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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.

It is rumored that the stork will visit the royal house of Spain in May.

Henry W. Taft, brother of the president, is dangerously ill with erysipelas.

A big fight is expected on the postal savings banks bill and opponents say it will not pass.

An observer at Cambridge says the new comet, known as Comet A. 1910, is traveling from the earth at the rate of 41 miles per second.

Ejection of a civilian from a military ball at Charleston navy yard has resulted in a court martial, and the trial is arousing great interest.

By changing checks on an old value and a trunk containing \$10,000 worth of gems and jewelry, two clever thieves got away with the latter.

Large quantities of strychnine have been found in the stomach of Millionaire Swope, of Kansas City, who died recently under peculiar circumstances.

The postal department is considering the payment of back salaries due to postmasters in Oregon, and perhaps other states, amounting to many thousands of dollars, and covering a period of over 45 years.

Orville Wright's record of an aeroplane flight with passengers, one hour 37 minutes, was broken at Moulton, France by Etiloff, who remained in the air one hour and 50 minutes, and by Vandenberg, who remained in the air one hour and 42 minutes.

Rome is threatened with floods similar to those in France.

It is believed the chances of the irrigation bill in congress are improving.

Boise is to have a thorough investigation into the high prices of necessities.

The coroner's jury on the Carina wreck did not fix the blame on anyone.

Three Seattle policemen have been arrested, charged with levying blackmail.

Eight dead and thirty injured have been taken from a train wreck in England.

High food prices have driven thousands of children to factory work in Chicago.

Los Angeles is making a great effort to free her city employees from the clutches of loan sharks.

It is reported that Dr. Cook has been for several weeks at a German sanitarium, under a false name, and has now gone to Vienna.

The recent trip abroad of the Immigration commission is alleged to have been but a junket expedition and an investigation has been called for.

It is reported that if the government wins its suit against the railroad merger, a syndicate composed of Rockefeller, Morgan, and Kuhn, Loeb Co., will take up all the bonds and stock of the roads involved.

Pinchot's friends are active in the Ballinger investigation.

Taft decides to continue the suit to dissolve the Harriman railroad merger.

Violation of the rules of etiquette may cause the retirement of the Austrian premier.

Transcontinental Passenger association grants convention rates to Portland for Rose Festival.

Both parties admit the British election was fought on the tariff issue, and both claim the victory.

Los Angeles autoists are protesting loudly against the new ordinance providing jail terms for speeders.

Members of house committee on postoffice and postroads hotly resent magazine publishers' charges of graft.

A coroner's jury has held the engineer of a wrecked train on the New York Central responsible for the death of the victims.

Two robbers in a taxicab robbed the 12-mile house, east of Portland, then proceeded to the 7-mile house and attempted to rob that place, mortally wounding an attaché who resisted them. Posses were in pursuit inside of an hour.

A New York newboy, while defending an aged man against three others who were tormenting him, was stabbed three times. Two wealthy women in their automobile took the wounded newboy to a hospital, their dresses being drenched in his life blood while on the way.

The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry has begun in Washington.

Strong opposition to appointive council for Alaska has developed in the senate.

Paris is in darkness, owing to flooding of gas works and electric light stations.

Books of nearly all the big packing companies have been laid before the Federal grand jury.

PLAN TO RULE CUBA.

Negro Party Could Win Everything If Held Together.

