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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

### Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

### TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRES

#### An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Dr. Salmon, the oldest Freemason in the world, died in London. He was 108 years old.

The last clean-up of the Apollo mine at Unga, Alaska, was \$87,500, the product of a three months' run.

According to the monthly crop report just issued, the average condition of winter wheat is 82.9 in May, 1895.

Anti-missionary riots have broken out in Kiang Yin. The British mission was looted and burned. The missionary escaped.

The dockers' strike in Rotterdam has assumed an ugly aspect. The civic guard, police and marines have been called out to protect the workers.

William Deering, the reaper manufacturer, has made a donation to the Northwestern university amounting to \$215,000. The gift is in real estate and bonds.

D. W. Watson, a wood-dealer, was instantly killed in Seattle in a runaway. In falling off his log was caught and torn off. His body was dragged about 100 feet, his leg being left behind. He died instantly.

The increase in the price of bolts and nuts in the iron trade the past three weeks is the evidence of a reported gigantic pool of manufacturers in these goods, the organization of which is now in progress in Boston.

While the 9-year-old daughter of William Ashby, of Pine valley, was crossing Pioneer creek on a footbridge in company with another child, both were precipitated into the water and the Ashby child was drowned.

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and stopping all the machinery. The fire was promptly extinguished by one of the mill hands. No arrests have been made.

Hank Bonkolkan, while fishing in the lake at West Lake Park, near Los Angeles, brought to the surface the body of a well-dressed young woman, about 20 years of age. The body had evidently been in the water only a short time. The identity of the girl is not yet discovered.

The strike of forty-four firemen of the Armour packing plant, in Kansas City, has assumed international proportions, and there is no telling where or how it will end. The strikers have already petitioned the national council of the Federation of Labor to declare an international boycott against the Armour products.

All roads in the Central Passenger Association will hereafter carry bicycles free.

Alfred C. Field, a negro, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Randolph, was hanged in Chicago.

The schooner Mary Ayer was sunk in collision with the steamer Okano, in Lake Michigan, off Gross Point, and five of her crew were drowned, two being saved.

An explosion at Bida, in the Nape country, west coast of Africa, on the Niger, has razed to the ground the palace of the Emir Meleki, and has killed 200 people.

The Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad was sold at auction in Seattle and was purchased by Judge H. G. Struve, representing the bondholders' committee, for \$1,000,000.

Ties piled on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Waldo, a few miles south of Milwaukee, Wis., derailed a south-bound freight train. Three men were killed and two injured.

At the Elliot Square building in Buffalo, N. Y., Thomas Purdy and Val Jenly were working at the bottom of the elevator shaft when workmen at the top dropped down an iron bolt, killing both.

In Queretaro, Mexico, a cave-in occurred at the opal mines and ten men were buried with earth and stones. Word was brought from the scene that four of the miners were killed and several others injured.

The Gaulois published in Paris, says that Senor Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish premier, is about to ask the intervention of the European powers with regard to the interference of the United States in Cuban affairs.

At the Electrical Exposition in progress in New York a message was flashed over the wires of the Western Union and Pacific Postal companies, covering a distance of 15,000 miles, and a reply received in four minutes.

The fruitgrowers of Snake river are considering the formation of a union, so that fruit can be handled at smaller cost than previously. The plan is to have a Spokane commission house handle the fruit direct from the river.

Forty men were let out in the Gem mines, in Wallace, Idaho, and will not be re-employed until development work is finished. This is said by some to be significant on account of the recent explosion at the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mines.

Catherine A. Lacy, 32 years of age, of Phoenix, Ariz., was burned to death. She had risen at 4 o'clock, and in lighting a fire ignited the curtains. From this her clothing caught, and before help arrived she was fairly cooked, dying in a few minutes.

A dispatch from Vladivostok says: Quiet has been restored at Seoul, Corea, and the king will return to his palace from the Russian legation, where he has been since the disposition and massacre of the late ministry. The Russian marines are returning to their vessels.

The steamer Mexico just arrived in the Sound, brings the following Alaska news: The North American Commercial Company's schooner Seventy-Six, which left Kodiak December 11 last for Wood island, is lost with all hands. A heavy gale sprang up just after she left, and she has not been heard of since.

