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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.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been arrested at Pittsburg.

Chester, Pa., is having trouble with street car men.

Two cruisers and five torpedo boats have left San Francisco for Portland.

A company of militia is to be organized at Honolulu, the first for the islands.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, will go to the democratic national convention as a delegate.

Two Utah mining companies are fighting over a silver mine said to be worth \$1,450,000.

Senator Foraker is favoring Roosevelt for another term, as he dislikes him less than Taft.

A man has just been arrested in Michigan for a murder committed in Colorado 15 years ago.

An ex-member of the United States secret service is in trouble at Flagstaff, Arizona, for trying to extort money.

The troops of the pretender to the Moroccan throne have looted all the government buildings and houses of the sultan.

While preparations were in progress for the funeral of a Kansas City man, the supposed corpse sat up and asked for a drink.

Mrs. Harry Thaw has withdrawn her suit for divorce. It is thought this is a move to gain control of any property he may have.

Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt has secured a divorce.

President Fallieres, of France, is visiting King Edward.

A Seattle woman sent her daughter for a doctor and then committed suicide.

W. T. Hamilton, the last living of General Custer's scouts, has just died at Butte, Mont.

The Presbyterian general assembly will seek a closer union of the Presbyterian churches.

Thaw has been declared still insane, but he will try to avoid returning to the Matteawan asylum.

Senator Slayden, of Texas, is opposed to the Seattle fair and says the country is tiring of expositions.

There is a desperate effort in congress to pass a currency bill by holding up the public building bill.

Fully a quarter of a million men employed in English shipbuilding yards have accepted a cut in wages.

More than 100 government meat inspectors held a conference in Chicago on the enforcement of the new meat inspection law.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed a law which provides for a penitentiary term for any employer who refuses work to a man because he is a member of a union. Pinkerton detectives are also barred from the state.

Peter Daly, the actor, is dead.

Good progress is being made on the Seattle fair buildings.

The Northern Baptist convention for 1909 will meet in Portland.

A statue of the late Senator Hanna has just been unveiled at Cleveland, Ohio.

Eastern railroads will resist the Interstate Commerce Commission's rates for accounting.

Thousands of people are swarming to the Puget Sound cities to see the Atlantic battleship fleet.

A Hoboken, N. J., justice of the peace says he married Anna Gould and Prince de Sagan before they left for Europe.

The airship White Wing, built by Baldwin, is making successful flights in New York. Baldwin was the inventor of the airship at the Lewis and Clark fair.

A Chicago woman brought back to life after being pronounced dead is sorry she was revived. She says her soul traversed a beautiful country in spirit land.

Crop failures in British East Africa is causing much loss of life among the natives. More than 40,000 deaths have been caused by starvation and the government is feeding 50,000 people.

Bishops in the Methodist general conference passed the lie.

France may have to recognize Mulai Hafid as sultan of Morocco.

The late Governor Sparks, of Nevada, was a great cattle breeder.

Before the battleship fleet leaves for the Orient it will be reorganized.

Inability to get a board of arbitration is continuing the street car strike at Cleveland, Ohio.

### PUBLISH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Taft and Bryan Favor Passage of Such a Law by Congress.

Washington, May 26.—The first big sensation of the presidential campaign came today when William Jennings Bryan sent a telegram to William Howard Taft suggesting that they join in urging congress to pass a bill making compulsory the publication of campaign contributions.

This move by Bryan is looked upon as one of great wisdom by the democratic leaders, who say it shows his sincere determination to conduct his campaign without the aid of great corporate influence.

Bryan's message reads as follows: "Hon. William Howard Taft, secretary of war, Washington:

"I beg to suggest that as the leading candidates of our respective parties, we join in asking congress to pass the bill requiring the publication of campaign contributions prior to elections. If you think best we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request.

"W. J. BRYAN."  
Secretary Taft replied to William J. Bryan's telegram, suggesting that they unite in asking congress to pass a bill providing for the publication of campaign contributions, as follows:

"William J. Bryan: Your telegram received. On April 20, last, I sent the following letter to Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections:

"I sincerely believe that it would greatly tend toward the absence of corruption from politics if all the expenditures for the nominations and elections of all candidates and all contributions received and expenditures made by political committees could be made public, both in respect to state and national politics. For that reason, I strongly favor the passage of the bill now pending."

### OKLAHOMA FLOODS RECEDING.

Property Loss Estimated \$10,000,000—Eight Lives Lost.

