

THE MADRAS PIONEER

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Taft will speak in Chicago March 17.

The University of Washington at Seattle, will try vegetarian diet for one week.

Hamilton made a new speed record for aeroplanes of one mile in one minute and 27 seconds.

The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry got into a bad tangle and will be gone over again from the start.

The Alaska Steamship company's steamer Farallon is four weeks overdue, and no trace of her can be found.

Damages of \$70,000 have been awarded a hat manufacturer in Connecticut, who sued the hatters union for boycotting.

A Los Angeles man willed his body to any physician who wished it, for scientific purposes, but no one claimed it and it was cremated.

For the second time in two years the medical supply department of the U. S. army at New York was burned out, with a loss of \$1,000,000.

A sinking steamer off the Atlantic coast sent wireless calls for aid and her captain and crew of 46 men were rescued just as the ship went down.

A San Francisco cornice worker fell from a three story building, broke a 2x4 scantling on his way down, and landed on his feet without serious injury.

The Supreme court of the United States reached its 120th birthday.

A mine explosion in the Coahuila colliery in Mexico caused the death of 68 miners.

Commander Peary is trying to organize an expedition to seek the South Pole.

Clerks in the treasurer's office in Cook county, Ill., (Chicago) struck for increased pay for overtime.

Demands will be made for increase in wages of mechanics and shopmen on 27 railroads throughout the Southwest.

A shipment of 46 boxes of prehistoric bones has arrived in Berlin from the German East African exploring expedition.

Harriman's holdings in the Wells-Fargo Express company have been sold to the American Express company for \$23,450,000.

Prospects for the passage of a bill to raise additional money for the completion of government irrigation projects now under way grows brighter.

The United Mineworkers of America in convention adopted a new clause in their constitution providing for the dismissal of any delegate who should appear intoxicated on duty.

Sir George Drummond, senator, president of the Bank of Montreal, president of the Canada Sugar Refinery company and one of the foremost captains of industry in Canada, is dead, aged 81 years.

Of the 1,000 Chinese living in and near Seattle, more than 600 are stockholders in the syndicate headed by Goon Dip, the Chinese consul, which is building a new Chinatown near the two railroad stations. A state law prevents Chinese from owning property as individuals.

Looters in Paris are being shot on sight.

Nine bodies in all have come ashore from the wreck of the Czarina in Coos Bay.

A schooner was driven ashore in an Atlantic gale and her crew of 14 are missing.

It is rumored that the stork will visit the royal house of Spain in May.

All kinds of Oregon lumber have advanced heavily in price in California markets.

In the coming English parliament the Liberals will have 274 and the Unionists 273.

Thirty-one men were killed and many others injured by a mine explosion in Kentucky.

President Taft has pardoned a full-blood Umatilla Indian chief who was serving a life sentence at McNeil's Island, Washington, for murder.

A big cereal trust is being formed to include all the principal breakfast food factories, and it is thought many large flour mills will also join it.

Cattle on Eastern Oregon ranges are too weak to be driven to where they can be fed, and in some cases are being offered for sale at \$5 per head.

After going four days without meat, a Chicago sign-painter bought a huge beefsteak, cooked it himself, and began eating so ravenously that he choked to death on almost the first mouthful.

A big fight is expected on the postal savings banks bill and opponents say it will not pass.

An observer at Cambridge says the new comet, known as Comet A, 1910, is traveling from the earth at the rate of 41 miles per second.

MCCARTHY REIGNS SUPREME.

San Francisco's Mayor Sweeps Away All Trace of Precedents.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—San Francisco is in the hands of Mayor McCarthy and his cohorts. Commencing with the throwing out of office of members of the board of police commissioners and following that up with the decapitation of the members of the board of education, the newly-elected mayor practically completed his reign of terror the fore part of the week when he lopped off the heads of 15 more of the Taylor commissioners, and in the early hours of the morning had 15 of his own men sworn in. Neither the ousted commissioners nor any of their attorneys knew what had happened until long after the transformation had been effected.