Trouble between the Indians on the Tongue river reservation, in Montana, and the white settlers in the neighborhood is probable, and troops have been asked for to avert a possible outbreak. This is the result of depredations committed by the Indians on the cattle of the whites.

Nearly half the business portion of the suburban town of Blue Island, near Chicago, Ill., was destroyed by fire. Altogether twenty-six buildings were consumed, entailing a total loss of about \$150,000. A shifting wind was blowing almost a hurricane at the time of the fire, and it spread rapidly.

C. J. Curtis, editor of the Weekly Herald, of Astoria, Or., and W. H. Weeks, candidate for recorder on the Populist ticket, engaged in a fist encounter, in which Curtis came out second best. Weeks was the aggressor, and the provocation was an article in the Herald in which Weeks was the victim of an abusive attack.

Secretary of State Price has just received the diploma medal awarded the state of Washington at the world's fair for grains and grasses. The medal is a bronze piece, on the face of which is the figure of Columbus, inclosed in a handsome aluminum case. The diploma is awarded for the yield and general excellence of variety of grains and grasses exhibited.

At a meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union held in Astoria, it was decided unanimously to reject the proposition of the Scandinavian Packing Company to give 4 1/2 cents per pound for salmon. The sentiment of the meeting was strongly against any compromise, the men remaining just where they stood at the opening of the season, and were firm in their demands for 5 cents per pound.

## DEATH IN ITS TRACK

### Sixty Persons Killed in Sherman, Texas, by a Cyclone.

### OVER A HUNDRED WERE INJURED

#### Most of Those Will Also Die—The Toronto came Without Warning—Flooded Through the Town.

Sherman, Texas, May 18.—Just a few minutes before 5 o'clock this afternoon, a cyclone, not exceeding two blocks in width, but carrying widespread destruction and death in its wake, swept through the western half of the city, traveling almost directly north. The approach of the terrific whirlwind was announced by a deep rumbling noise, not unlike reverberating thunder. A fierce and driving rain accompanied it. It is very conservative to estimate that the list of fatalities will reach 60, while the injured will reach 100. At least fifty houses are wrecked. Most of them were small cottages, except in Fairview and Washington avenue, where the handsome residences of L. F. Ely, Captain J. G. Saller, Mrs. Pat Mattingly and James Fallas also succumbed. The loss will reach at least \$150,000, and but little if any of it was covered by cyclone insurance.

About the most graphic description given by any of the injured was that of W. S. Boetwick, who said:

"I was at John Irvine's house when I heard the noise of the approaching storm. Just as I looked out, I saw Captain Berge's house blown into the air, and then Mr. Shearer's house. The air was filled with great trees and timbers and every conceivable article. It was a black, serpentine cloud, twisting, writhing in the center, but at the bottom it seemed to be moving steadily. Then came an awful crash, a sense of suffocation, and when it was over the house was gone and myself and family were scattered about the yard and under the debris."

St. Louis, May 18.—A special to the Republic from Denison, Texas, says: Additional particulars of the cyclone have been received. After passing over Sherman, it went southeast.

At Carpenter bluffs, seven miles east of here, the dwelling of John Devant was blown down and Devant and wife, his hired man, named Armour, and a little child received injuries from which they may die.

Howe, Texas, May 18.—Today's terrible cyclone struck this town, leaving death and ruin in its wake. The path of the cyclone at this point was a quarter of a mile wide. Ten farmhouses and as many barns were wrecked. Eight persons were killed outright and many injured. Bark was ripped from trees and much stock was killed.

Denton, Texas, May 18.—A cyclone struck the town of Gribble Springs, eighteen miles north of Denton, this afternoon. Several persons were killed and many wounded so badly they cannot live. The property loss is great.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

#### Business Continues Dull and Featureless in All Parts of the Country.

New York, May 18.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says: General trade throughout the country remains quiet, wholesale merchants continue conservative and distribution of general merchandise is almost of a hand-to-mouth character. South and Southwest both remain dull and featureless and unchanged from last week. At larger Eastern centers travelers are preparing to start out, but unfavorable features in recent weeks with respect to cotton and woolen and steel and iron industries show no change. Collections in most directions continue satisfactory. Demand for iron and steel is disappointing and quotations for Bessemer pig have been shaded.

Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, this week amount to 1,827,000 against 1,188,000 last week; 2,397,000 in the corresponding week one year ago, 2,420,000 two years ago, and as compared with 3,857,000 in the like week in 1893. The recent average weekly commercial death rate is continued at a total of 263 business failures throughout the United States this week, against 265 last week, 310 in the week a year ago, 186 in the corresponding week of 1894 and as compared with 253 in the like week in May, 1893.

There are 84 business failures throughout Canada this week. Last week the total was 33.

#### Canadian Stock Shippers.

Toronto, May 18.—Cattle exporters here are making a vigorous fight against an attempt now being made to ship American cattle to European ports by way of Montreal. It is claimed this would seriously injure the Canadian export trade in France, where some Canadian cattle have been shut out of England, and exporters have built up a large trade with France. This, they say, will be entirely ruined if American cattle are shipped with Canadian stock. The Cattle Feeders' Association met in secret today and decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to lay before the government an emphatic protest against the admission of American cattle into Canadian ports.

#### Congress of American Republics.

London, May 18.—The Times Rio de Janeiro despatch says the president's message on the opening of congress supports the idea of a congress of American republics.

## WILL INJURE TOBACCO TRADE

### Effect in This Country, of Weyler's Latest Order.

### CONDENSED BUDGET OF NEWS

#### From All the Cities and Towns of the Pacific States and Territories—Washington.

New York, May 20.—Importers of tobacco from Cuba were inclined to doubt today the authenticity of the dispatch from Havana that General Weyler has forbidden the exportation of tobacco from Cuba. General Weyler, it is understood, has taken this step because of the financial assistance rendered to the cause of the revolution in Cuba by the Cuban and Spanish cigar-makers in this country and presumably elsewhere out of Cuba. A member of a wholesale grocery house that imports more tobacco and cigars from Cuba than any other firm, speaking of this latest alleged order by the Spanish commander-in-chief in Cuba, said today:

"If the telegraphic dispatches concerning this matter are correct, the whole manufacturing tobacco trade in this country will be demoralized. The price of Havana cigars constantly fluctuates, as far as the dealers are concerned, although the consumers perhaps do not know it. There has been a gradual increase in the price of tobacco the last two or three months, but it is impossible to say how much the price of domestic cigars is to be increased by our failure to get tobacco from Cuba. Some Sumatra leaf is used in making cigars, but it is not so satisfactory of course, as the Havana. The enforcement of General Weyler's decree would greatly interfere with the factories in Florida. But it is early yet to prophesy. I think the manufacturers in this country have Cuban tobacco on hand sufficient to last a few months. The importation of leaf tobacco from Cuba ran from 10,000,000 pounds in 1886, to 31,000,000 pounds in 1893, falling to 30,000,000 in 1895. The value of the tobacco ranged from \$4,000,000 in 1886, to \$9,000,000 in 1893 and \$7,000,000 in 1895. The value of manufactures of tobacco (cigars) imported from Cuba in 1888 was \$3,100,000, and the importations gradually increased until 1890, when their value was \$3,900,000. Then the importations or "values," decreased until in 1895, the total value of the manufactures of tobacco (cigars imported) was only \$2,040,000."

#### BAD FIRE IN WASHINGTON.

### Three Firemen Killed and a Quarter of a Million in Property Burned.

Washington, May 20.—A conflagration, which resulted in the loss of almost \$250,000, in which three firemen were killed and four seriously injured by falling walls, occurred in this city about 8 o'clock tonight. Twenty-two buildings, with their contents, were destroyed in two hours. The burned district consists almost entirely of commission and wholesale jobbing houses, in the square bounded by B street, Louisiana avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets. Thomas Griffin, Daniel Conway and Assistant Foreman Grier were the firemen killed.

The fire started in a Postal Telegraph Company's branch office, located on B street, and is supposed to have been caused by lightning, a severe thunder storm having just passed over the city. The buildings were filled with a mass of inflammable material, which made it difficult for the firemen to cope with the progress of the flames, which spread with great rapidity. After two hours hard work the flames were under control.

