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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

General Meredith, the novelist, is dead.

Captain Hains has been sentenced to eight years in prison.

Mr. Taft is suffering from a nervous breakdown, but not seriously.

A severe snow storm has just swept the Alberta, Canada, country.

The emperor of Russia will visit King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy.

A suit is to be started by the government to dissolve the United States Express company.

A move has been started by two disinherited sons to contest the will of the late Claus Spreckles.

The laxity of the Porto Rican government in caring for its lepers is said to be a menace to the United States.

A Canadian man has offered the defense of being mentally unbalanced when the moon is full and his mother supports the claim.

The New York and New Jersey Livestock exchange has announced that it will undertake the promotion of livestock cultivation in the Atlantic coast states on an extensive scale for food purposes.

Taft has been made an associate member of the G. A. R.

Insurance companies of Indiana are being prosecuted under the anti-trust laws.

Wisconsin proposes to forbid contributions by candidates to churches and secret societies.

A severe wind storm at Corry, Pa., blew over a circus tent, injuring a large number of people.

Reno, Nev., is infested with firebugs who are starting numerous fires in business and residence buildings.

Roosevelt has already started to write a series of articles describing his African adventures to date.

Governor Hadley has vetoed the insurance law which was passed by the Missouri legislature after a long fight.

The army transport Dix, which has been experimenting with Philippine coal, reports that it has excellent steaming qualities and has proven very satisfactory.

The Dry Farming congress, which meets at Billings, Mont., in October, will aim to teach the farmer how to conserve moisture by intelligent cultivation and thus increase the producing area in arid and semi-arid regions.

The French strike is on the verge of collapse, but is pledged aid of the labor unions.

Three men were killed and 12 badly injured by an explosion of dynamite near Key West, Fla.

Farmers of Grand valley, Colo., have protested against Ballinger's suspension of irrigation work.

A bridge on the Wabash railroad near Kansas City gave way as a train was crossing and several persons are missing.

A non-union baker at New York was set upon by women and after giving him a severe beating they threw him into a vat of dough.

Hill and Harriman officials are conferring with the Interstate Commerce commission with a view of forming rates to conform to the Spokane decision.

An extra session of the Washington legislature will probably be called to straighten out some of the matters arising from investigation of state officials.

Experts estimate that in 10 years every drop of water available for irrigation will be utilized. For every acre irrigated there will be 50 acres of dry farm land where irrigation possibilities are exhausted.

Roosevelt says Tolstol is a weak eater.

A saloon is to be opened in Des Moines where treating will be forbidden.

Secretary MacVeagh says prosperity only awaits completion of the tariff bill.

Fire at Long Island, Kan., destroyed five business buildings, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

The Farmers' union, at its national convention, has agreed on a plan to build warehouses and market wheat without the middleman.

Physicians attending the annual convention of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical association advocated the removal of tonsils of everyone subject to tuberculosis.

The postal strike in France is not general and failure seems probable.

Office seekers and office holding by professional politicians is becoming a vocation in the Philippine Islands, according to the report of Acting Director Harbord, of the constabulary.

STORES IN TIERS.

Crowded Condition of State Street, Chicago, is Responsible.

Chicago, May 18.—Stores in tiers, with each tier connected by private elevator with the floors below, is the innovation to be introduced in the downtown business section of Chicago, and it is one that will be watched with interest. The new plan has been devised to meet the urgent demand for more store room on State street.

"If we can't have store on the first floor, give us at least show space there and enough room to run our customers up to some floor above," has been the cry of those merchants anxious to locate on State street, but unable to find room, and the estate of L. Z. Leiter is the first to meet this urgent demand.

The Leiter estate has had architects prepare plans for the conversion of the seven-story building at the southeast corner of State and Jackson boulevard, which fronts 40 feet on State and 144 feet on Jackson. Architects plan to divide the first floor into seven small stores, and arrangements will be made for tenants to have private elevators connecting with as much additional floor space on the upper floors as they require.

BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE BURNED.

Pride of Japanese Buddhists and Its Treasures Destroyed.

Tokio, May 18.—Sojaji, the famous Buddhist temple in Shiba park, Tokio, has been destroyed by fire at a loss of \$200,000.

Only those who know the pride of the Japanese in their temples can conceive the effect of this irreparable loss upon the people. The Sojaji temple, next to the great temple at Nikko, probably was the most famous and popular show temple in Japan.

Its wonderful red gates, which will be remembered by thousands of tourists, were saved from the flames, but inside the temple compound there remains only a lonely daibutsu of bronze, surrounded by piles of wreckage and embowered amid the blackened branches of overhanging cryptomeria. A few other gigantic pieces of bronze stand out lonely amid the mass of ashes, all that is left of some of the most wonderful art treasures that were to be found in the Far East.