Havana, Feb. 1.—Organization of a distinct negro party, with the avowed intention of obtaining control of the Cuban government, is being agitated through the republic—and the movement has become menacing from the viewpoint of the whites. This issue has been brought to public notice recently by race conflicts upon the hotel question, and the numerical strength of the negroes, united, gives it portent. Provision, the organ of the Partido Independiente de Color—Independent Party of Color—prints the newly constructed platform of the party, which contains these significant provisions: "The Independent Party of Color shall be organized throughout the whole republic with a national character, to maintain its equilibrium toward all Cuban interests. "The republic's equality, sovereign and independent, without race discriminations or social antagonisms, shall get our support. "To what extent promoters of the new movement may be successful remains to be seen, but there can be no doubt that, if the organization of the negro race as a political party ever should be effected, it would rule the republic. "The importance of the congressional elections in July can hardly be overestimated. It is not so much a question of which party shall return the greater number of candidates, as whether the independent republic, unaided by American supervision, shall prove itself competent to conduct an absolutely fair and peaceable election. "President Gomez' appointment of Senator Manuel Sanguily as secretary of state ends the long suspense regarding that important office. It is significant that the president should have gone out of the ranks of all political parties to select Sanguily, who ever has been an independent of the independents. "The senator lived in Harlem in the war of the revolution and returned to Cuba under the first intervention, buying himself at once with protests against the interference of the United States in affairs of Cuba. He is the author of several unsuccessful bills to restrict the immigration of foreigners into Cuba.

THUMB NOW INDIANS' PEN. Service Requires Impression of Digit Instead of Crossmark.

Chemawa, Or., Feb. 1.—Orders have been issued to the agents in the field of the Indian service to require thumb-mark signatures by Indians who are not able to write. "Thumb-mark signatures are now required on all checks, receipts and other official papers, which were formerly signed by a cross-mark by Indians and others. The impression is to be made with the right thumb placed after the names instead of the crossmark as before. The thumb-mark is then witnessed to make the identification certain and thus be an infallible method of identification in case of dispute or attempted fraud. "This was first done in the Indian service in 1906, when the system was adopted as evidence of the authenticity of written agreements with Indians, the thumb print of the signers being required in addition to their signatures or their marks. The system now includes the entire business of the department.

Peary Wins Flag Case.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The demurrer interposed by Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, in the action for desecration of the American flag, growing out of the display of the famous "North Pole" flag at the Hudson-Fulton celebration, was sustained today by Justice Lyon. Roswell R. Moes, an attorney, who brought the action, announced that he would carry the case to the Supreme court rather than acknowledge defeat.

Goebel Dies, Heart-Struck.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—On the 10th anniversary of the assassination of William Goebel, the funeral of his brother, Arthur Goebel, who died in Phoenix, Ariz., on January 20, was held in Covington, Ky., this afternoon. Commonwealth Attorney Franklin, in his funeral oration, declared that "the bullet that killed William Goebel, together with the liberation of all those charged with the murder, just as certainly killed Arthur Goebel." Arthur, he said, died of a broken heart.

Lips Fastened With Pins

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—Fastening his lips together with safety pins so he could not curse, Vernon E. Bennett, formerly a missionary among the Indians, was carried, a raving maniac, into the receiving hospital yesterday. It was necessary for Nurse Morgan and Probation Policeman Leo Marden to pry his jaws apart with instruments to get at the ordinary pins and needles with which he had filled his mouth.

Mo Pay Overflow Its Banks.

Rome, Feb. 1.—Although weather conditions have improved throughout Italy, reports are still being received of the flooding of much territory. The river Po threatens to overflow its banks, while at some points landlides have occurred. Dispatches from Perugia say that the river Tiber continues to rise and is three feet above the highest level of the last flood.

Asiatics to Work on Railroads.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—The Pacific Mail steamship Manchuria arrived here tonight four days behind her schedule, having on board 400 Asiatics, 175 of them Hindus, for work on California railroads.

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

APPLE PROFITS GREAT.

Former Mail Carrier Extols Life of Up-to-Date Fruitraiser.

