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OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

A telephone line is to be erected from Gold Hill to Crescent City.

The council of Mitchell has decided to put in a system of waterworks.

The Lane county court is advertising for bids for the construction of a bridge at Lorane.

S. L. Bennett, a farmer living north of Medford, has ordered a 2,000 gallon tank for his windmill.

A salmon was caught near the Main street bridge, Pendleton, recently, that weighed nearly 11 pounds.

The construction of a creamery at Summerville has begun. The bridge will be 1,000 feet long and 12 feet wide.

A new steam saw mill is being built on Stukel mountain, about half way between Klamath Falls and Merrill. It will have a capacity of 15,000 to 25,000 feet.

Some young miscreants piled empty boxes at the crossing of two of Roseburg's principal streets and set fire to them about 1:30 in the morning. A big blaze resulted. Firemen and citizens turned out, believing one of the main business blocks to be on fire.

The Deschutes Reclamation & Irrigation Company has 160 rods of flume built. The flume is seven feet wide and 28 inches deep, and there is now running 15,000 inches of water. The company expects to have water on a number of the homesteads before next fall. The ditch surveyed seven and a half miles.

Lawton—The Lawton Townsite Company has been reorganized.

Grants Pass—The Josephine county court has extended time for payment of taxes to June 3.

Grants Pass—The Southern Pacific Company had its repair crew working on the bridge across Rogue river last week.

Pilot Rock—A Pilot Rock correspondent writes that it is feared the recent cold weather seriously injured the fruit crop in that section.

Island City—Williams Bros. sold 185 head of hogs to Kilde Bros. of Island City, at \$5.40 per 100 pounds. This is the highest rate reached for some time.

Weston—W. J. Wilkinson, at Weston, purchased from Alex Walker, of the Pacific Elevator Company, 5200 bushels of wheat, which is stored at Downing Station. He paid 46 cents per bushel.

Pendleton—John Bradburn took to Pendleton two wagon loads or 22 sacks of wool from Charles Cunningham's home ranch above Pilot Rock. The wool was from thoroughbred ewes and the 22 sacks weighed 8600 pounds.

Salem—Oregon Christian Endeavorers are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the 14th annual convention, which will be held at Salem, May 16-19. The convention will open with the evening session, Thursday evening, closing Sunday evening.

Toledo—A committee of the Toledo fire department is investigating the probable cost of a system of waterworks and a storage reservoir on the hill east of the city. Another committee is figuring on the cost of fire engines and a third is investigating hooks and ladders.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 56 1/2 @ 57 1/2; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 59c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2 70 @ 3 40 per barrel; Graham, \$2 60.

Oats—White, \$1 25 per cental; gray, \$1 20 @ 1 22 1/2 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$1 50 @ 1 7; brewing \$1 50 @ 1 7 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$16 per ton; middings, \$21 50; shorts, \$17 50; chop \$15.

Hay—Timothy, \$12 @ 12 50; clover \$7 @ 9 50; Oregon wild hay, \$6 @ 7 per ton.

Hops—12 @ 14c per pound; 1899 crop 6 @ 7c.

Wool—Valley, 13 @ 14c; Eastern Oregon, 9 @ 12c; mohair, 20 @ 21c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20 @ 22 1/2c; dry, 15 @ 18c; store, 10 @ 12 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 13 @ 13 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$4 @ 4 50; hens, \$5 @ 5 50; dressed, 11 @ 12c per pound; springs, \$2 @ 5 per dozen; ducks, \$5 @ 9; geese, \$6 @ 7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10 @ 12c; dressed, 13 @ 15c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13 @ 13 1/2c; Young America, 13 1/2 @ 14c per pound.

Potatoes—Old, 50 @ 60c per sack; new, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4c per pound.

