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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.

Work has started on the soldier's memorial monument at Eugene.
Last week 14,160 bushels of wheat changed hands at Weston. The price was 46 cents.
A new pump has been put in at DeMoss Springs for the benefit of farmers who haul water.
J. H. Egger has taken a contract to get out 2,000,000 feet of logs, a mile below Vient.

About 12,000 bushels of wheat changed hands at DeMoss springs last week at 45 cents per bushel.
The Bonanza mine, in Eastern Oregon, has received a large new boiler. It weighs 21,000 pounds, and it took 30 horses 9 1/2 days to haul it from Sumpter to the Bonanza, about 16 miles.

The farmhouse of Thomas Seavey, on the north side of the McKenzie, a short distance below the mouth of the Mohawk, was totally destroyed by fire. This was one of the landmarks of that country, having been built in 1868, at a cost of about \$3500.
Athena has secured a street rock crusher.

Work of building a road to Blue river, on the Calapooia side, has begun.
Plans of a telephone line from Baker to the Panhandle is under consideration.

A burglar proof safe arrived at Ashland last week for the First National Bank.
The telephone line from Grant's Pass to Williams is complete and in operation.

County roads between Baker City and John Day are said to be in very good condition.
The Hood River Fruit Growers' Union is beginning to receive orders for strawberries.

Fred J. Rummel was killed at the Mammoth mine, in Eastern Oregon recently by a snow slide.
Thieves broke into a saddle shop at The Dalles several days ago and made away with several pieces of harness.

W. C. Peterson agrees to put an electric light plant in Brownsville if the city will pay \$45 per month for six lights.
Horse rustlers with two car loads of stolen horses are dodging the officers somewhere in the the eastern portion of Malheur county.

Governor Geer will be asked to grant a pardon to J. G. Lutzman, who was sent to the penitentiary from Baker county in June, 1900, convicted of manslaughter.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@60c.; valley, nominal; bluestem, 61c. per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$2.70@3.40 per barrel; Graham, \$2.60.
Oats—White, \$1.35 per cental; gray, \$1.25@1.30 per cental.
Barley—Feed, \$17@17.25; brewing, \$17@17.25 per ton.
Mills—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$17.50; chop, \$16.
Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@14; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.
Hops—12@14c. per lb.; 1899 crop, 6@7c.
Wool—Valley, 12@13c.; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c.; mohair, 20@21c. per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 15@17 1/2c.; dairy, 12 1/2@14c.; store, 10@11c. per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 14@14 1/2c. per dozen.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13 1/2c.; Young America, 13 1/2@14c. per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50; hens, \$4@4.50; dressed, 11@12c. per pound; springs, \$3@5 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6; geese, \$6@7; turkey, live, 10@12c.; dressed, 13@15c. per pound.
Potatoes—Old, 75c.@\$1 per sack; new, 2@2 1/2c. per pound.
Mutton—Lamb 4 1/2c. per pound gross; best sheep, \$8; wethers, \$5; ewes, \$4.50; dressed, 7c. per pound.
Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5.75@6; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 7@7 1/2c. per pound.
Veal—Large, 6@7 1/2c. per pound; small, 8 1/2c. per pound.
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$5@5.25; cows and heifers, \$4.50@4.75; dressed beef, 8 1/2c. per pound.

TO REMODEL BATTLESHIPS.
Proposed to Change the Oregon and Two Others.

Washington, May 2.—A scheme is on foot to remodel the battle ships Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts, which are all of one class. The idea seems to be that superimposed turrets shall be placed on these ships, which will put them in the same class as the Kentucky and Kearsarge. Of course these ships carry 13-inch guns, and the 13-inch guns have been discarded, as it is held that the weight of the guns is more than enough to compensate for the weight of metal which they throw, and hereafter 12-inch guns are to be the largest used by the navy. The reason given for remodeling the Oregon and her class is that when in battle, if the four 13-inch guns are all being fired from one side of the ship, it will cause her to list to that side and raise the opposite side so that the armor belt is out of the water, and that if a shot from that side should strike her below the armor belt the entire machinery would be endangered.

While it may be true that if the long muzzles of the four 13-inch guns of the Oregon should be pointed in one direction, the ship would list about three feet, making it necessary to raise the muzzles of the guns to bring them to bear upon the enemy, there is nothing to prevent the raising of the muzzles so that the guns can be used if all were turned in one direction.