A rough estimate places the loss on the buildings on Louisiana avenue at \$75,000. The other losses are mostly on stock. Much of the property is held by the Van Ness and Semmes estate, and is believed to be well insured.

#### Forty Indians Reported Killed.

Omaha, May 20.—A special to the Bee from Humboldt, Neb., says: The train arriving here this evening brings reports of the frightful results of the cyclone on the Pawnee reservation, adjoining this county. They assert that 40 persons were killed by the cyclone on the reservation. No particulars are obtainable, as all communication by wire is cut off. Those killed are supposed to be Indians, as there are few whites on the reservation.

#### County's Exemption.

Olympia, Wash., May 20.—Opinions were handed down today by the supreme court in the case following: State of Washington ex rel. J. Summerfield, appellant, vs. H. W. Tyler, auditor of Spokane county, respondent. In this proceeding the relator sought to compel the payment of a judgment against Spokane county. Such a showing was made as to enable the relator to the relief sought, if judgment was such that it could be enforced against the county. The supreme court holds that municipal corporations, and especially counties, are not liable to garnishment, unless made so by express statutory provisions. Action of the superior court affirmed.

#### A Hot-Headed Spanish Senator.

Madrid, May 20.—In the senate today Senor Giron, liberal, protested against the slanders on Spain, which were uttered in the United States senate. He intended, he said, to denounce the intolerable conduct of pirates and brigands against Spain. The day had come, he said, when we should have to consider the wretched acts of intolerance of the dollar prices, with the affairs of Spain. He protested also against the Washington slanders against the queen regent. The Duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, replied to Senor Giron that the government might join in the latter protest, but that they could not approve the remainder of Senor Giron's remarks. President Cleveland and the United States government had given proof of their respect for the principles of international law, he maintained.

## GROWING NORTHWEST

### Progress and Doings in the Pacific States.

### CONDENSED BUDGET OF NEWS

#### From All the Cities and Towns of the Pacific States and Territories—Washington.

Steps have been taken for the formation of a mining stock exchange in Spokane.

An ordinance prohibiting gambling was defeated by the Olympia council last week.

The Blankenship mill at New Whatcom has been ordered sold to satisfy claims amounting to \$9,000.

A six-pound howitzer has been sent over from Olympia by Governor McGraw to the militia at Ilwaco.

Cashier Taylor, of the Puget Sound National bank, of Everett, has practically arranged with Controller Eckels to take the bank out of the hands of Receiver Church in the course of a few months.

A recent decision of the superior court in Clallam county was to the effect that school directors could employ teachers beyond the term of office of the directors with whom the contract was made.

The Walla Walla firemen are making great preparations to attend the annual meeting and tournament of the Eastern Oregon and Washington Firemen's Association, which will be held in Pendleton June 2, 3 and 4.

Hal Dickson, of Pomeroy, Wash., is packing a large number of eggs according to directions given him by Rev. Sprout, who says they will keep two years if desired, and then no one can detect them from a fresh egg.

The May term of the United States district court convened in Walla Walla last week, Judge Bellinger, of Portland, presiding in place of Judge Hanford. There were four criminal cases on the docket and several civil suits.

J. C. Wallace, of Chelan Falls, will experiment with sorghum this season. He will plant seven or eight acres, and several of his neighbors will plant from one to four acres each. A full manufacturing plant has been ordered.

The Whitman county commissioners recently offered \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of administering poison to horses in the Creston neighborhood, which seems to have had the effect of stopping the deadly work.

About 300 trout were sold on the streets of Ellensburg last week by two Indians, for 40 cents for the lot. They averaged about three and a half inches in length and the vendors claimed to have caught them with hook and line, but an investigation would probably reveal some carefully concealed traps in the waters about town, says the Capital.

Dayton is proud of her water works. For ordinary use the supply well at the springs three miles above the city furnishes all the water needed by a city twice the size. In case of fire, the reservoir holding 700,000 gallons is made use of. The water has a fall of more than 160 feet, and the force is so great that three men are necessary to hold the nozzle of the fire hose.

Senator Squire telegraphed to N. H. Bloomfield, of Portland, that the appropriations for all river and harbor improvements in the state of Washington, as reported from the committee on commerce, had passed the senate, including the full amount, \$87,000, for the Columbia river at Vancouver. A small amendment was adopted extending the survey of the north fork of the Lewis river to the head of navigation, or Etna.

