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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Taft and Cummings are Roosevelt's ticket for 1908.

Delmas has begun his argument to the jury in Thaw's defense.

The English house of lords is not disturbed by the move to abolish them.

Jacob Riis, a lifelong friend of the president, says a third term will positively not be accepted.

The warehouse district of Harbin, Manchuria, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is placed at \$2,000,000.

A special series of postal stamps will be issued by the government to commemorate the Jamestown exposition.

The San Francisco city administration is said to have collected toll from every slot machine operating in that city.

The Russian douma strongly favors giving land to peasants, but is afraid to take any action for fear of being dissolved.

Brazil has outlined a naval program which calls for the building of 27 vessels of all sizes. Most of the work will be done in England.

Congressman Ellis, of Oregon, whose home is in the eastern part of the state, says the only good feature about the proposed state of Lincoln is the name.

The official plurality of Frederick A. Buse, 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.

Expulsion 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 employees 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.

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. Hehey has sent a warning to Detwiler 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 resign by his home government.

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

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

Hehey 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 fight of railroads to water stock. They also claim rival roads have a right to combine.

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 state 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 heart-burnings. 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.

At the meeting a soliciting committee will be named to undertake the work.

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.

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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 45, 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.

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 is 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 Barnett, of the Circuit court of Marion county.

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 Glarke is president and H. D. Wagoner secretary.

Harras Farm Grows.

Weston—Reinhold Harras has recently added to his real estate holdings on Weston mountain by the purchase of 320 acres of land from the estate of Jonas King. Mr. Harras now owns between six and seven hundred acres on this side of the Blue Mountain sawmill, and will enclose the whole with a four-wire fence and use the land for pasture.

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Asylum Board Buys Land.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SALEM TO HAVE HORSE FAIR

Growing Demand Creates New Interest Among Stockmen.

Salem—The horse shows held at Stayton and Woodburn recently were so successful and so great has the interest in horses become throughout this county that Secretary Frank Welch, of the state board of agriculture, has called a meeting of horsemen to be held here to prepare plans for an exhibition horse fair to be held in this city soon.

On account of the market advance in prices and the demand for fine horses, which are very scarce on account of Eastern buyers having scoured the county and taken out so many, a premium fund will be inaugurated and every horseman and those interested in horses will be asked to contribute something to the fund. In this way prizes can be offered.

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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 present, 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¢74¢; bluestem, 75¢76¢; valley, 76¢77¢; red, 71¢72¢. Oats—No. 1 white, 29.50; gray, 28.25. 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@2.00. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7¢@8¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per dozen; celery, \$1 per crate; lettuce, head, 35¢@45¢ per dozen; onions, 10¢@12¢ per dozen; sprouts, 9¢; radishes, 30¢ per dozen; asparagus, 14¢ 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, 32½¢@35¢ pound. Butter Fat—First grade cream, 26¢ per pound; second grade cream, 25¢ per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 15¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 14¢; spring fryers and broilers, 20¢@22¢; old roosters, 10¢@12¢; dressed chickens, 16¢@17¢; turkeys, live, 13¢@15¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18½¢@20¢; geese, live, 8¢; ducks, 16¢@18¢. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18¢ per dozen. Veal—Dressed, 5½¢@8½¢ per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 3¢@3½¢ per pound; cows, 5¢@6¢; country steers, 6¢@7¢. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10¢@10½¢ per pound, ordinary, 8¢@9¢; spring lambs, 12½¢@13¢. Pork—Dressed, 6¢@9¢ per pound. Hops—\$8@11¢ per pound, according to quality. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13¢@18¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20¢@22¢, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28¢@29¢ per pound.

WILL BE NO STRIKE.

Railroads and Trainmen Have Reached an Agreement.

Chicago, April 5.—The differences between the Western roads and the members of the Order of Conductors and the Brotherhood of Trainmen were finally adjusted yesterday. The men abandoned their demand for a nine-hour work day and the roads made an advance over their previous proposition in the pay of baggagemen, flagmen and brakemen of \$7.50 per month.