On the other hand, it may be said that if the Oregon was fighting an enemy, or in any conflict where a ship was on either side, it is not at all likely that her big guns would all be tained on one ship, leaving her exposed on the other side to the other ship. Those who are seeking to have the change made in the Oregon point out that in case a fort was on one side and a hostile ship on the other, the listing of the ship would expose one side. But others who are experts in naval warfare say that if the Oregon or any other ship of her type was fighting a fort and a battle ship at one time, she would probably have two of her big guns trained on the fort and two on the battle ship, which would make her ride even.

SENDING US CRIMINALS.

Victims of Italian Brigands Voluntarily Pay Their Way to America.

New York, May 2.—The Herald says: "Italy is making of the United States a dumping ground for her criminals and paupers. This fact has been forcibly called to the attention of the local authorities by the arrival in this port of three Italian brigands, whose depredations made them a scourge to the provinces in which they were reared. Despairing of being relieved in any other manner, the merchants upon whom they had preyed made up a liberal purse with which the three were sent to America, arriving here with money enough in their pockets to enable them to land unquestioned. These three outlaws, who encountered no obstacles to bar them from entering this country, are now in Kansas City, Mo. Warning has been sent out by Police Commissioner Murphy to the Kansas City police officials, who now have the Italians under strict police surveillance."

BAD TRAIN WRECK.

D.O. Mills and Party in a Wreck in California.
Emigrant Gap, Cal., May 2.—In the darkness of the smoke of the snowsheds a Raymond excursion train ran into the rear end of limited train No. 2, at Yuba Pass, four miles east of here, last night. The private car of D. O. Mills was on the rear end of the limited, and was badly damaged. The fireman on the excursion train was instantly killed and several passengers and men of the train crews were slightly injured.
The limited had struck a rock in the sheds and was delayed until the second section caught up.

"Black Jack" Nearly Escaped.
Santa Fe, N. M., May 2.—It developed today at the hearing of William Wilson, charged with furnishing convict George Stevenson with the revolver used by him in the recent attempted delivery at the penitentiary, that the plan was to secure the release of Tom Ketchum, who was executed last Friday, and "Broncho Bill" Carver, a member of his gang. Wilson confessed his guilt, and said Carver's sister offered him \$500 to smuggle the revolver in to the prisoner. The plans were so carefully laid that but for the bravery and good marksmanship of the prison officials "Black Jack" and a score of other desperate characters would have regained their liberty.

Okishima Bank Robbed.
Kingsfisher, O. T., May 2.—The Blaine county bank at Watonga was robbed last night of \$1,800, the vault being blown open with dynamite. The robbers escaped.

GATES WERE OPENED

Opening Day of the Great Pan-American Exposition.

HEAVY RAINS KEPT THE CROWDS AWAY
Formal Dedication Ceremony Postponed Until May 20—Efforts Being Made to Get All the Exhibits in Place.

Buffalo, May 2.—The beautiful electrical display last night was the culminating event of the opening day of the Pan-American exposition. The attendance in the morning was small, owing to the weather, which kept many away from nearby towns. Later in the day, however, when the sun broke through the gray clouds, the crowd began to assume the proportions of an exposition throng, and last evening thousands passed through the turnstiles.

The gates were opened yesterday without ceremony, the opening day ceremonies having been postponed until May 20, when they will be combined with dedication day exercises. The change in the date, however, did not cause a relaxation in the efforts being put forth by everyone connected with the exposition to have everything as nearly ready as possible for yesterday's opening. The appearance of the buildings and grounds in the morning bore ample evidence of their efforts. Storm and the inevitable delays incident to an undertaking of such magnitude made impossible the realization of the hope that this might be the first of the great expositions to be completed on its opening day. But so much more already has been wrought than was deemed possible at the inception of the project that all are satisfied with the extent and beauty of the fair as it appeared yesterday morning, carried through the beginning by the citizens of Buffalo without state or federal aid.
William Hamlin was permitted by permission to purchase the first ticket, having offered some time ago to pay \$5,000 for the privilege. The ticket was sent to him yesterday. At noon the paid admissions aggregated to about \$1,000, the majority of the visitors being employees or others entering on passes.
At noon the government building was thrown open and General Brigham made an address. The president sent a message of congratulation to the citizens of Buffalo upon the auspicious opening of the fair.
At 2 o'clock in the afternoon a salute of 45 aerial bombs was fired and simultaneously hundreds of flags were raised on the buildings and grounds.

FROM VENEZUELA.

Satisfactory Explanation of the Arrest of Consul Biaz.