Guthrie, Okla., May 27.—The sun is shining in Oklahoma today, and the flood waters are fast receding. No additional loss of life is reported, and the homeless are beginning gradually to return to their homes. The death roll remains at eight.

With miles of tracks washed out and bridges damaged or destroyed, the railroads are still demoralized; train service on many lines must remain annulled for several days yet, while on others only a partial service is possible. The damage to crops and railroads can, of course, be only roughly estimated, but a conservative figure places the aggregate at close to \$10,000,000. It marks the costliest disaster ever sustained either in Oklahoma or the Indian Territory or by the new State of Oklahoma.

At Muskogee the Arkansas river continued to rise up to last night, but this morning began gradually to lower. At that point 2,500 consumers are still without gas as a result of the principal main breaking.

In West Guthrie, where more than 500 houses were submerged, the water drained off fast today, and conditions began to assume a normal aspect.

Around Shawnee, Sapulpa, Tulsa, Jenks and other points hundreds of railroad laborers are at work repairing tracks and bridges. At Stigler the Canadian river has made a complete change of course, and railroad bridges that formerly spanned that stream are rendered useless.

### HORRORS INCREASE.

Recent Storm in Texas Cost at Least 100 Lives.

Dallas, Tex., May 27.—As the hours pass the horrors of the flood in this section increase. It is believed the complete list of dead, when compiled, will show at least 100 lives to have been lost. It is estimated that 10,000 people are homeless, having been driven from their houses by the raging waters.

The property loss is estimated to be at least \$25,000,000 over the entire stricken district.

The Trinity river has surpassed all records. Last night it was believed the crest of the flood had been reached here, but more rains in the north have sent the waters down with increased fury and today the floods were greater than yesterday and continually increasing.

Business is suspended, and Mayor Hay has organized a relief and rescue corps, the members of which have been doing most heroic work.

### Big Clock Started.

New York, May 27.—When Mayor Wittgen, of Jersey City, pressed a tiny button he set in motion the mechanism of the largest clock in the world. As the giant minute hand began to move the boats on the river and the factories on land joined in a chorus of whistles. The dial of the clock is visible for miles along the Hudson river. It is 35 feet in diameter, with an area of 1,134 square feet. The minute hand is 20 feet long and weighs a third of a ton, and the weight of the entire clock is close to six tons.

### Hearst Wins His Fight.

New York, May 27.—William R. Hearst won an important victory today in his long fight for a recount of the ballots cast in the mayoralty election in 1905, when George B. McClellan was declared elected, and at last the boxes are to be opened.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### INVESTIGATE EXPRESS RATES.

State Railroad Commission Has Fancy Figures to Start With.

Salem, Or., May 26.—An investigation has been started by the railroad commission regarding express rates enforced by the Wells, Fargo and the Pacific express companies in Oregon. Some startling revelations have been brought to light that will likely demand the attention of the commission in the near future.

Comparisons have been made showing the relative charges on lines in Oregon and the charges in other states for similar distances and for the same class of goods. From Portland to Siskiyou, a distance of 385 miles, the Wells-Fargo express company charges a merchandise rate of \$2.75 for 100 pounds, while for the same distance in Missouri a rate has been established by the Missouri railroad commission, which is now in force, of \$2 for 100 pounds. The merchandise rate in Texas for a similar distance is \$2.05.

The rates charged by the Pacific express company are even more exorbitant according to the figures given out by the railroad commission. The Pacific express company operates out of Portland east over the O. R. & N. For 440 miles over the O. R. & N., from Portland to Huntington, the general merchandise rate for 100 pounds is \$4. For 358 miles, or the same distance for which the Wells-Fargo charges \$2.75 in Western Oregon, the Pacific express company in Eastern Oregon charges \$3.75.

Compared with similar distances in Missouri and Texas, the rates of the Pacific express company are extreme. For 440 miles in Missouri the general merchandise express rate is \$2.10 and in Texas it is \$2.30. In both these states the rates have been fixed by railroad commissions and have been accepted by the express companies and are now in force. The rates given are for the same classes of goods in every instance.

### OREGON WOOL GOOD.

Secretary Smythe Praises Compulsory Dipping Law.

Portland.—Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the Oregon Woolgrowers association, passed through Portland recently on his way to Salem, where he represents the third district of Oregon at the annual meeting of the state sheep commission. Mr. Smythe says the wool clip this year is as large as usual, and that the wool is of exceptionally fine quality.