The fire was set by a beggar who was living in a hole underneath the structure. The man was cold and started a little blaze with a newspaper and a few sticks for warmth.

ONE MAN AT HEAD.

General Scheffek Central Figure in Turkish Affairs.

Constantinople, May 18.—Muhmid Scheffek Pasha, commander of the Turkish Constitutional forces, both on land and sea, is the man most frequently in the thoughts of those observing or dealing with the confused politics of the day in Turkey.

He is the one quiet figure upon whom rests the preservation of order. The civil branches of the government look to him to impose their liberal rule upon the empire and to deal promptly with persons and factions dangerous to the state.

The skill and celerity with which General Scheffek brought the third army corps and part of the second army corps before Constantinople and occupied the capital have amazed the foreign military men here. Besides those attached to the embassies, seven officers came from Germany and five British officers from Egypt to observe the development of the campaign. They have not ceased to discuss the details of the Constitutional commander's arrangements.

"The army is merely an instrument of civil power," said General Scheffek today. "The army and I, as an officer in it, derive our authority from the national assembly. The army is a financial assembly only, and works under the will of the cabinet."

The general had an hour's talk with the Hini Pasha, the grand vizier, at the conclusion of which he said: "The conclusion of which I am in perfect accord. We have objections to overcome in our progress toward free and stable institutions. I hope we will rise above them."

Fair Must Make Room.

Seattle, May 18.—Unless the officers of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition be shown space where the exhibit may be made to advantage, the display will be shipped back to Washington. Arrangements were made to place the exhibit in the mines building. Later this space was reserved for other persons and room was presented in the gallery of the Oriental building. William J. Klob, special agent for the bureau, declares that the space and the location are not in keeping.

Welcomed by Japs.

Tokio, May 18.—Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber, commanding the Asiatic squadron of the Pacific fleet, with his staff and the captains of the ships composing the squadron, were granted an audience with the emperor and empress yesterday. The officers were presented by American Ambassador O'Brien and by Admiral Harber was engaged in conversation with the emperor for several minutes. Admiral Harber made an unusually favorable impression.

Korean Cabinet Controls.

Seoul, May 18.—Obeying a sudden summons from Prince Ito, Japanese general in Korea, who is now resident general in Korea, vice president in Japan, Viscount Sone, vice president general, departed yesterday for Tokyo, and for the first time in two years the affairs of the Korean government are being administered by the cabinet without the supervision of Japanese officials.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TROUBLE OVER BOUNTY.

New Oregon Law is Misunderstood in Umatilla County.

Pendleton—From present indications there is to be much trouble relative to the payment of bounties on coyotes when the new law goes into effect. Though the new law does not operate until May 22, all coyotes killed since February 1 are subject to bounty. Hundreds of the destructive animals have been killed in this county since that date and the trouble is to come from these scalps.

Copies of the law have been received and it has been discovered for the first time that all four feet, as well as the scalp, must be attached to each hide, and it is this provision that has been disregarded by the killers. Though hundreds of hides are ready to be presented the day the law goes into effect, it is not believed that more than a score of them have the claws attached.

STATE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

Treasurer's Statement Shows Over Million Dollars in Strong Box.

Salem—The treasurer's statement just out shows that the amount of first mortgage loans outstanding is the greatest in the history of the state, having reached the sum total of \$4,390,822.82. As a result the common school fund interest is growing rapidly and there will thereby be a large amount to apportion among the counties August 1.

The common school fund interest is now \$232,007.94.

The state tax paid into the state treasury during April was large, amounting \$500,000 being received. On account of this healthy condition of the state's finances, the total amount on hand is the largest that has ever been held at any time by the state for a great many years, the sum being \$1,173,533.98.

Rogue Bridged at Woodville.

Medford—The court of Jackson county has ordered construction of a new steel bridge across the Rogue river at Woodville, below Gold Hill, which will open a large agricultural district adjacent to Woodville but across the river. The trade of this section has hitherto been diverted to Grants Pass but now the little city will get all of the trade of that section. A planing mill, a box factory and a brick yard have recently been added to the industries of Woodville and work has just started on a large brick schoolhouse.

Forest Made into Orchard.

Grants Pass—From the primitive forest to a field of 50 acres planted to thrifty pear trees, apple trees and Tokay grapes is a task that has just been accomplished by W. B. Sherman, of this place, within five weeks. Just a little over a month ago this same 50-acre tract was studded with pine, fir and underbrush. Today the improvements placed thereon have increased this property three-fold in value. The tract of land in question lies up the river near Tokay Heights, and is within plain view of town.

Two-Day Festival at Lebanon.