Treasurer Mish, of Snohomish county, says that he will soon be able to turn over to the county all but about \$5,000 of the money which was tied up in the failure of the Puget Sound National bank. This will have a good effect on the county's credit. The commissioners had entered an order removing the treasurer from office on May 1, but this showing is so good that they have concluded that it is to the county's interest that Mr. Mish remain.

E. W. Purdy, treasurer of Whatcom, has begun suit against the persons on the guarantee bond for the county money deposited in the Bellingham Bay National bank. The amount looked up in the bank is \$7,898.18. The parties who stood good for this amount and bonded themselves for its repayment to the amount of \$25,000 are J. J. Donovan and wife, J. J. Eden and wife, M. McMillen and wife, J. W. Morgan and wife and C. P. Wheeler. Each of these is held for \$5,000.

United States Sealskin Inspector Fowler has been busy at Port Townsend, inspecting the catches of six Indian sealing schooners that have just returned from the cape. The catches are not large, but the weather has been so rough that it has been impossible for the sealers to get more than 25 miles off shore at any time, and the best hunting grounds have therefore not been visited by them. The skins are all prime ones, and the sealers are satisfied with their work, considering the unfavorable weather.

#### Oregon.

Umatilla county has \$14,800 in its treasury.

A map of Jackson county has just been completed and published.

Baker City wants the next meeting of the State Press Association.

Subscriptions are being asked in the upper Rogue river valley for help in

improve the road from the summit of the Cascades to Crater lake.

Citizens of Cottage Grove have begun active work on the Bohemia wagon road.

The contract has been let for the erection of a Presbyterian church at Brownsville.

Walter Denny, an Ashland boy, expects to be a fireman on the new battle-ship Oregon.

A tie train recently took about 8,000 ties from Henderson to the crocoote works at Latham.

Klamath Falls is setting a good example to more ambitious towns in Oregon by forbidding bicycle riders to ride on sidewalks under penalty of fine.

Lane county warrants are now in demand. Local capitalists are paying 1 per cent premium for them. This has happened occasionally for the past three years.

The trapdoor of an Astoria streetcar was carelessly left open one day last week, and Mrs. J. P. Swenson, carrying a little child in her arms, boarded the car. She stepped into the opening, injuring herself severely.

The new flume of the Klamath Water Ditch Company is progressing rapidly. The ditch is being raised to run around the foothills, and 125,000 feet of lumber has been sawed at Carr's mill, to be used in the flume, of which 23,000 feet is already on the ground.

The sewing machine company that threatened to contest the right of the city of Ashland to impose a peddler's license fee on its agent has compromised by taking out a license for three months, under protest, to give it an opportunity to fight the ordinance later on.

R. C. Kiger, Benton county's stock inspector, is urging upon sheepraisers the necessity of clipping sheep in order to eradicate scab. There are several bands in Benton yet afflicted with the scab, and these Mr. Kiger wants dipped a few times immediately after shearing. If this matter is given proper attention now, he says the disease can be entirely wiped out.

Thomas G. Keene has petitioned the Marion county court to refund the taxes paid by him in the years 1893 and 1894, on the southeast quarter of section 22, township 10 south, range 3 east. It appears that laboring under a misapprehension, he paid taxes to the sheriff of Marion county instead of Linn county, in which the land lies. Meanwhile the land has been sold for taxes.

The Prineville Review says the city fathers are very economical, judging by the furniture in the city hall. A Review man was in attendance at a case before the recorder one day last week. The only articles in the room were two benches, one table, two pine boxes and a goods box with shelves in it, used for a secretary, and a good stove, so that a person can keep warm if the marshal succeeds in capturing enough old sidewalk boards for fuel.

Umatilla county is to follow Multnomah county in making a test of the salary law. Action has been brought which will bring a decision on a direct issue as to whether the sheriff is entitled under it to draw from the county treasury mileage and fees in excess of the \$3,500 salary allowed him by law. Suit has been commenced in the circuit court, injunction being prayed for to stop the county court from allowing, and the clerk from issuing writs for such pay. Charles Brown