The original demands of the men were for an increase of 12 per cent and for a working day of nine hours. The managers offered an increase in pay of 10 per cent and declined to grant the nine-hour day. The agreement was reached mainly through the efforts of Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Charles Neill, United States labor commissioner. The agreement, which goes into effect dating from April 1, follows:

The pay of conductors in the passenger service to be increased \$10 per month, that of baggagemen \$7.50 and that of flagmen and brakemen \$6.50 per month as applied to the schedules in effect November 1, 1906.

The railroads are not to make any reduction in crews or increase in mileage for the purpose of offsetting the increased wages given the passenger trainmen.

Overtime in the passenger service to be allowed on the basis of 15 miles per hour, to be computed for each part of the run separately. Time is to begin at the schedule time of leaving. Roads on a basis of more than ten hours per day for a helper or construction train service are to make no increase in the rates paid for such service. The increases granted in the agreement are to apply also to rates for special services as specified in the individual schedule.

Upon roads having a better basis for a day's work or for payment of overtime or other allowances in all branches of train service, the acceptance of this agreement is not to act as a reduction.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was also granted by the railroads an increase of 10 per cent.

NEW SPELLERS GAINING.

Champions of Simplicity Rejoice Over Number of Converts.

New York, April 5.—Chairman Brandt Matthews, of the Simplified Spelling board, at its first annual meeting today submitted a report stating that at least 100,000 persons were using the form of spelling urged by the organization. Most of the criticism against the board's activity, Professor Matthews declared, had come from men of letters, but this had been more than offset by the support of men of science. Professor Matthews says President Roosevelt's warm attitude toward simplified spelling had also been a powerful factor in advancing the work.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Andrew Carnegie for his aid he had rendered the board and expressing the conviction that through the help thus rendered there "would be insured for countless generations a great diminution in the labor of teaching and learning with a proportionate increase in the things taught and learned; a vast increase in the facility of spreading ideas, and therefore a vast increase in each individual's stock of original ideas."

REGARDED AS PERSONAL.

Hermann Explains Why He Made Way With Letterbooks.

Washington, April 5.—During the hour he was on the stand today Bingher Hermann narrated the circumstances under which he ordered the destruction of his 35 private letterbooks, gave his reason for so doing, and also explained the distinction he drew between personal and official correspondence. While telling the story of the books, he for the first time displayed signs of emotion, and his earnestness and straightforwardness as he talked direct to the jury were convincing.

From his own testimony it was evident that Hermann never drew a fine distinction between the official and the personal in his correspondence with Oregon friends, in fact, the bulk of his correspondence with personal acquaintances at home was regarded by him as personal, notwithstanding much of it dealt more or less extensively with land office business.

War on Livestock Firm.

Kansas City, Mo., April 5.—The Livestock commission men who are members of the Livestock exchange at the stockyards, have declared a war on the Co-operative Livestock Commission company, an independent concern, and a boycott on all packers who purchase cattle, sheep or hogs from the Co-operative company. The reason given for the boycott is that the company sells cattle below price quotations and sends out circulars to shippers charging the commission men and stock exchange with dealing unfairly.

Strikes Cut 350 Counts.

Chicago, April 5.—As a result of 19 motions for dismissal of counts in the indictments against the Standard Oil company, of Indiana, charged with accepting illegal rates on shipments of oil, Judge Landis today in the United States District court ordered 350 of the counts stricken out. The government attorneys expressed but little concern at the dismissal, saying there are still 150 counts on which the indictments stand.

Two-Cent Fare for Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., April 5.—The senate today, 27 to 3, passed a bill requiring a 2-cent per mile passenger fare on all Lower Peninsula railroads, the net earnings of which exceed \$1,200 a mile.

TORNADO IN SOUTH

Sweeps Through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

CLAIMS A SCORE OF VICTIMS

Portions of Four Towns and an Insane Asylum Devastated—Loss Placed at \$500,000.

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 for 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, Ala., 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.

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