Portland.—One of the most interesting addresses delivered before Portland Apple Growers' association was given by I. A. Mason, a prominent Hood River orchardist. The subject was "The Apple from Start to Finish," the speaker giving the large audience present a clear, concise story of apple production from the practical standpoint. Perhaps the most interesting part of Mr. Mason's address was that in which he gave exact figures on the proceeds from an Oregon apple orchard. In his Hood River orchard he has just two varieties, Newtown Pippin and Spitzenberg. In 1906 his receipts from the Spitzenbergs were \$835 an acre, and from the Newtowns \$750 an acre. This was the only year, he said, in which the Spitzenbergs brought larger returns than the other variety. In 1907 the average returns were \$210 an acre; in 1908, \$1,000 an acre, and in 1909, \$500 an acre. This year, he said, his trees are 13 years old. "These figures are exact and not colored in any way," said Mr. Mason. "It will be seen that my orchard has brought me in gross receipts of \$700 an acre as an average for five years. All expense of maintenance amounted to about \$200 an acre, leaving a net profit of \$500 an acre. "This, of course, is paying 10 per cent on a valuation of \$5,000 an acre. It looks big, but it is nothing more than any young man who gets hold of a good piece of Oregon apple land can do. It can be done in the Willamette valley. If you will only select the right land, plant the best varieties and give them proper attention. "You will notice that my orchard brought in only \$500 an acre last year. This, I believe, was because the crop was so heavy the year before. The extraordinary cold snap of last winter also contributed to it. But I want to say right now that this year gives every indication of being one of the best that Hood River has ever experienced. I believe confidently that my orchard will again bring in at least \$1,200 an acre. "In raising apples it must be borne in mind that it takes time before the trees begin to pay. You will get a small crop in five years, and a better yield each subsequent year. But all that time you have been paying out with nothing coming in. It will take the crops of the seventh and eighth years to bring you out even. Then you are in clover. It's all velvet after that."

Mr. Mason advocated planting not more than three varieties in one orchard, and said two are better, if the right two are selected. He also declared that in Oregon he does not consider the slope of the ground as making a great deal of difference, just so the soil is of the right quality.

Convention to Carve New State.

Medford.—The Southern leaders in the movement to carve a new state out of Southern Oregon and Northern California, to be known as Siskiyou county, are active with arrangements to call a convention to devise ways and means.

According to present plans the convention will gather in Yreka, Siskiyou county, California, not later than March 15, and remain in session three days. Prominent men from all over the territory affected have signified their willingness to attend and aid in the movement.

As planned, the new state will embrace seven California counties and five Oregon counties. The movement grew out of widespread dissatisfaction with the treatment alleged to have been accorded the territory by the two states. California, it is said by those advocating the formation of the new state, has long neglected its northern portion, while Southern Oregon has suffered in a like manner, it is claimed, at the hands of Portland and the Willamette valley. The move to create the new state is popular through the affected territory.

Florence Sees Bright Future.

Eugene.—Florence, at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, has been petitioned by T. J. Monroe of Coos Bay for a franchise for an electric light plant. The petition will probably be submitted to a vote of the people. Florence is growing rapidly as a result of the beginning of jetty work at the mouth of the river. The citizens are working for a railroad to the Willamette valley via Eugene. It has been rumored that the Southern Pacific company would build a line from Eugene to Florence to reach Coos Bay, but the citizens place more faith in the promise of the promoters of the Eugene & Western company, which has made preliminary surveys and expects to begin construction work soon.

Electric Clocks at Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls.—O. B. Gates, agent for the Western Union Telegraph company, has secured 12 contracts for installing clocks with telegraph service in business houses in the city. The company only sent Mr. Gates 12 contracts. This is a most creditable showing for a city of this size. It was not expected that over three of four clocks could be installed, as that is usually the number used in towns even larger than this.

The Oregon Library commission will be glad to loan program material to teachers for Lincoln's and Washington's birthday. The only charge will be postage. Address Oregon Library commission, Salem.

STANT BIG PRUNE ORCHARD.

Syndicate Will Plant Big Tract Near Capital City.

Salem.—One hundred and sixty-five acres of raw land have been purchased by a syndicate of Salem business men in the center of one of the best fruit districts in the vicinity of Salem, the Rosedale district, and it will be set out at once with Italian prunes. The trees have been ordered for 50 acres of the purchase, and they will be planted at once.