Mutton—Lamb, 10 @ 11c per pound gross; best sheep, \$5; wethers, \$5; ewes, \$4 50; dressed, 7 1/2 @ 7 3/4c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5 75 @ 6; light, \$4 75 @ 5; dressed, 7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7c per pound; small \$6 @ 5 1/2c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$5 @ 5 25; cows and heifers, \$4 50 @ 4 75; dressed, 7 @ 7 1/4c per pound.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

Ex-Congressman Baldwin Shot Himself at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18.—In a fit of despondency over business reverses, aggravated by the depressing effects of an attack of la grippe, Melvin R. Baldwin, ex-congressman from Minnesota, and ex-state superintendent of Indian affairs under President Cleveland, this afternoon ended his life by self-destruction. The ex-congressman's body was found lying on his bed in his apartments at 2013 Fourth avenue, with a bullet hole through his brain at 7:30 o'clock tonight, and from the condition of the body it is estimated that death had occurred fully two hours before. Tightly gripped in his hand was a 38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver.

D. McKinley, a friend and a former business associate of deceased, discovered the body as a result of a visit paid to the ex-congressman's apartments to ascertain his condition. Entering the room, McKinley spoke to his friend, the outline of whose body could be seen in the darkened chamber. Receiving no response, he summoned assistance, only to find that Baldwin had sent a bullet crashing through his brain, and lay in a pool of blood, which had accumulated upon the bed clothing, and which was yet flowing freely from the wound in his right temple.

Melvin R. Baldwin, who was 62 years of age, came to this city about three years ago from Duluth, Minn., after having relinquished his position as Minnesota superintendent of Indian affairs, to which office he was appointed by President Cleveland after the expiration of his term in congress. He was elected to the lower house from the Duluth district as a democrat, in 1892, and served one term. He secured the position of superintendent of Indian affairs a few months later, and was one of the few Cleveland appointees who refused to resign, necessitating his removal by President McKinley.

Immediately after his arrival here, Mr. Baldwin became interested in Alaska enterprises, and spent a considerable portion of his time in that country. He acquired an interest in the schooner Abbie Morris, which came near foundering in a storm at Nome last summer. The vessel was rescued by a tug, which seized her for salvage, and the resulting litigation, which is yet pending in the courts, was one of the matters which it is supposed contributed to the despondency under which Mr. Baldwin was laboring.

GIVE CHINA A SHOW.

Minister Wu Urges That Some Consideration Be Shown.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Chinese minister was at the state department today in conference with Secretary Hay, on the status of the negotiations at Peking. The minister is somewhat concerned over the delay in bringing about a final adjustment and also on the current reports that the indemnities reach a very large figure, which he fears, will be beyond the ability of China to meet. Minister Wu said in response to inquiries on these subjects:

"We have been accustomed to hear that China was very slow. But in this case many weeks and months are going by without any delay attributable to China, so far as I have heard, and yet without definite prospects of bringing the negotiations to a close. This unsettled condition is very injurious to China, but it also is an injury which affects the whole world. Take, for instance, the cotton industry of the South. The shipments to China are very large, but they have been falling off owing to the unsettled condition of affairs, and the trade is seriously menaced. The same may be said of many other branches of trade, in fact, the commerce of all the commercial nations of Europe, as well as America, is injuriously affected by the political uncertainty of conditions in China. What we need, and what the commercial world needs, is stability, and some definite understanding of what conditions are." "As to the question of indemnities, I receive little direct information. But I regret to see from some of the published reports that the total indemnity is reaching a very large sum. It should be borne in mind that China herself has suffered losses through the recent disturbances which will reach to many millions, and for which she can not hope to receive indemnity. So that, if the claims of the powers aggregate \$314,000,000, as I see stated, it probably would be an under estimate to say that China's own losses would reach twice that amount, say \$600,000,000. In the aggregate, China will be shouldering a burden of colossal proportions, and this will come after the country has passed through a most trying experience."

POSTOFFICE MUST ALSO MOVE.

Effect of Sale of Thurston Courthouse for State Capitol.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 18.—Consequent upon the state's purchase of the Thurston county courthouse, the commissioners of this county are laboring to select a site for a new building, and discussing plans as to the cost of the new structure. Many propositions have been submitted to the board, some of the offers made being in the form of business buildings already erected and now occupied. It is expected that the question will be definitely settled this week.

