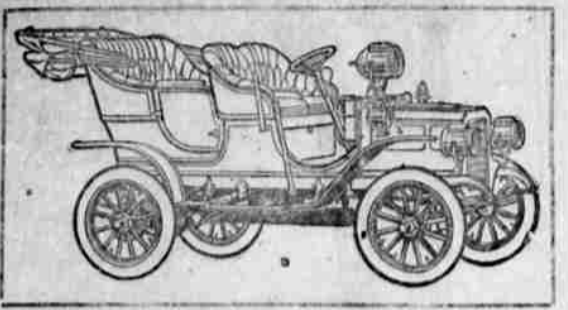


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HAPPENINGS AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

ELKS LODGE HAS REACHED CAPACITY—PRESIDENT WILL AID THE CASTLEMEN.

Tariff Revision Is Agreed Upon—
Five Days Later United States Will Be—Other News.

Argument of the Pacific Coast Lumber case was resumed before the Interstate Commerce Commission and J. D. Kerr, representing the Hill route, frankly stated that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern have reached their capacity for handling traffic. He said as the development of the Northwest continued, traffic would grow. Therefore additional roads must increase their capacity or new roads must be built, but he declared no new roads would be built to haul lumber unless they had a guarantee of a rate that would be remunerative. If the old non-compensatory lumber rate is continued in effect, money cannot be procured and railroad building will stop, he said. Kerr denied that the lumber man would be injured by an increase in the rate. They can absorb the increase and still make a handsome profit, he declared.

Inasmuch as the President has interested himself in the bill requiring railroads to move livestock at a rate not less than 16 mills an hour, legislation may be enacted before adjournment. It was demonstrated a few days ago that the House committee on interstate commerce was not particularly enthusiastic, and it is probably true that before that committee takes any action the railroads will demand a hearing.

Plans for the revision of the tariff have been agreed upon by the Republican leaders, including Roosevelt, Speaker Cannon, Senator Beveridge and Representative Payne, Dazell and Sherman, the three latter being members of the House ways and means committee, who will frame the new law. An extra session of Congress will be called immediately after the expiration of the present Congress next spring and a bill will be drafted reducing some of the high schedules on steel and iron and equalizing others.

The Pacific Coast members of Congress have been informed that only seven Japanese, and these not laborers, have entered the United States this year, which is regarded as showing the effectiveness of the new emigration regulation which Japan has formulated and undertaken to enforce. There is an apprehension that some Japanese laborers have entered the country through Mexico, but it is learned that Mexico is negotiating with Japan for practically the same regulations that have been applied to the United States.

The House has unanimously adopted a resolution to investigate the charges brought by Representative Lilley of Connecticut, of corrupt influences upon members of the House naval affairs committee in connection with authorizations for submarine torpedo boats. The resolution is sweeping in its character and gives the committee authority to call for the Electric Boat Company's check books and all papers in their possession which may have any bearing on the investigation.

In response to a letter of protest against the Beverage child labor bill, President Roosevelt has addressed a letter to the Indiana Manufacturers' Association, in which he places himself in favor of the enactment by Congress of a bill regulating child labor in the District of Columbia and Territories if the States fail to enact such laws.

Senator Bourne has been appointed a member of the sub-committee on postoffice and post roads and for the consideration of the postal savings bank bill, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Proctor.

Medford Finds Objections.
Medford—Great excitement is felt in the Rogue River Valley by property-owners over the prospective passage of the Fulton joint resolution providing for legal action against the Oregon and California land grant. Unless it is amended to provide that innocent purchasers of railroad grant lands be protected, one of Southern Oregon's chief interests will be jeopardized, and to that end, voting the sentiments of the public, several of the deeply interested holders have wired Congressman Hawley urging immediate action toward an amendment to the resolution.