The land is located seven or eight miles south of Salem, and will be traversed by the Oregon Electric when that line is extended on to Albany. The purchase was made of Arthur Edwards by Charles McNary, Dr. T. C. Smith, Harry E. Albert and Frank Durbin, an attorney, a dentist, a banker and a hop grower and buyer. It is the first time that a group of men have entered the prune business in so systematic a way in this vicinity. The whole tract is not to be set out at once. The best methods will be adopted and studied with a view to making money. Other improvements will be put on the tract, including a unique summer home, which may be occupied from time to time by one or more of the families of the men who are the proprietors of the model orchard. It will be a plantation for farmers and prune growers in Marion and Polk counties to emulate, and as an educational feature alone it will be a valuable asset to the prune growing industry in those counties.

New Bick School for Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls.—Plans for the new public school building, which is to be erected on the west side of the river, have been approved by the school board. The building will be two story with basement and large attic, and covers a ground space 82x92 1/2 feet. It will contain eight class rooms, with two rooms in the basement, and one large room 25x80 feet in the attic, which will be used as an assembly and music room.

Negotiate for Light Plant.

Marshall.—Negotiations are on for the sale of the Coos Bay Gas & Electric company. Billingsby & Co., of Chicago, whose representatives are now in the city, are handling the deal. The property consists of the electric and gas plant furnishing light and power for the Bay City, and certain franchises for a street railway in North Bend. It is understood that the deal will probably be closed.

Potato Rate Reduced.

Salem.—An order has been issued reducing the rates on potatoes and onions to the same general level as the grain rates on the Southern Pacific road, which is one of the few roads in the Northwest that has charged more for the transportation of potatoes and onions than for grain and mill feed. The railroad commission has decided that these charges of the Southern Pacific are unreasonable.

\$1,000 for Lane County's Fair.

Eugene.—The Lane County Fair association has decided to ask the county court for an appropriation of \$1,000 annually for the fair and appointed a committee to interview the court at its next meeting.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices.—Bluestem, \$1.16; club, \$1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.06; 40-fold, \$1.10. Barley—Feed and brewing, \$28.50 @29 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.50@32 ton.

Hay—Track prices.—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$16@17.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 37¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 35¢@37¢; store, 20¢@22¢. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 31¢ @32¢; Eastern, 17¢@22¢.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢@17¢; springs, 16¢@17¢; ducks, 21¢@22¢; geese, 12¢@14¢; turkeys, live, 22¢@25¢; dressed, 22 1/2¢@30¢; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 12¢@13¢ per pound.

Fresh Fruits.—Apples, \$1@3 per box; pears, \$1@1.50; cranberries, \$8 @9 per barrel.

Potatoes.—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70¢@90¢ per sack; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2¢@2 1/2¢ per pound.

Vegetables.—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$1.75@2 per hundred; pumpkins, 1 1/2¢@1 1/2¢ per pound; squash, 2¢; tomatoes, \$1.50@2.25 per box; turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.50.

Onions.—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack.

Hops.—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20¢@22 1/2¢ per pound; 1908s, 17 1/2¢ @19 1/2¢.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 25¢.

Casaca bark, 1 1/2¢ per pound.

Hides.—Dry, 18¢@18 1/2¢ per pound; dry kip, 18¢@18 1/2¢; dry calfskin, 19¢ @21¢; salted hides, 10¢@10 1/2¢; salted calfskins, 15¢; green, 1¢ less.

Cattle.—Best, steers, \$5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; strictly good cows, \$3.75@4; fair to good cows, \$3@3.50; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$3.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.

Hogs.—T. P. \$9; fair to good, \$8.50@8.75.

Sheep.—Best wethers, \$5.50; fair to good, \$5@5.50; good ewes, \$4.75@5; lambs, \$6@6.50.

PARIS STILL SUFFERS.

Floods Increase and Death and Destruction Spread.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Waters of the Seine creep slowly higher, each inch widely extending the area of destruction, desolation and ruin.