Lebanon—The committee appointed by the Lebanon Business Men's league to make arrangements for the Lebanon strawberry fair has announced that Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, have been decided upon as the dates for this festival. The committee has invited the ladies of Lebanon and vicinity to join with them and have a rose festival at the time of the fair. It was also decided to hold a horse show at the same time. The horse exhibition will occur Saturday afternoon, June 5.

Five Miles of Ditch Dug.

Grants Pass—The farmers and ranchers of this community are jubilant over the advancement made on the irrigating ditches. The gravity ditch on the north side of town has been completed almost to the city limits, while on the north side of Rogue river the high land ditch to Fruitdale has been completed to the opening of the valley. Altogether five miles of waterways are ready for use. Water will be turned into the ditches within 30 days.

Klamath Changes Date.

Klamath Falls—The celebration of the completion of the railroad to Klamath Falls has been set for June 2 instead of June 7, so as not to conflict with the Rose festival in Portland. This is now authoritative. The event will be a great one in this section of the inland empire, and will be made memorable by the gathering of the greatest crowd ever known in Klamath county.

Presbyterians Plan Big Meet.

Interest in the Presbyterian Brotherhood convention in Portland June 8 and 9 is increasing. A banquet will be given the first night of the convention, the second day being devoted to addresses and conferences by leading laymen of the state. The convention will close the second evening with a mass meeting addressed by officers of the National Brotherhood.

Willamette to Get Stadium.

Pendleton—That Willamette university, at Salem, is soon to have the largest athletic stadium in the Northwest, and that it is sure to become the center for intercollegiate and interscholastic sports, is the statement given out here by President Homan, when in Pendleton recently.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR WESTON.

Citizens Propose to Make Good Use of Normal School Building.

Weston—The district school board has given notice of a special meeting May 31 to vote on the proposition of establishing a high school. This action is taken in view of the state normal board's refusal to permit the use of the state's property at Weston for a normal school supported with private funds.

The Eastern Oregon state normal school will therefore cease to be, with the commencement exercises May 23-25, after being conducted more than 20 years as a state institution. The state board will be petitioned for the use of the state's plant for public and high school purposes, the district agreeing to take care of the property for which no provision was made by the legislature.

In view of the fact that the community gave all the ground and one of the buildings to the state, it is thought that the request will be granted.

Buy Jackson Timber Road.

Medford—With the sale of the Pacific & Eastern railroad to J. R. Allen, of New York, during the past week, the hopes of Southern Oregon residents that the road be extended to the timber belt northeast of this city above Butte Falls have risen tremendously, and reality values in the country along the line of the proposed extension have made a corresponding increase. It seems that at least the road is to be completed, and with its completion one of the largest standing timber belts in the Northwest, as yet untouched by the woodman's axe, will be made accessible.

Ontario Demands Action.

Ontario—Protesting against the action of private interests who have filed on water rights in the Owyhee river without taking active steps to reclaim the land, representatives of the Commercial club, of Ontario, Weiser, Payette and Vale, met in this city and forwarded a petition to the Oregon and Idaho delegations in congress urging an early commencement of the Malheur irrigation project. There are approximately 145,000 acres of fertile land in this district.

Sells 23 Acres for \$2,133.

Weston—George Nesbitt, who has been employed three years on the farm of J. N. York, was surprised recently by the receipt of a "windfall" amounting to \$2,133. Several years ago Mr. Nesbitt acquired for a small sum 23 acres six miles from Boise. He had since regarded it of no value. When a Boise real estate man, Dean Perkins, came to see him and offered him \$2,133 for the tract he closed the deal immediately.

Dr. Steiner Returns.

Salem—Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the asylum, has returned from an extended trip East. He was accompanied as far as Chicago by H. E. Bickers, superintendent of the feeble minded institute. Bickers returned several weeks ago. Both made the trip for the purpose of making a study of the care of the insane of other states. Dr. Steiner visited Washington and Senator Chamberlain while there.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, 65¢@\$.25 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 12¢ per pound. Potatoes—\$1.75@2 per hundred. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10¢ per pound; asparagus, Oregon, 75¢@\$.25 per dozen; lettuce, head, 20¢@50¢ per dozen; onions, 12¢@15¢ per dozen; radishes, 15¢@20¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 2¢@3¢ per pound. Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20; valley, \$1.17; red Russian, \$1.17@1.20. Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$34.50 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$41 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50. Butter—City creamery, extras, 28¢; fancy outside creamery, 27¢@28¢; store, 18¢. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 cents per pound under regular butter prices. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24¢@25¢ per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 15¢@16¢; broilers, 28¢@30¢; fryers, 22¢@25¢; roosters 10¢; ducks, 14¢@15¢; geese, 10¢@11¢; turkeys, 20¢; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen. Veal—Extras, 8¢@8 1/2¢; ordinary, 7¢@7 1/2¢; heavies, 6¢@6 1/2¢. Pork—Fancy, 10¢ per pound. Hops—1909 contract, 9¢; 1908 crop, 8¢@8 1/2¢; 1907 crop, 3¢@4¢; 1906 crop, 1 1/2¢. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@21¢; valley, fine, 24¢; medium, 23¢; coarse, 22¢; mohair, choice, 24¢@25¢. Cattle—Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; cows, top, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; bulls and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75. Hogs—Best, \$7.50@7.75; fair to good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fat, \$6.75. Sheep—Top wethers, \$44.50; fair to good, \$35@40; ewes, 1/2¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5@5.50.

