highest bidder on Monday, April 15. The pool this year is the largest ever offered for sale in Silverton and consists of something over 5,000 fleeces. Many buyers from different parts of the state are interested in the sale and it is predicted that several will be represented when the product is turned on the market.

Official Notice of Forest Reserve.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has received the three proclamations of the president, dated March 2, 1907, creating the Tillamook, Umpqua and Coquille forest reserves. These reserves all border on the Pacific ocean, commencing at Tillamook county and running south as far as Curry county. The aggregate amount of the three reserves is about 4,000,000.

Hundred Divorce Cases on Docket.

Oregon City.—The April term of the Circuit court will be convened in this city Monday, April 15. The number of divorce suits on the docket will exceed those of any former term, there being nearly 100 such cases pending.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 73@74c; bluestem, 75@77c; valley, 70@71c; red, 71@72c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$28@29. Barley—Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50. Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt. Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$26 per ton. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10. Apples—Common, 75@1.25 per box; choice, \$1.50@2. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; lettuce, head, 35@45c per dozen; onions, 10@12 1/2c; per dozen; sprouts, 9c; radishes, 30c per dozen; asparagus, 14c per pound; rhubarb, \$1.50@1.75 per box. Onions—Oregon, \$1.20@1.50 per hundred. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, \$1.40@1.65; extra fancy, \$1.75; No. 1 choice, \$1.25@1.40. Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2@35c per pound. Butter Fat—First grade cream, 30c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 14c; spring fryers and broilers, 20@22 1/2c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18 1/2@20c; geese, live, 8c; ducks, 16@18c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18c per dozen. Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@8 1/2c per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 3@3 1/2c per pound; cows, 5@6c; country steers, 6@7c. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound, ordinary, 8@9c; spring lambs, 12 1/2@13c. Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound. Hops—8@11c per pound, according to quality. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@18c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@23c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28@29c per pound.

TO CREATE NEW STATE.

Spokane Chamber of Commerce Begins to Boom the Project.

Spokane, Wash., April 8.—By making public today the report of the "new state" committee and announcing its adoption by the chamber of commerce, Secretary L. G. Monroe, of the latter body, formally launched the campaign for the creation of a new commonwealth comprising the "Inland Empire," for which the name "Lincoln" has been most frequently suggested.

The report of the committee, which was adopted unanimously, consists of a review of conditions that brought about what it terms the unnatural arrangement of boundaries now existing in the Northwest, advances reasons for the construction of a new state and suggests the following boundaries should be approximated:

That the 45th degree of latitude, or the present north line of the state of Wyoming, extended, be designated as the northern boundary of the state of Idaho, and the 120th degree of longitude, or the eastern boundary of the state of California, carried north, until it intersects the 45th degree of latitude, be designated as the western boundary of the state of Idaho, and that the eastern California line, carried to British Columbia, be designated as the eastern boundary of the state of Washington, thereby leaving a new state to be hereafter named and from which a central city should be selected as the capital, comprising the panhandle of Idaho, Northeastern Oregon and Eastern Washington.

The report goes on to say: "This proposition should not come from any one town or locality, but should be brought from all the principal towns north of the said 45th degree of latitude, and, if possible to secure their consent and approbation, then the matter should be taken to the principal towns and cities south of the said 45th degree of latitude, to secure, if possible, their cooperation."

The committee recommended that the chamber of commerce send copies of this report to the various cities interested, placing the matter before the board of trade, city council, or other body of like nature, to the end that steps be taken looking to the necessary action by congress.

The report points out that the panhandle of Idaho is cut off from the south by an impenetrable mountain barrier, and that the south has dominated legislation to the exclusion of the interests of the panhandle; also that a similar condition exists in Washington, where the Cascade mountains constitute a natural barrier.

It is argued that similar conditions exist between Eastern and Western Oregon to even a more marked degree.

WORST YET TO COME.

Chinese Famine Drives People to Dig Up and Eat Dead.

Washington, April 8.—To correct an erroneous report that has found general circulation with harmful results, the Red Cross has issued the following statement in regard to the Chinese famine:

"The famine in China is unprecedented in severity, and the period of greatest agony is yet to come. Many weeks must pass before there will be relief from new crops, and millions today are kept alive only through the contributions to the American mission and Red Cross society from the American people who sent their donations to Washington. These two great organizations are working together for the common cause and have furnished over two-thirds of all relief supplies sent to China."

"The following cablegram, received by the editor of the Christian Herald from the editor of the North China News, terrible as it may seem, speaks only the truth:

"Shanghai, April 6.—Klepsch, New York.—Approaching period of severest pinch. Authentic instances of corpses exhumed, cannibalism. Foreign relief working effectively, maintaining whole districts until harvest."

Scurvy Follows Trail of Famine.