It is not the beginning of the end, but it marks what Mayor McCarthy said upon his installation into office—that he proposes to run the city after his own manner. In short, he wants to control absolutely and without question, the patronage of the city, and failing to convince the commissioners that they should resign, he has brought it about by more tyrannical methods.

Saloonmen, members of the Royal Arch, a liquor dealers' association, and heads of various union bodies of San Francisco, make up, for the most part, the newly appointed commissions, so that it is easy to see who is going to rule the roost for the next two years, at least.

It is going far, perhaps, to say that San Francisco is to be the Paris of America, but the complete disregard that McCarthy has shown for the intent of the charter, to say nothing more, is proof positive that he will permit nothing to stand in his road.

His motto might easily be "rule or ruin." Already there are indications that the ousted commissioners will not stand idly by. Some of them, it is true, have decided to quit peaceably, but others, and notably the board of education, has decided to test in the courts the right of the mayor to turn them out of office. Action in this test case was begun today.

TARIFF WAR AVERTED.

Agreement Reached With Germany on all But Meat Inspection.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Concessions by both the United States and Germany have averted a threatened tariff war.

Negotiations have been concluded between the two countries which settle the question of a minimum and maximum rate with the exception of the cattle and dressed meat issue. This was eliminated from the present negotiations and will be taken up later in separate diplomatic representations. Under the agreement made today American minimum rates will be exchanged for the entire minimum list of Germany. The result is considered advantageous to both countries.

The State department today issued a statement, which in part is as follows: "By the understanding arrived at, there will be no tariff war and no interruption of the enormous commerce passing between the two countries. The magnitude of this business appears from the statement that in the calendar year just closed the direct interchange of commodities between Germany and the United States exceeded \$409,000,000, and allowances being made for German importations through other countries, the actual volume is possibly in excess of \$500,000,000.

Glare, Report; Meteor?

Quincy, Ill., Feb. 4.—A meteor is supposed to have struck near here at 1:30 o'clock this morning. It aroused the whole city and caused buildings to tremble. Those about the streets saw a great glare in the sky, and heard a report as of an explosion immediately followed.

Burlington, Ia., Feb. 4.—Reports from Keokuk and Hannibal state that at 1:30 o'clock this morning the Western sky suddenly was lighted with a great glare and a minute later was followed by a heavy shock that caused the earth to tremble. It is supposed to have been a meteor, but may have been caused by the explosion of dynamite in a mine.

Comet Gas to Envelop Earth.

New York, Feb. 3.—Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, in a letter published here today, says that the vaporous tail of Halley's comet will envelop the earth on May 19. "For several hours," he says, "we will be immersed in the gaseous caudal appendage whose chemical constitution is still little known. The comet will pass directly between the sun and the world at 2 o'clock in the morning of May 19. At that hour the Pacific ocean will be in full daylight, while in France it will be night.

Valuable Witness Found.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—That the government has found a valuable and well informed witness in the beef trust case in the person of a former trusted official of a large packing company was the report about the federal building. This man is said to be on a pension at present but has consented to tell the jury all he knows in return for immunity. Two more employees of Swift & Co. were subpoenaed today, and others, it is said, will follow.

Body Lashed to Mast.

Crisfield, Md., Feb. 4.—The body of Captain W. A. Bradshaw, of the oyster boat Effie Smith, was found lashed to the mast of his wrecked vessel today. The crew of three men are missing.

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

APPLE PROFITS GREAT.

Former Mail Carrier Extols Life of Up-to-Date Frustrator.

Portland—One of the most interesting addresses delivered before Portland Apple Growers' association was given by I. A. Mason, a prominent Hood River orchardist. The subject was "The Apple from Start to Finish," the speaker giving the large audience present a clear, concise story of apple production from the practical standpoint.