Wheat at Tacoma.
Tacoma, March 10.
Wheat—Weak, but prices unchanged. Prices paid by exporters, Bluestem, \$4.10; club, \$2.10; red, \$2.00.
Eggs—At an time last year did strictly fresh ranch eggs job at as low a figure as they are selling now. The market opened on Tuesday and 13 cents was all that the dealers were asking.

WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Lumber Rate Argument Provokes Other Rates Too High.

Olympic, Wash., March 9.—The lumber rate question is becoming an important factor in the valuation hearings before the Railroad Commission, and on it, whichever way it is decided by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Railroad Commission will apparently be able to have a feeling about rates on other commodities, too high.

The Commission has been endeavoring to bring out as much testimony as possible concerning the lumber rate, and by stipulation with the railroad attorneys has introduced portions of the testimony of President Hill and Elliott, submitted on the subject to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It will be the theory of the Railroad Commission that if the old 16-mill rate on lumber contained a loss to the railroads, then the same loss should be shared by the shippers of other commodities. If the rate was not too low, then other rates are proportionately too high.

TROOPS LEAVE GOLDFIELD.

Soldiers Depart and the State Police Take Charge of Situation.
Goldfield, Nev., March 9.—The United States troops that have been in Goldfield for three months evacuated the camp last Saturday and turned the responsibility of maintaining peace in the Goldfield district over to the local police authorities and the Nevada State Police. The departing forces consisted of 114 men and five officers, requiring three passenger and two baggage cars. The departure of the troops was at an early morning hour. Their departure was not signaled in any particular way.

Several squads of State Police arrived in Goldfield last week and established local headquarters in a building in the center of the town. The district is peaceful, as the strike has practically been declared off.

SPOKANE MURDER MYSTERY.

Body of Cripple Found Wrapped in Red-Quilt in River.
Spokane, Wash., March 9.—The corpse of an unknown man believed to have been murdered, was found in the river Saturday. The body had been wrapped from head to foot in a portiere and a bed quilt and tied securely with a window cord. It was lodged against the dam in the Spokane river, east of Washington street. The pockets had been turned inside out. An ugly wound was found on the right cheek. Authorities believe the man was murdered in his room for his money, then wrapped up and thrown into the river. The man was a cripple. The left arm had been amputated at the shoulder years ago and the left leg severed just below the knee. He was about 45 years old and it is thought was an Irishman.

New York Indorses Hughes.
New York, March 9.—"We will go to the National convention in Chicago cheering for Hughes, but we will take particular attention to impress upon delegates from other States the fact that not one thing the Governor has asked has been made a law by the present Legislature."
This statement was made today by a State Senator who has gone on record as favoring the promotion of New York's Governor. Taken in consideration with other things, it indicates very clearly that the New York delegation, while ostensibly for Hughes, will not be remarkable for its loyalty.

Minnesota Gives Bryan Black Eye.
St. Paul.—The Democratic State committee of Minnesota, after a bitter fight, adopted a resolution indorsing Governor Johnson of Minnesota for the Presidential nomination, and recommending that he be nominated at the National convention at Denver next July.
The Johnson resolution was carried by a vote of 95 to 25, after the Bryan adherents had forced two test votes, on both of which they were defeated.

Destruction of Nanaimo, B. C.
Victoria, B. C., March 9.—Such devastation prevails at the coal city of Nanaimo that the provincial government has inaugurated emergency relief works, giving employment to some 500 men clearing public lands near the city.

Kutcherbocker Bank to Re-open.
New York, March 9.—The Kutcherbocker Trust Company, which suspended business at the beginning of the financial flurry last October, will resume business at noon Thursday, March 26. Permission for the resumption of business was granted by Justice Clark in the Supreme Court at St. George.

Gasoline War in Seattle.
Seattle, March 10.—The Standard Oil Company and the Union Oil Company of California are at war in Seattle. Gasoline has been reduced 4 cents a gallon in the past few months, and other reamed oils proportionately. The last cut came today in the reduction of gasoline to a 17 1/2 cents per gallon to 16 1/2 cents. The Union Oil Company immediately ordered a similar reduction. Last November gasoline was quoted at 20 1/2 cents a gallon.

OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lumber prices in Pendleton have taken a decided drop of from 10 to 20 per cent this week.

Owing to the paralytic stroke of Civil Engineer Chase sustained several weeks ago, work on the new water system of Rainier is progressing slowly.

A summer Bible school, which will be a new feature in religious work in Clifton, will be held in Albany this summer.

The Ashland Commercial Club has passed a resolution indorsing the University of Oregon application for the location of the public on June 1.

Amos C. Izinger, who has previously represented Lane County in the Legislature, has filed his petition for the nomination of Representative on the Republican ticket.

The residents of the Windy Creek district and the officers of the Glendale telephone company have decided to extend a rural line from Glendale to Ferndale.

Fred Lemley, the young man found guilty by a jury in the Circuit court at Eugene of selling liquor in violation of the local option law, was fined \$300 by Judge Harris.

Publishers and editors of Union County have organized themselves into an auxiliary to the State Press Association. The organization's objects are similar to those of the State order.

After lying in the Calapooya river for 77 days the body of Arch Ferguson was found Monday. It was located by Ferguson's father, who had kept up a faithful search since his son's death.

W. W. Smith of Lafayette, five miles east of McMinnville, was found dead in bed and is supposed to have committed suicide. Smith was arrested last week and tried on an insanity charge but was released.

Russell Jeffrey, a sophomore of the Oregon Agricultural College at Eugene, left last Friday for Annapolis, where he is to enter a preparatory school to be trained for final examinations for entry into the naval academy.

After an even year in appealing his case and securing orders for retrial, on a charge of extortion while congressman in La Grande, Attorney E. W. Bartlett, now of Pendleton, has been vindicated by a verdict of not guilty.

A petition is being circulated throughout Curry County calling for an election to vote again on the liquor question. The county has been dry and the thirsty ones are seeking an easier way of obtaining their liquor than the present one, by stage or schooner.

Wallawa County Court on Friday acted on a petition of over 60 per cent of the voters of the county asking for a removal of the county seat from Enterprise to Wallawa by ordering a vote to be taken in June. A vote to determine whether Wallawa County shall remain dry was likewise ordered.

Ester Mitchell, the Oregon girl of Holy Roller fame, who killed her brother in Seattle because he had shot Creffield, the Holy Roller "Messiah," is not wanted in Oregon on any charge which would warrant extradition proceedings, and so such papers have been issued through the Governor's office, the sole channel for such proceedings.

On complaint of the saloonkeepers of Pendleton the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the promiscuous selling of liquor by drug stores. Saloonkeepers claim that the drug stores are dealing out whisky without being compelled to pay the \$900 license and comply with the other regulations saloon proprietors have to observe.

That too much speed caused the wreck of the Chicago special, four miles west of Pendleton, Wednesday, is the consensus of opinion of the committee of engineers and railroad officials who investigated the cause of the wreck on Saturday. What caused the tracks of the engine to climb over the rail can only be explained by its striking curve at too great speed.

The last will and testament of the late Timmon Ford, who died in Salem on March 1st, has been admitted to probate. The estate is valued at \$164,750, and the bulk of the fortune is divided among relatives.

One of the most important features of the will is that Mr. Ford bequeathed 50 of his most valuable horses and automobiles to each of which he gave a good watch and chain, to be purchased of him or her own selection, of the value of \$150.

S. H. Harverson, County Sheriff, Mr. Adolphson, a prominent citizen, and Al March, County Tax Assessor, have been summoned to Lee Angeles by the United States Marshal to appear as witnesses in the case being tried there against the Pacific Coast Lumber and Furniture Company and alleged accomplices. This company operated at Gold Beach for some time before being driven out of the county last year.

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