At this session of the sheep commission the eastern Oregon men intend to take some radical action to prevent further encroachments of Washington sheepmen in the Wenaha forest reserve. Mr. Smythe, who is extensively engaged in sheepraising himself, is emphatic in praise of the compulsory dipping law passed at the last session of the legislature. He says Oregon sheep are now practically free from disease of every kind, and the wool is of a much higher grade than in former years.

The administration at Washington has favored the woolgrowers in the Evergreen State, to the detriment of Oregon stockmen. Just what action will be taken Mr. Smythe was not prepared to say, but he thinks the commission will make recommendations that the forestry department at the national capital will not dare to overlook.

### Complete Elgin-Joseph Line.

In the Portland mail from the East to General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. company, he has received the long-expected instructions from New York to proceed with construction of the Elgin-Joseph branch. About \$500,000, the amount necessary to complete the line, has been provided. From 200 to 400 men will be put on at once. For the last two months the authorization from Mr. Harriman for this work has been expected daily. As soon as the effects of last year's money stringency began to wane Mr. O'Brien made application for the necessary funds to complete the road to Joseph.

### Nevada's Governor an Oregonian.

Ontario.—Den S. Dickerson, who is now governor of Nevada, vice John Sparks, deceased, is a Malheur County boy, aged 34 years. His parents reside on a farm five miles west of Vale. He left this section seven years ago for Nevada and joined the Miners Union in White Pine County, and when the union asked recognition on the state ticket he was named as lieutenant-governor. He served in the Philippine war, enlisting in Portland.

### Auto to Carry Tourists.

Klamath Falls.—Captain J. M. McIntyre, of the McIntyre Transportation company, has purchased an 11-passenger automobile, and will put it on the line between Dorris and this city. A crew of men is now working on the road between Dorris and Keno, getting it in shape for automobile service, and it is expected that the run can be made in two hours from end of rail to this city.

### Scouring Mills to Reopen.

Pendleton.—It was announced a few days ago that the wheels of the Pendleton scouring mills would be started turning about June 1. The uncertain condition of the wool market is responsible for the late start, but it will not shorten the season's run. Several thousand pounds of wool are now on hand and more is arriving daily.

### MARK PACKAGES IN FULL.

Railroads Put Additional Burdens on Small Shippers.

Chicago, May 26.—Besides determining to increase freight rates 10 per cent, the railroads in the "official classification" territory have agreed to add considerably to the burdens of the shippers of package freight. At the same meeting at which the rate increases were decided upon, the representatives of more than 400 railroads agreed that after July 1 they will not receive for shipment any packages in less than carload lots which are not marked plainly with the name of the consignee, the station and state of consignment, the station, city and state of destination.

It is estimated that this action will save the railroads in the territory east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River to the seaboard, at least \$2,000,000 annually in loss and damage claims. On the other hand, it will cost the shippers of package freight probably as much, or even more, to perform the actual work required in marking the shipments as prescribed by the railroads. It is also stated by the shippers that it will make impossible any secrecy regarding the identity of the customers of any business house.

On the contrary, any business house may, after the new rules go into effect, station men at railroad warehouses and learn in detail all about the shipments of competitors, to whom shipped and in what amounts. That this will have a tremendous effect upon this class of business is confidently asserted.

It has been the custom of the shippers to mark their packages with an initial or some hieroglyphic, the key to which is to be found on the bill of lading. It was the theory that this would save the time and labor of the shipper and throw a certain amount of secrecy around the conduct of his business.

### WHOLE STATE STORM SWEEP

Texas Suffers Untold Damage From Wind and Rain.

Austin, Texas, May 26.—A terrific wind and rain storm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetables, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years.

In numerous places houses were unroofed and small villages and hamlets in many instances were inundated by the terrific rainfall which, in the space of four hours, reached seven inches in many sections. Austin was in the path of the worst of the storm, and for hours the streets were impassable for either man or beast. Electric light and telephone connections were disabled beyond immediate repair and many houses were unroofed.

The agricultural sections of Central and Southern Texas have been immeasurably damaged, according to general reports received here, badly demoralized wire service occasioning slow and unsatisfactory reports from many sections that are known to have suffered from the storm.

### OKLAHOMA TIED COMPLETELY

Muskogee is in Sorry Plight Without Heat or Light.

Muskogee, Okla., May 26.—Not a railroad in Oklahoma is in operation, as a result of the heavy rains and cloudbursts that have occurred in various parts of the state during the past three days. The last road to suspend operations was the Missouri-Kansas & Texas, which was forced to quit at noon Sunday, when the bridge on the main line at Eufala went down.