Perhaps the most interesting part of Mr. Mason's address was that in which he gave exact figures on the proceeds from an Oregon apple orchard. In his Hood River orchard he has just two varieties, Newtown Pippin and Spitzenberg. In 1906 his receipts from the Spitzenbergs were \$835 an acre, and from the Newtowns \$750 an acre. This was the only year, he said, in which the Spitzenbergs brought larger returns than the other variety. In 1907 the average returns were \$250 an acre; in 1908, \$1,200 an acre, and in 1909, \$500 an acre. This year his trees are 13 years old.

"These figures are exact and not colored in any way," said Mr. Mason. "It will be seen that my orchard has brought me in gross receipts of \$700 an acre as an average for five years. All expense of maintenance amounted to about \$200 an acre, leaving a net profit of \$500 an acre.

"This, of course, is paying 10 per cent on a valuation of \$5,000 an acre. It looks big, but it is nothing more than any young man who gets hold of a good piece of Oregon apple land can do. It can be done in the Willamette valley. If you will only select the right land, plant the best varieties and give them proper attention.

"You will notice that my orchard brought in only \$500 an acre last year. This, I believe, was because the crop was so heavy the year before. The extraordinary cold snap of last winter also contributed to it. But I want to say right now that this year gives every indication of being one of the best that Hood River has ever experienced. I believe confidently that my orchard will again bring in at least \$1,200 an acre.

"In raising apples it must be borne in mind that it takes time before the trees begin to pay. You will get a small crop in five years, and a better yield each subsequent year. But all that time you have been paying out with nothing coming in. It will take the crops of the seventh and eighth years to bring you out even. Then you are in clover. It's all velvet after that."

Mr. Mason advocated planting not more than three varieties in one orchard, and said two are better, if the right two are selected. He also declared that in Oregon he does not consider the slope of the ground as making a great deal of difference, just so the soil is of the right quality.

Say Eugene-Coos Bay Road Assured.

Eugene—F. B. Kidder, one of the promoters of the railroad from Eugene to Coos Bay, via Siuslaw, has returned to this city from Minneapolis, where he has been conferring with people who are backing him. He will be followed in a few days by J. H. Thomas, a civil engineer, who has built several lines in the Middle West, and John Baird, another railroad man, who will be associated with Mr. Kidder in this enterprise. All have left good positions in Minneapolis to take up this new work, and will make Eugene their home with their families.

They say that as soon as the survey and right of way are secured a large railroad corporation is ready and willing to build the road. A fund to complete this work is now being subscribed and the promoters say it can be raised in a few days.

These men have come here at the instance of the Lane County Asset company, a body of local business men, who have worked hard on the proposition for the past year, and who now believe that their work has begun to show fruit.

To Establish Paper Mill.

Hood River—It is possible that Hood River will be the place selected for a paper mill. William Goodnough, who has a farm in Hood River, and who is an experienced paper mill man, met with the board of directors of the Commercial club recently and outlined his plans, and the matter was further taken up at a mass meeting. Mr. Goodnough believes that Hood River would afford an ideal site for a mill of this character.

\$10,000 Ranch in Union County.

Elgin—The Bloodworth ranch four miles Northeast of Elgin, owned by J. O. Fisher, was sold this week to Harry Hug for the sum of \$10,000. The ranch contained 200 acres of farm land and 40 acres of timber land. Fisher came here last fall from Washington. He bought the place from John Bloodworth, who homesteaded it in 1875.

New Company at Halfway.

Baker City—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Pine Mercantile company to do business at Halfway, Or., with a capital stock of \$00,000. The company will also handle real estate. J. B. Wood, Isaac McMullen, J. R. Hunsacker and Frank Clark are incorporators.

The Oregon Library commission will be glad to loan program material to teachers for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. The only charge will be postage. Address Oregon Library commission, Salem.

START BIG PRUNE ORCHARD

Syndicate Will Plant Big Tract Near Capital City.