UNION PACIFIC EXEMPT.

Interstate Commerce Commission Allows Protest to Stand.

Washington, May 14.—Because it is 2,300 miles from St. Paul to Spokane over the Harriman railway system and only 1,900 miles over the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, the Interstate Commerce commission today modified its recent decision in the Spokane rate case, exempting the Harriman roads from adoption of the rates fixed by that decision as to St. Paul traffic. This decision was made possible only by the fact that no direct line from St. Paul to Omaha was a party to the Spokane case.

The commission, however, is unwilling at this time to grant similar exemption to the Harriman system on freight from Chicago to Spokane, because the Northwestern and Burlington roads, which connect with the Union Pacific system at Omaha, were parties to that case. However, the commission temporarily postpones its order as to Chicago-Spokane rates over the Union Pacific, giving the Harriman roads opportunity to establish new rates from Chicago to all territory between Pendleton and Spokane.

California Enters Protest.

San Francisco, May 14.—Believing that the reduction of freight rates to inland distributing points ordered recently by the Hill and Harriman lines, in accordance with the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission in the so-called Spokane case, will seriously injure Pacific coast cities to which no corresponding reduction has been made, William K. Wheeler, traffic manager of the Merchants' exchange, wired to the commissioners today asking for a stay in their approval of the proposed rates until the coast cities have had an opportunity to show the injustice of the new tariff.

WILL FIGHT STRIKE.

French Deputies Show Confidence in Government.

Paris, May 14.—A turbulent session of the chamber of deputies today resulted in a victory for Premier Clemenceau, when the government's policy with regard to the postal strike was emphatically indorsed by a vote of 454 to 59, including also the government's insistence that the postal employees and other functionaries have no right to strike.

Immediately afterward the chamber passed a vote of general confidence in the government by 365 to 75.

The strikers received the chamber's rebuke with a shrug of the shoulders, declaring it only served to bind closer their forces, which would soon startle the country by a big increase and a rapid extension of the general movement. On the other hand, it is intimated that the government has other plans in view.

Up to midnight there was no change in the situation. If anything it was in the direction of a weakening of the strike sentiment. The general conviction is that if the movement does not make vast strides tomorrow it is almost certain of complete failure.

FEWER RAILROAD ACCIDENTS

Year 1908 Was 40 Per Cent Safer Than Was 1907.

Chicago, May 14.—Not since the business prostration of 1895 and 1896 has travel on American railroads been so safe as it was during 1908. In a pamphlet issued by the bureau of railway news and statistics, it is stated that there were 1,932 fewer fatalities to passengers and employees in railway accidents during 1908 than there were during 1907, which is a decrease of approximately 40 per cent. The greatest decrease was in fatalities resulting from train accidents, and the following conclusion is drawn:

"All things considered, the conclusion is unavoidable that the diminution in fatalities was due almost entirely to the recession in freight traffic, which took the strain off every department of service and substituted an orderly observance of rules by passengers and employees, instead of their violation in the feverish rush of prosperity."

Few Japs Are Coming Now.

Victoria, B. C., May 14.—T. Nakamura, the new consul general to Canada, who arrived today, in an interview said Japan will strictly adhere to the immigration arrangements made with Canada and the United States, the restrictions being now strictly enforced. There are few applications for passports and a few Japanese are going to South America. Emigration from Japan now is mostly to Korea and Manchuria. Mr. Nakamura was formerly secretary at the Washington legation.

Divorce Records Broken.

San Francisco, May 14.—Seven divorces in 28 minutes—just four minutes to a decree—was the new record established today in the speedy dissolution of the marriage bond by Superior Judge George H. Cabanis. The judge was in a hurry and took the examination of the seven plaintiffs and seven corroborating witnesses out of the hands of the attorneys. The quickness with which questions and answers came made the court gasp.

Mikado to Greet Americans.

Tokio, May 14.—Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber and other officials will be received in audience by the emperor of Japan Monday next. At the dinner which will be given to the officers of the American fleet by Minister of Marine Saito this evening, the chief aim will be the cultivation of true friendship between the visitors and the Japanese. To accomplish this, formality will be laid aside as much as possible.

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