Another matter of a similar nature that is causing considerable interest in this city is the location of the post office. The post office is now in the courthouse, but, like the county offices, a new location must be found. It is generally thought the post office will go considerably further down town, into the business district.

STEAMER BLEW UP

The Boiler Exploded and Killed Four People.

TWO MORE VICTIMS WILL PROBABLY DIE

Two Bodies Cannot be Found—Disaster Occurred in Midstream Near Victoria, —Was a Portland Steamer.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—By the explosion of the boiler on the river steamer Ramona this afternoon, four persons were killed outright and six others seriously injured. The dead include two women who were passengers on the steamer and two deckhands. Of the injured, the purser and the mate will probably die.

The boiler explosion occurred in midstream while the steamer was en route from New Westminster to Fort Langley, the latter being a farming settlement about 25 miles from this city. By the force of the explosion Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Baillie, who were returning from New Westminster, were blown into the river and were drowned before aid reached them. The bodies of both women have been recovered and are comparatively free from bruises or burns, indicating that death was due to drowning. The remains of the two deckhands, Phipps and Mack, have not been found. Purser Power was badly scalded by escaping steam, and Mate Maynard was also terribly burned. They were taken to New Westminster, and are now in the city hospital, but are not expected to survive. The injuries of Fireman Knowell are not so severe and he is expected to recover, as are also the Indians.

The Ramona was a stern-wheel river steamer of about 300 tons. She was 10 years old, but her boiler was new, having been put in last summer. She was valued at 25,000. On her fatal trip today she had only five passengers, the two women who were drowned and the three Indians who were burned.

GOLD IN THE TREASURY.

Largest Amount Now Held by Any Institution in the World.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Evening Post says:

"Today's summary of the United States treasury's report of yesterday afternoon shows that the government's aggregate gold holdings for the first time in history have passed the \$500,000,000 mark. The exact total was \$500,278,566, of which \$252,078,959 was held against certificates in the hands of the outside public and \$150,000,000 a reserve against outstanding United States notes, the balance being free assets. This is the largest amount of gold now held by any single financial institution in the world, and it is the largest ever held by any institution with one exception—the Imperial Bank of Russia—which in February, 1898, raised its total holdings to \$590,300,000. At present, however, the Russian bank holds only \$371,500,000. The Bank of France now holds \$472,371,000, its high record being \$479,244,000, the 4th of this month. Most of this gold is held against outstanding notes. The Bank of England holds \$169,100,000 gold, and the high record of its history was \$245,500,000, in February, 1896. Present gold holdings of the Imperial Bank of Germany are \$130,000,000, and its total of gold and silver combined never ran above \$222,500,000. The United States treasury's gross holdings have increased \$75,439,000 within the past 12 months. In April, 1899, they barely exceeded \$278,000,000, as against the \$500,000,000 now held. February 10, 1899, they reached the low level, \$94,239,542."

No Longer Needed.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 19.—Governor Durbin has received a long letter from Secretary Root, in which a full explanation is made of the facts connected with the discharge of Russell B. Harrison from the army. Secretary Root says that he, after a conference with the president, directed the discharge of Colonel Harrison, and that Adjutant General Corbin simply acted in his official capacity in issuing the orders. By inadvertence the discharge was made to take effect December 1, instead of December 15, a matter which the secretary regrets. Mr. Harrison's services were dispensed with, the secretary states, because they were no longer needed, and for no other reason.

An Arizona Feud

Phoenix, Arizona, April 19.—Sheriff Ed. Beeler of Apache County, well-known throughout the southwest, was ambushed and killed in a fight over a month ago. News of the bloody fight has just reached here. Beeler fell mortally wounded by a volley from behind a stone wall. At first it was believed that Beeler was the victim of cattle-rustlers, against whom he had made a long and bitter warfare, but later it developed that they were friends of a man whom Beeler had killed who had sworn to avenge his death.

Chile Will Protest.