St. Petersburg, April 8.—Scurvy is making great strides in the famine districts. The official reports for the second fortnight of March show 1,055 cases in Ufa province, and 717 in Saratov, compared with 438 in Ufa the first fortnight of March and 356 in Saratov province during the same period. There has been a slight decrease in the spread of typhus. The project to transfer the famine relief from the government to the Zemstvos has been approved by the cabinet and will be submitted to parliament.

Pleads Guilty to Rebating.

Minneapolis, April 8.—Agreeing to a stipulation of facts on 15 counts, involving illegal rebates, the Great Northern railroad was today found guilty and fined \$15,000 by Judge Page Morris in the Federal District court. This handling of the case is to facilitate an appeal by the railroad upon the question whether it is possible to bring prosecutions under the Elkins law on charges which defendant alleges are covered in the new Hepburn law.

Coxey Plans Another Crusade.

New York, April 8.—The Herald this morning says Jacob Seehler Coxey, commander-in-chief of the Coxey army, is planning another great national crusade on new and sensational lines, and that he may commence operations this year.

TORNADO IN GULF STATES

Portions of Four Towns Devastated by Wind Storm.

Insane Asylum at Jackson, Louisiana, Demolished—Damage is Placed at \$500,000—Storm Traceable to 300 Miles in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

New Orleans, La., April 6.—Probably 15 lives were lost today by a tornado which swept across portions of three Gulf states and which was traceable to a distance of 300 miles. The tornado moved from west to east over the southern extremity of Louisiana and Mississippi, and striking into Alabama for a short distance. Portions of four towns were destroyed, and damage approximating \$500,000 was done.

The tornado began at Alexandria, La., soon after 1 o'clock yesterday morning, instantly killing four persons there, fatally injuring three and seriously wounding 13 others.

Soon after daylight it reached the Mississippi river, killing four persons at Jackson, La., while at Bayou Sara, La., at least half a dozen others were killed. There was one fatal injury at Jackson.

The tornado next appeared at Carson, Miss., where great property damage was done. About noon near Selma, Ala., the inhabitants saw the clouds rise into the air and the storm disappeared.

The insane asylum at Jackson, La., was almost wholly wrecked, with a loss of about \$200,000. In addition to three female inmates killed many sustained injuries. Two negroes were killed on a nearby plantation. Reports from the surrounding country indicated that there was probably more loss of life among the negroes, whose flimsy cabins quickly collapsed before the wind.

HONOR MEMORIAL DAY.

Commander-in-Chief of Grand Army Issues Proclamation.

Zanesville, O., April 6.—Commander-in-chief Brown, of the Grand Army of the Republic, today issued his Memorial Day proclamation, of which the following is a summary:

On Thursday, May 30, will occur the annual ceremony of garlanding the graves of the dead, and the commander-in-chief calls upon the posts to see that the last resting place of every Union soldier, sailor or marine in their respective localities is fittingly decorated. Wherever practicable, public commemorative services of the heroism of the dead should be held at some central point.

Department commanders are charged with the duty of patriotic instruction in the public schools insofar as the cooperation of the school authorities can be secured. Let Friday, May 24, or the last day preceding Memorial Day, be set aside for this laudable purpose. In accordance with a time-honored custom, each post will attend divine service in a body on Sunday, May 26, to render praise and thanksgiving unto the God of nations for the manifold blessings of the past and the undisturbed enjoyment of the fruits of an enduring peace won by the Union arms.

CZAR TO ABDICATE.

Will Appoint Grand Duke Michael Regent for Infant Czarvitch.

London, April 6.—The Daily Mirror claims to be in a position to announce upon the "highest authority" that the emperor of Russia purposes to abdicate within a month and that Grand Duke Michael will be appointed regent during the infancy of the czarvitch. For the past three or four weeks, the paper says, events have been proceeding in this direction with lightning like rapidity in St. Petersburg, but the secret has been well kept.

"Lately," says the paper, "the emperor's mind has given way even more completely, and he has shown himself incapable of performing the smallest duties of his rank."

Warrants for Trainmen.

Colton, Cal., April 6.—Coroner Van Wic today swore out warrants for the arrest of the employees of the Southern Pacific who were held responsible for the wreck on March 28, in which 25 people were killed and 75 injured. The following are the names of the men against whom warrants were issued: L. R. Alvord, foreman of the switching crew; J. G. Crusemeyer, switchman; Clarence Warmington, engineer. The complaints charge them with causing the death of H. F. Walthers, of Sacramento, who was among the killed.

Road Got Mineral Land.

Reno, Nev., April 6.—The department of the Interior is to sue the Southern Pacific company at once to cancel all patents issued to the railroad in the White Horse mining district on the claim that the land was agricultural. It is now alleged that the land for which the railroad received patents was mineral. The White Horse district has developed into a great producing district and the action will affect lands worth millions of dollars for mining.

Tax Collector Short \$40,000.

New Orleans, April 6.—As a result of an examination of the accounts of Ferdinand Hadenheifer, state tax collector, it was announced today that there was a shortage of over \$40,000.