To add to the disaster, the main supplying natural gas to the Indian Territory part of the state was carried away with the Clarksville bridge late Sunday, and the supply of gas for either man or beast, electric light and telephone connections were disabled beyond immediate repair and many houses were unroofed.

### Vehicle Falls Down Mountain.

San Jose, Cal., May 26.—Twenty-one students, half the graduating class of the Santa Clara High School, were carried 200 feet down a mountain side when a carry-all toppled from the Mount Hamilton road at midnight Saturday night. The vehicle broke up when it started in its descent and most of the young people slid in safety down the mountain side in the cover of the vehicle. News of the accident reached this city early Sunday and a physician and nurses were dispatched to the scene in an automobile.

### Sentence Four to Death.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—The court-martial of eleven revolutionists, including four women, which began a few days ago, has resulted in the sentencing of four of the accused to death and six to periods of penal servitude. One was acquitted.

## GANG USE DYNAMITE

Ruef's Confederates Wreck Oakland Houses of Gallagher.

### WOULD INTIMIDATE STAR WITNESS

Ex-President of Board of Supervisors Had Just Closed a \$25,000 Deal—Second Outrage.

Oakland, Cal., May 28.—Three large dwelling houses, built by James L. Gallagher, ex-president of the board of supervisors and the prosecution's star witness in the bribery-graft cases, at Perkins and Belmont streets, this city, were wrecked by dynamite tonight shortly before midnight. The houses were not yet occupied.

A heavy charge of dynamite, placed in the kitchen of the largest of the three houses, threw the building off the foundations and almost completely wrecked it. The houses were shattered, while many windows in the neighborhood were broken by the shock.

John Rollins, a watchman employed by the contractor building the houses for Gallagher, was sitting in a small shack near the houses at the time, and was thrown to the ground. He said to Captain of Detectives Peterson that he was through the three buildings shortly before the explosion occurred.

It is said that Gallagher was negotiating a deal today for the sale of the houses for \$25,000. Several weeks ago Gallagher's home in Oakland was blown up and badly wrecked at night while he and his wife and several friends were in the house and narrowly escaped serious injury.

### FORT WORTH FEARS WORST.

Trinity River Rises Again and Conditions Are Serious.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 28.—With the waters of the Trinity river still near the summit of the banks another great volume of water began pouring from the west fork of that stream toward this city late last night. Early today the river is rising at a rate of six inches an hour, and with such conditions as already prevail, the outcome when the crest of this second rush of waters reaches this city cannot be foretold. That considerable additional property loss and suffering will result is considered certain.

A serious situation has developed here in regard to the city water supply. The mains are filled with black, muddy water, unfit for drinking even after being boiled. The city authorities declare it may be a week before they can restore the normal water supply. Meanwhile, those who can afford it are buying water from private artesian wells, and those who cannot are drinking the water that comes out of the mains.

Thirteen men, women and children were caught in the overflow in the Denton river. Their condition became so precarious that they were forced to hold the children upon their shoulders to keep them from drowning. They stood in water almost up to their necks for ten hours until rescued.

### NORTH CAROLINA DRY.

Prohibition Sweeps State From End to End at Elections.

Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—North Carolina was carried for state-wide prohibition Tuesday by a majority estimated at 40,000 to 42,000 on reports received up to midnight.

The prohibition ticket carried 78 out of the 98 counties by overwhelming majorities. The prohibition ticket carried 20 counties by majorities approximating 5,600. This calculation is partly based upon estimates and the prohibition leaders say that it is possible for the prohibition majority to reach 50,000. The election passed off very quietly, no disturbances of any importance being reported.

The total vote cast in the state was about 175,000.

Every large town in the state except Wilmington and Durham went prohibition.

Under the regulations of the prohibition bill submitted to the people there will be no manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state after January, 1909.

### Refugees Swept Away.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 28.—A special from Collier, Okla., near the Texas line, says that 14 persons who had taken refuge on an island formed between the new and old channels of Red river, were drowned late today, when the flood waters covered the place where they had taken refuge. Although weighted down with a train of ballast, the "Katy" railroad bridge went out at 9 o'clock last night. The river is over three miles wide and is cutting a new channel around the town.

### More Plague Appears.

Willemsstad, Curacao, May 28.—The report that the Port of La Guayra would be reopened in the immediate future is considered here to be premature, as it is unofficially stated that another case of bubonic plague has occurred there since the issuance of President Castro's decree.