Valparaiso, Chile, April 19.—The government is awaiting information from the Chilean minister in Buenos Ayres before a protest is made against repeated invasion of Chilean territory by citizens of Argentina. There have been invasions in Seno de la Ultima and Esperanza, near Punta Arenas.

NAVY YARD AT SUBIG BAY.

Department to Spend \$5,000,000—Board Appointed to Prepare Plans.

NEW YORK, April 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: If the plans of the navy department are adopted by congress, a \$5,000,000 naval station will be established at Olango, Subig Bay, Luzon. Upon the recommendation of Rear-Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, Secretary Long has appointed a board, consisting of Rear-Admiral Taylor, civil engineers Wolcott and Menocoll, to meet at the New York navy yard for the purpose of preparing the plans and estimates upon which congress will be urged to act.

The board of which Rear-Admiral Remy was president only selected the site for the projected station, leaving the department to determine upon its extent. The dry dock to be built at Olango will cost at least \$1,000,000, and the shops and tools are expected to cost \$4,000,000. It is the purpose of the department to urge congress to act expeditiously in order that the work of repairing men-of-war can be done in American yards. At this time the smaller vessels are repaired at Cavite, but the larger ships are sent to Hong Kong for docking and important repairs. Work at Hong Kong is expensive, and Secretary Long believes the money spent in an English port should be distributed among American workmen.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Two Governments Nearer Agreement Than at Any Previous Time.

COPENHAGEN, April 19.—The government is earnestly considering the recent somewhat modified proposal with regard to the sale to the United States of the Danish West Indies, which is considered likely to lead to a satisfactory termination of the negotiations. Official circles are of the opinion that the two governments are now nearer an agreement than they have been at any previous time. The Danish government ridicules the reiterated reports published in English papers that peremptory communication regarding the sale of the islands have been received from the United States, and the officials are much impressed with the cordiality and friendliness that the United States government has shown throughout the negotiations.

Loomis Did Not Say It.

New York, April 19.—F. B. Loomis, United States minister of Venezuela, was a passenger on the Red D line steamer Caracas, which arrived to-night from San Juan. When seen on board the vessel, Mr. Loomis refused to say anything regarding the Venezuelan matter, except that President Castro seemed to be firmly seated when he left Venezuela. When asked if he intended to return to Venezuela he said he did not know, as he had not given the matter a thought. Mr. Loomis, however, in reply to questions, said that it was untrue that he had expressed himself regarding General Castro's attitude toward Americans, nor had he said anything about General Andrade.

Northwest Postoffice.

Washington, April 19.—A postoffice has been established in Gilliam county, Or., to be known as Alville. Allen McConnell has been appointed postmaster. The new office will be supplied from Condon, 12 miles to the southwest.

An office has also been established at McGowan, Pacific county, Wash., six miles northwest of Astoria, Or., on the route from that place to Ilwaco. Edmond P. Noonan has been appointed postmaster.

German Tariff War With Hayti.

Berlin, April 19.—Official statistics published by the Reichsanzeiger regarding the foreign trade of 1900 within the German tariff union show imports aggregating 6,042,000,000 marks, as against 5,784,000,000 marks for 1899, and exports aggregating 4,753,000,000 marks, as against 4,368,000,000 marks in 1899.

A tariff war with Hayti has formally begun. The Bundesrat has confirmed the increased duties upon coffee, cocoa and dye woods from Hayti.

Our Interest in Corea.

Washington, April 19.—Neither the Russian authorities nor the state department officials have received any word concerning the reported Russo-Japanese negotiations relating to Corea. There is no indication, however, that the United States feels any concern, for about the only interest this government would have in the matter is that of keeping our commerce with Corea unobstructed.

British Columbia Gold Rush.

Vancouver, B. C., April 18.—Another gold rush is causing some excitement in the boundary district of British Columbia. During the past few days, Rock Creek and its tributaries have once more attracted placer gold hunters to stake claims. In the early 60s, the Rock Creek placer diggings yielded large returns, and the revival of mining is the result of recent gold discoveries below the historic White's bar, on this creek.