Washington, May 3.—The state department has received from the government of Venezuela a satisfactory explanation of the circumstances under which Ignacio Biaz, United States consul agent at Barcelona, came to be arrested and mulcted of a heavy fine. While no details are furnished, it is stated that the action of the Venezuelan government in the matter is all that could be desired, and that Biaz, who has recovered, or will recover, the money extorted from him, will not be further molested.
The state department's information regarding the legal proceedings in Venezuela in connection with the asphalt controversy indicates that it will be many months before the issue will come to trial in the Venezuelan high court. As there is no disposition exhibited to dispossess the American concessionaries who are in possession, pending the termination of the legal proceedings, the state department is entirely satisfied with the status quo as to this case. There are, however, other issues which may change the aspect of American affairs in Venezuela.

German Claims Against England.

Berlin, May 3.—A representative of the government has informed the reichstag committee on petitions that Germany had demanded \$5,000,000 from Great Britain on account of certain Transvaal expulsions, and Great Britain had refused the demand on the ground that she did not wish to establish a precedent, but was investigating the whole subject. "The number of expelled persons," said a foreign office representative, "is 180, of whom 60 have already been indemnified. A part of the remainder have no right to a claim of indemnity, because they fought against England or because of other patent reasons. The sound claims, however, are being vigorously championed."

Rate War to Alaska Towns.

Seattle, May 3.—Heavy slashing is the order in the Alaska steamship rate war. Fares first and second class to Lynn canal are cut to half of the old rates. First class tickets are selling for \$10, and second class for \$5. A week ago they were worth \$25 and \$16. Corresponding reductions in freight rates are also reported.

Great Fire at San Juan.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 3.—The new \$150,000 pier caught fire this afternoon and was destroyed in half an hour. A large stock of sugar and rum was lost in the fire. The fire continues to rage and the flames threaten to spread to the stores of the custom house.

Vetoed Insurance Tax Bill.

Denver, May 3.—This was the last day for the consideration by Governor Orman of bills passed by the recent legislature. He vetoed the bill increasing the tax on insurance companies from 2 to 3 per cent of their gross receipts, but permitted the bill restoring capital punishment to become a law without his signature.

CLAIM AGAINST CHINA.
Amount of Indemnity Has Been Fixed at \$273,000,000.

Paris, May 3.—The foreign office has received a dispatch from Pekin announcing that M. Pichon, French minister, presented today the report of the committee on indemnity. The amount China has to pay has been fixed at 1,365,000 francs (\$273,000,000). How it is proposed that the indemnity be distributed among the powers is not set forth.
There was much disappointment over the fact that the United States is supporting England against an increase in the customs. This is attributed to the influence of the American community in China. It is believed that England, if alone, would yield, but fears are entertained that England's scheme is to prolong negotiations until her hands are free in South Africa, when she would show a stronger policy in Chinese affairs.

Official advice received here from Pekin say the ministers are divided into two parties in the discussion to decide how China is to raise the indemnity. France, Germany, Russia and Japan agree in favor of raising the customs duties, which can be relied upon to produce a great part of the requisite sum, and the imposition of a duty on junk, which will constitute a tax on internal navigation and taking over of some of the likin (provincial transit duties). On the other hand the United States and Great Britain decline to agree to an increase of the customs duties, but they do not appear to have presented a counter proposition. The fact that the United States and Great Britain have joined hands on this issue has caused surprise here. It was hoped that the United States would stand with France and Russia. The result will be to greatly protract the negotiations.

TWO ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Arrest of Man Who Broke into the American Express Office of Paris.

Paris, May 2.—The principal author of the robbery of the American Express Co.'s office in Paris the night of April 26, when three masked burglars escaped with \$0,000 francs, has been arrested. His name is George Miller. For some time he has lived in Paris under the name of James Samuel, being employed in a barber shop. Some days before the burglary the detectives noticed three men of English appearance whose behavior was very mysterious. These persons entered banks without doing any business, and inspected buildings. The detectives maintained a careful watch at the railway stations for persons who might possibly have been connected with the robbery, and their patience was awarded when they apprehended Miller. Miller was the bearer of a large number of stolen checks to the amount of 6,000 francs in a box in a leather handbag. He had also in this bag dynamite cartridges, jimmies, a metal saw and drills of the finest steel.

Memento for the President.

Seattle, May 3.—The Snoqualmie Fall Power Co. is preparing a beautiful souvenir to be presented to President McKinley on the occasion of his visit to Seattle. It will be a solid tablet of silver some eight inches by six inches in size, with an outline of Snoqualmie Falls, and the surrounding rocks and trees embossed in purest gold. In the lower corner will be an attached leaf, bearing on its upper surface a suitable inscription and showing underneath a plan of the company's work room cut into solid rock of Snoqualmie.

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