Salem—One hundred and sixty-five acres of raw land have been purchased by a syndicate of Salem business men in the center of one of the best fruit districts in the vicinity of Salem, the Rosedale district, and it will be set out at once with Italian prunes. The trees have been ordered for 50 acres of the purchase, and they will be planted at once.

The land is located seven or eight miles south of Salem, and will be traversed by the Oregon Electric when that line is extended to Albany. The purchase was made of Arthur Edwards by Charles McNary, Dr. T. C. Smith, Harry E. Albert and Frank Durbin, an attorney, a dentist, a banker and a hop grower and buyer. It is the first time that a group of men have entered the prune business in so systematic a way in this vicinity.

The whole tract is not to be set out at once. The best methods will be adopted and studied with a view to making money. Other improvements will be put on the tract, including a unique summer home, which may be occupied from time to time by one or more of the families of the men who are the proprietors of the model orchard. It will be a plantation for farmers and prune growers in Marion and Polk counties to emulate, and as an educational feature alone it will be a valuable asset to the prune growing industry in those counties.

Weather Bureau Discontinued.

Baker City—The weather bureau which has been maintained here since July 1, 1889, will be discontinued, for the present at least, according to information received by D. C. Grunow, the observer, from headquarters at Washington. All the instruments and records of the station were destroyed in the fire which wiped out the whole quarter block, and there is not any money available at present for the establishment of another bureau.

Potato Rate Reduced.

Salem—An order has been issued reducing the rates on potatoes and onions to the same general level as the grain rates on the Southern Pacific road, which is one of the few roads in the Northwest that has charged more for the transportation of potatoes and onions than for grain and mill feed. The railroad commission has decided that these charges of the Southern Pacific are unreasonable.

New Car Shops at La Grande.

La Grande—The Oregon Railroad & Navigation company has unofficially announced that new shops are to be built here during the coming summer. The plans are all completed and drawings and details are ready for the beginning of the work as soon as possible in the spring.

Tides Uncover Agates.

Newport—The recent high tides have uncovered here large areas of agate bearing gravel, and when the weather permits large crowds may be seen on the beaches searching for the agates, which have made Newport famous.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices — Bluestem, \$1.16; club, \$1.08; red Russian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.06; 40 fold, \$1.10.
Barley—Feed and brewing, \$28.50 @29 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.50@32 ton.
Hay—Track prices—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$16@17.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 37@39c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 35@37c; store, 20@22½c. Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 31@32c; Eastern, 17½@22c.
Pork—Fancy, 11c per pound.
Poultry—Hens, 16½@17c; springs, 16½@17c; ducks, 21@22½c; geese, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 22@25c; dressed, 22½@30c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.
Veal—Extras, 12@12½c per pound.
Fresh Fruits — Apples, \$1@3 per box; pears, \$1@1.50; cranberries, \$8 @9 per barrel.
Potatoes — Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70@90c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2½@2½c per pound.
Vegetables — Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$1.75@2 per hundred; pumpkins, 1½@1½c per pound; squash, 2c; tomatoes, \$1.50@2.25 per box; turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.50.
Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack.
Hops—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20@22½c per pound; 1908s, 17½c; 1907s, 11½c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; mohair, choice, 25c.
Casaca bark, 1½c per pound.
Hides—Dry, 18@18½c per pound; dry kip, 18@18½c; dry calfskin, 19@21c; salted hides, 10@10½c; salted calfskins, 15c; steers, 1c less.
Cattle—Best, green, \$5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; strictly good cows, \$3.75@4; fair to good cows, \$3@3.50; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$3.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.
Hogs—Top, \$9; fair to good, \$8.50@8.75.
Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50; fair to good, \$5@5.50; good ewes, \$4.75@5; lambs, \$6@6.50.

CEREAL TRUST FORMING.