Flood conditions had become much worse at 2 o'clock this morning, particularly in the south and east sections. In the old Latin quarter the situation was critical.

The sidewalk of the Quai des Grands Augustins collapsed and fell into the Orleans company's tunnel beneath, further extending the flood through the ancient streets, practically the Rue Jacob and around the Institute of France.

Many sewers burst in the Twelfth arrondissement, one of the biggest in Paris, the whole of which is now submerged and has been plunged into darkness on account of the breaking of the gas mains.

Official figures of the stage of the water are difficult to obtain, and the city council at a stormy session tonight charged M. Lepine, prefect of Paris, with concealing the gravity of the situation. The prefect defended his attitude by saying he was governed by the necessity of not unduly alarming the people.

In the meantime terror has been struck in the hearts of all. The crust of the city seems ready to sink into the flood. Every hour drains are bursting in new localities, causing a subsidence of the streets, or a bulge of several feet, while the overflow of the surface water from the river is transforming the inundated districts into formidable lakes and the streets into canals.

INVESTIGATION WAS CORRUPT

Four Chicago Grand Jurors of 1908 Forced New Inquiry.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Four members of the Federal grand jury which investigated the so-called beef "trust" in 1908 forced the government, through Judge Landis, to start the present inquiry, according to a report current here today.

Concerning the inception of the present action, it is said there would have been none, had the four dissatisfied jurymen not sought the aid of Judge Landis.

This quartet, it is said, was willing to indict the packers in December, 1908, and finally became so indignant over the increasing price of meat that they informed Judge Landis that they thought it was time for the government to begin an inquiry.

The report of the four jurors alleged that enough evidence was submitted to the 1908 grand jury to warrant true bills, and that, in spite of this, there was a sudden spatey on the part of those behind the prosecution. They also said that if the investigation was not renewed immediately they would make a statement to the public setting forth their theory of why the prosecution had been dropped.

Following the jurors' complaint, Judge Landis is said to have made the investigation that resulted in the present action being started. Judge Landis, it is asserted, got in touch with the evidence submitted to the 1908 grand jury, and he is determined that the present action shall not be nullified by influence outside the grand jury room.

INSURANCE FRAUDS.

Policies Written On Many Persons on Verge of Grave.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—John J. Keane, P. J. Needham and T. T. O'Leary, agents representing a number of insurance companies in Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky and other states, tonight were arrested on warrants charging them with conspiracy to defraud.

The warrants were sworn to by S. C. Renick, secretary and treasurer of the Indiana National Life Insurance company.

While the amount involved is not stated, it is understood reach \$200,000 or more in policies alleged to have been written on the lives of persons virtually certain to die within a few months—the fraud consisting of the impersonation of sick and incurable persons by healthy ones employed for the purpose.

It is believed the alleged conspiracy is far-reaching and investigation will be made not only here, but in New Albany, Ind., and perhaps in other cities.

Consular Agent Missing.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Pietro Inardi, Italian consular agent at Kansas City, Mo., has disappeared, according to a statement made here today by Guido Sabetta, the Italian Consul. Mr. Sabetta said he feared Inardi had become mentally unbalanced because of persecution by a certain element of the Kansas City Italians. About \$2,000 is involved in the disappearance, but Mr. Sabetta said Inardi's accounts with his government and with the American Express Co., for whom he is agent, are square.

Trainmen Cannot Agree.

New York, Jan. 28.—Representatives of the Railway trainmen's union who were to have conferred today with officials of 32 controlling railroads east of the Mississippi river, left tonight for the West, and the conference has been postponed indefinitely. Original expectations were that by this time the men would have formulated a scale to replace the proposals recently rejected by the railroads, but they are not agreed.

Latham Falls 150 Feet.

Caro, Egypt, Jan. 28.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator, fell 150 feet while making a flight at Heliopolis this afternoon. The monoplane was wrecked, but Latham was not injured.

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