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DAYTON OREGON.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An interesting collection of items from the two Hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

The condition of Empress Frederick continues unchanged.

Purchase of 500 cavalry horses in Oregon has been ordered by the war department.

A provincial government is in course of formation in Tataria, a northern Russian province.

General Chaffee is not to join in the German expedition in China under Von Waldersee.

Fire destroyed the Union Railway Company's barn at Elwood, R. I., and 30 trolley cars, causing a loss of \$162,000.

Governor Rogers has appointed G. Meade Emery, as an additional judge for King county, Wash., to serve until the next election.

Eight alleged boxer leaders, after trial by officers of Chang Chi Tung, the viceroy of Hanko, were decapitated at that place.

William P. Hill, for over 50 years a prominent New England newspaper editor, is dead of grip, at the home of his son-in-law in Denver, Col.

The schooner Alice, which was in the Nome trade last year, ran on the rocks near the West Point lighthouse, while en route to Seattle from San Pedro. The full extent of the damage is not known. She was towed to Fort Townsend.

Fire destroyed the Pythian opera house, the Second National bank building and the building occupied by the Southern Express Company, at Jackson, Tenn., causing a loss of \$100,000. It is believed two lives were lost in the falling of the opera house walls.

The bank of Omaha, at Omaha, Tex., has been robbed of \$3,000 in cash and paper amounting to \$2,000. The robbers made their escape upon a handcar. The lone occupant of the bank was decapitated from town by bogus telegrams, and remained away from Omaha on the night of the robbery.

A verdict for \$1,500 for the plaintiff was rendered in the circuit court in the case of J. J. Hecker vs. the O. R. & N. Co., at the Dallas, Oregon, Hecker, in June last, while driving across the railroad track four miles west of town, was struck by an engine, and sustained severe injuries for which suit for \$2,500 was brought.

Money scarcity in England continues.

The president will call an extra session.

The end of the Boer war is not in sight.

Severe cold weather prevails throughout Europe.

A 13-inch gun exploded on the battleship Kearsarge.

An Englishman's letter created a sensation in Manila.

Five rebel officers and 20 men were captured near Manila.

Civil government was established in Pangasinan province.

All the volunteers will be home from the Philippines by June 30.

The czar is suspicious of Emperor William's doings in England.

Appropriation bills have the right of way in the house this week.

Russia has imposed an increased tariff on imports from America.

The senate will practically devote this week to appropriation bills.

Louisiana mob hanged a negro who killed a white man and his family.

Six persons were killed and as many seriously injured in a train wreck in Nevada.

Nine prisoners in the Spokane county jail overpowered the jailer and escaped.

Official list of the victims of the Union mine accident places the number at 64.

One regiment and a portion of two others will be mustered out at Vancouver, Wash.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the colonial tour of the Duke of Cornwall and York.

Two Bridal Veil, Or., factories and the O. R. & N. railroad bridge were damaged by the breaking of a drift jam.

Danish government has broken off negotiations with the United States regarding the sale of Danish West Indies.

Colonel W. T. Hart, a well-known Western promoter, committed suicide by jumping from a moving train into the Snake river.

To hasten peace negotiations, Von Waldersee has planned an 80-day expedition and asks American and French to co-operate with the Germans.

Queen Victoria had 73 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lord Roberts is the first man ever entitled to wear the Garter, the Victoria Cross and the order of St. Patrick.

Thirty-five prominent American sculptors will contribute to the embellishment of the grounds and buildings of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y.

British business men think the influence of a male ruler will prove beneficial.

The consequences of the disturbances in China are being seriously felt in the silk and tea trade.

Mrs. Lillie Rich, a sympathizer of Mrs. Carrie Nation, sued a Wichita, Kan., saloon keeper for \$10,000 for selling liquor to her minor sons.

A. W. Pratt and S. H. Jumper, of South Dakota, before the industrial commission gave agricultural statistics showing the prosperity of South Dakota farmers.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

Doings of Importance at the State Capital—Bills Passed.

To Prevent Hobnobbing.

A bill to prevent persons hobnobbing their way on railroad trains was passed by the house Monday. The bill was introduced by Poorman, at the request of railroad employes and managers. It is a copy of the law now in force in Alabama, and is designed to put a stop to the tramp nuisance. The result of such laws in Alabama was shown by Mr. Poorman to be far reaching in its effect, putting a stop to car robbing. The bill was passed, there being no negative votes.

Passed by the Senate.