Twelve Biggest Breakfast Food Makers May Combine.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—The hungry public, turning from prohibitive meat and other foodstuffs to cereals, is apparently in for another hard shock, as there is every indication that a great combine in cereals is on the verge of completion to be followed immediately by a general boost in prices. Snowballs and sand seem about the only things left that cannot be cornered.

Advices from Minneapolis today and tonight are to the effect that a great holding company is forming to take over several of the largest cereal factories in the United States—in short, to form a trust in breakfast foods. According to these reports, these companies probably would be in the combine:

Northwestern Cereal corporation.
Minnesota Cereal & Milling Co.
Fruen Wheat Food & Milling Co.
Minne-Paul Cereal & Milling Co.
Malta Vita Food Co., Battle Creek.
Pettijohn Pure Food Co.
All Iowa plants of the United Cereal Co.

It is further declared that in addition to these concerns, seven white flour mills in the territory adjacent to Minneapolis would be in the merger and that there was a possibility that two of the large baking concerns of Minneapolis also would be included.

Thomas W. Hicks, of the National Financing Company, said today: "There 12 cereal-producing firms in this country, where one holding company could handle the entire output. We seek at present to combine these 12 firms and avoid the throat-cutting which has been going on for years and which has caused many failures. For instance, Battle Creek, Mich., which has been the center of cereal-producing, has been the victim of 42 failures in three years.

"The way things are going at present, the cereal output is a losing proposition for the food companies. It is a continual fight for contracts and the result is that the jobber is the only one who makes the big money.

LUMBER PRICES ADVANCE.

Demand by Railroads Given as Cause of Rise.

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—Rough Oregon pine lumber has advanced \$1, to \$22 and \$26 a thousand feet. Shingles have advanced 25 cents, to \$2.25 and \$3 a thousand. Shakes are up, \$2, to \$20 a thousand.

"The reason for the advance in rough Oregon pine," said J. F. Mullin, of the Montgomery & Mullin Lumber company, today, "is the heavy demand of the railroad companies for this lumber. Not only in the United States is the demand heavy, but it extends to China, where they are doing an immense amount of railroad building.

"The railroads use so much lumber that they practically make the market. When there is a great amount of railroad building the price of lumber goes up.

"The outlook for the lumber business is higher prices. There has been a tendency toward higher prices since the slump caused by the financial depression of a little more than a year ago."

Three More Bodies Found.

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 2.—Three more bodies of the Czarina wreck victims were found today. One was near the mouth of the Umpqua river, a second at Ten-Mile creek and the third opposite the wreck. The bodies are not yet identified. This makes nine bodies that have been found. It was thought by some that the headless body found several days ago was that of Harold Millie, but the father, C. J. Millie, could not identify it, and the remains were buried as an unknown. A watch is kept for more bodies.

Paulhan Makes Flight.

Denver, Feb. 2.—Thirty thousand people swarmed into Overland park today to see Louis Paulhan in an exhibition flight in his Farman biplane. After three preliminary attempts, Paulhan twice circled the mile track. That the exhibition was not more successful was due to the crowd itself. They broke down fences, swarmed over the field, and the police had difficulty in clearing sufficient space to allow the machine to start.

Gale Wrecks Schooner.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 2.—With a north-west wind blowing at 52 miles an hour, the three-masted schooner Frances, Captain Coombs, from New York to Jacksonville, Fla., was washed ashore on the Hatteras coast this morning and was pounded to pieces. Fourteen men are supposed to have been lost before the life-savers could reach the vessel. None of the bodies have been washed ashore.

Gait 41 Miles a Second.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 2.—Forty-one miles a second is the speed at which "Comet A, 1910" is traveling from the earth, according to statement announced at Harvard college observatory today, from Lick observatory. The telegram says that Albrecht photographed the spectrum of the comet and found the sodium lines displaced, indicating the motion of the luminary.

J. P. Cobb U. S. Citizen.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 2.—Under an opinion handed down in the United States circuit court of Appeals today in the case of Nanyo Respo vs. the United States, a Japanese in law is either a white man nor a person of African descent, and therefore is not to be naturalized in this country.