The senate passed the following bill Monday: House bill 11, to authorize clerks of school districts and county judges to bid in property sold for taxes and to direct the manner in which such property may be disposed of; senate bill 227, to regulate surety companies; by Senator Booth, fixing the salaries of the county treasurers of the state; senate bill 227, to authorize the county building commissioners to construct a ditch in order to secure water for the state institutions.

To Pay State Taxes Twice a Year.

Senate bill 223 was passed by the senate Monday. It provides that state taxes shall be payable by the counties in two semi-annual installments. This change in the law is proposed in order to harmonize with the new law which makes taxes payable in the counties semi-annually.

The Senatorial Vote.

The vote for senator Monday stood: H. W. Corbett, 32; Ringer Hermann, 29; R. D. Inman, 26; George H. Williams, 1; C. E. S. Wood, 1; absent, 2.

Two Railroad Bills Killed.

The house after spending nearly an other-half day in consideration of railroad bills, disposed of two more Wednesday. One of these measures was Poorman's fellow-servant bill. It was debated at length, and although even its opponents admitted it had good points, it was defeated by a vote of 31 to 22. The other railroad bill which was disposed of, and which met a similar fate, was the bill of Harris to fix the liability of railroad corporations for injuries. But 19 votes were cast in favor of this bill.

No Holiday at Salem.

Washington's birthday, February 22, is a legal holiday, but it is not a legislative holiday unless the legislature by specific act chooses to make it so. Inasmuch as Washington's birthday happens this year to fall on the 40th day of the session the usual day of adjournment it is probable that business will be proceeded with as usual. The constitution of the state does not limit the sessions to 40 days, but does limit the total compensation of each member to \$120 at \$3 per day; therefore, few legislators can be expected to be so self-sacrificing as to work long for nothing.

Bills Passed.

The senate Wednesday passed the following bills: Senate bill 79, to correct the description of the boundary of Wheeler county; senate bill 143, to protect hotel and boarding house keepers; by Hunt, regulating street railways in Portland; senate bill 73, to enact the Torrens system of registration of land titles; senate bill 172, to regulate insurance companies; senate bill 31, to provide for the election of road supervisors; senate bill 137, to create the office of county auditor of Multnomah county; senate bill 217, to amend the charter of Sherwood; senate bill 216, to fix the salary of prosecuting attorney in the Seventh judicial district.

The house Wednesday passed bills as follows: house bill 27, providing for a uniform system of mine bell signals; house bill 146, making it a crime to remove or interfere with mining location marks; house bill 137, regulating the supply of water for irrigation purposes.

The Senatorial Vote.

The joint vote for senator Wednesday was: H. W. Corbett, 32; Ringer Hermann, 29; George H. Williams, 1; R. D. Inman, Democrat, 26; W. E. Robertson, Democrat, 1; absent, 1.

Oregon Notes.

The Robins saw mill, six miles east of Union has been leased by a man from the East.

Eugene veterans of the Spanish and Philippine wars are planning to organize a local association.

A paper is being circulated at Newberg soliciting subscriptions to stock for the purpose of operating a cannery.

Tom Gilliam's log drive, consisting of 4,000,000 feet, is stranded in the Mohawk waiting for a freshet. It is consigned to the Booth-Kelly mills at Colby.

Barbed wire telephone lines are coming back into fashion in Morrow county. The latest is one between the ranch of C. E. Jones, near Eight-Mile postoffice and Heppner, via O. E. Farnsworth's ranch on Rhea creek and the public road to Hardman.

The recorder and clerk of Washington county collected \$211.80 in fees last month.

It is announced from Harrisburg that David Bussey has sold his farm on Lake Creek to Mr. Busbey, from Washington. The consideration is said to have been \$7,000.

The Heppner Milling Company last week shipped a lot of second-hand machinery to Portland. As soon as the water opens up again the mill will be run to its full capacity day and night.

Work will soon commence on the new brewery at Baker City.

The Penland Land & Livestock Company has completed the construction of a private telephone line between its ranches eight miles southeast of Heppner and the city. Most of the distance a barbed wire fence is used.

Major L. D. Forrest has received from the Corvallis and Salem mills contracts for 4,000,000 feet of logs to be delivered at the mouth of the McKenzie river the latter part of June. Several camps will be started up by the contractor at once.

Dewet Engaged a British Force Near Philippstown.

CROSSED ORANGE RIVER AT SAND DRIFT

The Inniskillings Charged the Enemy Who Left Five Killed and Six Wounded—Ten Boers Were Captured.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener: "Pretoria, Feb. 15.—Our troops are now engaged with Christian Dewet's force north of Philippstown, which we hold, Dewet having crossed the Orange river at Sand Drift, apparently west."

"French, reporting from a point 25 miles southeast of Ermelo, states that a large force of the enemy is being driven on the Tloet River, their efforts to break back having so far been frustrated. The Inniskillings charged the enemy, who left five killed and six wounded on the ground. Ten Boers were captured, and there was a large capture of wagons, carts and cattle. Our casualties were one killed and five wounded."

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SIX WERE KILLED.

Five Passengers and Fireman on Wrecked Train—As Many Seriously Injured.

Winnemucca, Nev., Feb. 19.—The railroad overland limited Southern Pacific train, officially known as No. 2, was wrecked at 5:20 o'clock yesterday morning at a point 27 miles west of this place, while running at a speed of 50 miles an hour, the train went into a washed out culvert, and the result was the worst wreck known on this division of the road. Six persons were killed and six injured.

The accident occurred at a point where an embankment 10 feet high crosses a ravine. Melting snow from the mountains caused a heavy rush of water which broke through the embankment some time during the night. The washout was about 75 feet in width, and into the raging torrent the ill-luck train plunged without warning. The engine nearly cleared the break before the rails gave way, the tender falling back. The mail car and composite car followed into the chasm, the composite car telescoping the first of the Pullman sleepers nearly half its length.

Two sleepers and the dining car remained on the track. The bodies of two men, evidently tramps, who were stealing a ride, are in the wreckage.

Train No. 4, the eastbound express, was following the limited train very closely, and the rear brakeman of the latter had only a few minutes in which to flag No. 4 and prevent a rear end collision.

At 7:30 P. M. a special train left this place for the scene of the wreck, carrying doctors and nurses, and the injured were given every attention possible, being taken to the hotel at Mill City, the nearest station. The dead and injured were later taken back to Winnemucca on a special train, and will be carried on to San Francisco.

It will be two or three days before the track can be put in condition so that the running of trains may be resumed. It will be necessary first to build a trestle across the chasm in which the wrecked cars are lying.

Boers Near Cape Town.

London, Feb. 16.—It is reported from Cape Town that the wife of Commandant Botha left Pretoria with a military escort to endeavor to get her husband to surrender.

The Boers tried unsuccessfully to destroy a culvert near Cape Town. Severe fighting ensued, the Boers leaving three killed and 23 wounded. The British lost one killed and two wounded.

Boers Wounded at Aberdeen.

Cape Town, Feb. 16.—Fighting is reported to have taken place near Aberdeen Friday and Saturday last, the Boers being worsted.

CHICAGO HOTEL FIRES.

Attempts Were Made to Burn Four Structures—Robbery During the Excitement.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Flames were started simultaneously on four floors of the Palmer House this afternoon, and 45 minutes later were discovered on two floors in the Great Northern hotel. Two men supposed to be hotel thieves were seen to run from the Palmer house. During the excitement, \$500 worth of jewelry was stolen from one of the rooms of the Great Northern. About the same time a blaze of light was discovered in the Sherman house. Another fire of suspicious origin had been discovered only 24 hours before. The fires convinced the police that an organized gang of incendiaries is operating in Chicago. Good descriptions have been secured of the two men who were seen running from the Palmer house, and a number of detectives are at work on the case. The four fires, with the circumstances attending them, were:

Palmer House—Four fires started simultaneously in baskets of linen on different floors. Towels saturated with kerosene were found. The fire was extinguished by guests and employees. Two suspects were seen, but allowed to escape. Damage nominal.

Great Northern Hotel—Simultaneous fires were discovered on the H and J floors. Odor of kerosene on H floor. J. S. Priest, of New York, reported that \$500 worth of jewelry had been stolen from his room. Damage of \$1,500 by fire and small panic among the guests.

Sherman House—The blaze was on the upper floor and was attended with little commotion. Damage, \$100.

Hotel Grace—Fire of suspicious origin discovered in a linen closet. Damage nominal.

The most dangerous fire in the city was extinguished at person's risk by John M. McWilliams, Jr., a senior at Princeton university. The police agree that all the fires were incendiary and tonight every important downtown hotel was guarded by a detail of officers in plain clothes, watching the fire. The hotel managers, as well as the men suspected of having started the blaze, were taken into custody. The blaze was started by some discharged hotel employee who wished to satisfy his grudge and was able to do so through his intimate knowledge of opportunities.