SAVED BY WIRELESS

Call of Sinking Steamer Heard and Quickly Answered.

STEAMSHIP KENTUCKY IS LOST

Captain and Crew of 46 Men Saved by Steamer Which Picked Up Call for Help.

New York, Feb. 5.—Once more wireless has averted disaster, for "S. O. S." signal of distress, quickly flashing through the ether, this morning summoned help to a sinking steamer and tonight Captain Moon and crew of 46 men are safe on board the Mallory liner Alamo, while their vessel, the steamer Kentucky is at the bottom of the sea off Cape Hatteras.

It is another case of disaster averted by wireless and told to the world in the same medium.

The Kentucky, a wooden vessel of 996 gross tonnage and 203 feet long, was bound from New York to the Pacific coast for use between Seattle and Alaska ports for the Alaska-Pacific Steamship company.

First news of the Kentucky's distress was received at the United Wireless company's station at Cape Hatteras at 11:30 o'clock this morning. There the operator heard the "S. O. S." and quickly followed by the message: "We are sinking. Our latitude 23°10'; longitude 76°30'."

Almost simultaneously the operator heard the steamer Alamo respond to the Kentucky's call for help, informing Captain Moore that the Alamo was making all speed to the sinking vessel's assistance.

Thereafter no message was received from the Kentucky, indicating that water had interfered with the possibility of her wireless apparatus out of commission.

The navy department at Washington in the meantime flashed wireless messages along the Atlantic coast, dispatching the battleship Louisiana, which was on a 24-hour speed to sea, and two revenue cutters, the Yamacraw and Seminole, to the spot but at 5 o'clock word came from Alamo that she had arrived first and had taken off all hands in safety.

This is the message as received from New York by the United Wireless company from its Cape Hatteras station: "Latitude 32°46'; longitude 76°28'. Steamer Alamo has just taken Captain Moore and crew of 46 men from the sinking Kentucky. Water had already reached the fire room and the steamer will sink before midnight. The Alamo is now proceeding to Cape West."

COAST ASKS PROTECTION.

Seaport's Need 50 Submarines for Defence in Time of War.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Ten submarines a year for the next five years is the program of naval construction for the Pacific Coast defenses that has been prepared by the members of congress from the states of the Pacific Coast.

This will be insisted upon strongly at an early date before the house committee on naval affairs.

Delegations from Oregon, Washington and California have organized to press this claim. Representative Hayes, of California; Ellis, of Oregon, and Humphrey, of Washington, were appointed by the Pacific coast delegation to lay their plans before the naval committee. Mr. Hayes strengthened his position in his argument by quoting from the report of the naval board of strategy and other government documents.

"The Pacific Coast is in a defenseless condition," declared Representative Hayes. "In San Francisco Bay the current is so strong that it is impossible to protect the entrance to the harbor with mines."

Body Finds no Takers.

Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—Contrary to the expressed wish of Moses A. Harmon, as contained in his last will, the body of the free thought advocate was not turned over to New York Chicago physicians for the instruction of classes in anatomy. Miss Lillian Harmon, who arrived from Chicago today to attend the funeral of the seaman, said that no physician expressed a desire to take advantage of the strange bequest, consequently funeral services will be held tomorrow and the body will be cremated.

Sugar Case Complicated.

New York, Feb. 5.—The tangled web of the sugar underweighting fraud case was further complicated, if anything, by the hearing in the United States circuit court here today. Counsel Charles R. Heike, secretary of the American Sugar Refining company, while anxious to press the claim of immunity for his client on the ground that he had testified to material matters before the grand jury, did not wish to imperil his case.

Father of Babe is 83.

Sawtelle, Cal., Feb. 5.—The birth of a girl was reported today from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernum Woodcott. The father is a veteran of the Civil war and 83 years of age; the mother is 28.