Rabbed of \$3,000 Worth of Jewelry.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Mrs. F. H. Ogwood, of Seattle, who arrived in this city on the Oregon express this morning, has reported to the police and railway officials that she was robbed during last night of \$3,000 worth of jewelry. She stated that the gems were in a leather bag which she suspended from her neck, but that they were taken while she was sleeping. The police officers have arrested a man on suspicion.

Earthquake in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Quite a severe earthquake shock was felt at 6:15 o'clock tonight at Union City, Tenn. Houses rocked and windows and crockery rattled. The wave lasted several seconds.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 16.—A slight earthquake shock, lasting about 20 seconds, was felt here this evening.

Costly Engines.

The engines of a first-class British man-of-war cost about \$175,000.

IN A DEATH TRAP

Sixty-Five Miners Are Entombed—No Hope for Them.

CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Only Exit Is the Mouth of the Shaft, Which Is Filled With a Huge Volume of Smoke—Relief Measures Have Begun.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 18.—Sixty-five miners are imprisoned in No. 6 shaft of the Cumberland coal mine on Vancouver Island. The only exit is the mouth of the shaft which is filled with a huge volume of flame. There is considered to be no possibility for the unfortunate to escape.

Details of Disaster Meager.

The Cumberland mine is near the village of Union, about 60 miles north of the town of Nanaimo. The only telegraphic communication from Union is by a single government wire, and little is known of the tragedy in the mine except that a terrible explosion occurred in No. 6 shaft of the Cumberland about 11 o'clock this morning. Following the explosion the shaft-fraught fire, and the 65 miners who were working half a mile from the entrance were caught in a death trap. A relief party from No. 5 shaft made a brave but futile attempt at a rescue. They were headed off by the fire and could not reach the imprisoned men. The attempt at rescue was made through No. 5 shaft, but the flames prevented any development of the perilous venture.

The Cumberland mine is one of the properties of the Union Colliery Company, situated near Comox and reached from Union bay by the private colliery railway crossing the Trent river on which the memorable bridge disaster occurred a year or two ago. It has been singularly fortunate heretofore in immunity from disaster and was counted an especially safe mine to work in by reason of the character of the formation in which the coal is found there, and the manner in which it had been opened up. No. 6 shaft, the scene of the disaster, was bottomed in October, 1898, at a depth of 814 feet. It is well constructed and timbered with a main wall, the pit bottom being timbered with 12x18 saw bulks, built solidly together, 18 feet wide and 12 feet high. The shaft is located close to the railway, and the ventilation of the mine is effected by a 12x10-foot Guibal fan, which, when run to its full capacity, gives 85,000 cubic feet of air circulation per minute. The air enters by the haulage slopes and is divided into separate splits, the main split being at the point where No. 2 branch off the main slope, part of the air going down each slope. Further down each of these slopes the air is again split, and sent to the workings east and west of the respective slopes.

A second explosion occurred in No. 5 shaft tonight, but it had been expected, and all the men had left the workings. There were no casualties. This explosion prevents any further efforts being made to rescue the entombed miners through No. 5 shaft.

Killed by a Tiger.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 18.—Albert Nelson, aged 15, employed as an animal keeper at the Zoological garden, in this city, was killed by a Bengal tiger today. He entered the tiger's cage and was attacked by the beast. A terrible struggle followed in which Nelson was torn in a hundred places. Red hot irons were thrust into the body until it released its hold on the victim. Nelson was dragged from the cage more dead than alive, and was hurried to the city hospital, where he died as he was being carried. The tiger was not fatally wounded. Nelson had been employed by the Zoo company three years. He was in charge of the lion's cubs, and it is supposed opened the tiger's cage by mistake.

Generals to Retire Today.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Generals J. H. Wilson, Fitzhugh Lee and Theodore Schwan will be retired tomorrow, the last named on his own application. Colonel A. S. Daggett, Fourteenth infantry, will be promoted to a brigadier-generalship, succeeding Schwan, and will be retired immediately.

May Arrest Without a Warrant.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—In the suit of John B. Bennett against Secret Service Agents Flynn and Berriman and Deputy United States Marshal W. S. Blair, who were charged with malicious trespass assault and battery in connection with the arrest of the plaintiff, Judge W. M. Achin, in the United States court, handed down an important opinion. He makes a precedent in deciding that United States marshals or their deputies can make arrests in emergency cases, without warrant.

Found Dead on the Desert.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 1