

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Thaw is almost certain to go to the asylum whether acquitted or convicted.

An Illinois woman will organize an army of drunkards' wives to carry local option.

President Roosevelt is said to be back of a move to start a boom for Taft for president.

President Roosevelt has appointed a commission on the improvement of waterways.

Attorney General Thompson, of Nebraska, says the new 2-cent passenger rate law is constitutional.

Germany and Austria have combined to oppose consideration of disarmament at The Hague peace conference.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, proposes a conference of government and state officials on railroad laws.

The reclamation service has sustained Engineer Ross, of Idaho, saying the charges are the result of work by disgruntled contractors.

The flood loss at Pittsburg is expected to reach at least \$10,000,000, and many other towns in the path of the high water are reporting losses proportionately as high.

Tillman says third term will be the issue in 1908.

An Austrian officer predicts an American-Japanese war and American defeat.

The Interstate Commerce commission is after the coal roads of Illinois and Indiana.

London woman suffragists declare themselves ready to wear short hair to win their cause.

The G. A. R. national encampment will be held at Saratoga, N. Y., the week of September 9.

In a clash between American troops and Cuban rural guards at Santa Clara, Cuba, five were seriously injured.

Oklahoma's constitution has been completed. The initiative and referendum are the chief primary laws of Oregon.

Roosevelt has demanded Harriman's deposition and his backers will take away control from him so he will lose all his railroads.

The railroad presidents have concluded they have no mandate to present to the president and have decided they want to obey the law.

So great has been the Japanese immigration through El Paso, Tex., that Mexicans have been displaced by the brown men after assisting them to enter this country.

Dowie's funeral sermon, written by himself, cursed his enemies.

Harriman wants railroads excepted from Sherman anti-trust law.

Finland has just held its first election under universal suffrage.

The Japanese agreement has been carried out in San Francisco and Washington.

Schmitz and Ruef, the San Francisco grafters, have lost every point so far in the courts.

The total deaths due to the disaster on the French warship Jena has now reached 103.

Speaker Cannon and other members of the congressional party at Panama express surprise at the amount of work that has been done on the canal.

Ex-Senator Burton, of Kansas, will probably stay in jail an extra month because of his inability to pay his fine of \$2,500.

Homier Davenport will send one of his Arabian horses across the continent to prove the strong enduring powers of that breed. A cousin of the cartoonist will ride the animal.

Paper manufacturers throughout the country will advance the price of their products soon.

Roosevelt has told Governor Gillette that legislation by California will prevent Japanese exclusion.

The strike of Portland millmen may close down some business houses that have need for many boxes.

Stuyvestant Fish, who was thrown out of the Illinois Central presidency by Harriman, has gone to Gould.

Fifteen passengers on a Los Angeles trolley car were badly injured by a Southern Pacific engine striking the car.

A Chicago grand jury is after the so-called church and school furniture trust. The indictments charge the trust with controlling 80 per cent of the business of the country.

One of the Japanese warships coming to Jamestown will have great attractions for naval men. It has a speed better than any of ours and was finished in less than two years after the keel was laid, which is better time than is made in American yards. The vessel was built by the Japanese.

PLUNDERED BY HILL-MORGAN

Attorney General Asked to Air Northern Pacific Scandal.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19.—Reduced to the form of affidavits and documents, the authenticity of which have been proved in legal proceedings, revelations concerning the wholesale plundering of the rights of stockholders in the Northern Pacific railroad are about to be presented before Attorney General Bonaparte. At the time of the Hill-Morgan reorganization of the Northern Pacific railroad, Brayton Ives, then a prominent New York banker, was the president of the old company.

In February of 1896 Mr. Ives, as president of the Northern Pacific, appointed from his board of directors a so-called "protective committee," claiming authority to proceed with the work of reorganization. Morgan & Co. were not only reorganization managers, contracting with themselves as syndicate managers, but they were also syndicate subscribers, and thus appeared in a three-fold capacity, being joined as syndicate subscribers with Mr. Ives and other directors of the old Northern Pacific company. Millions of dollars were collected in assessments levied upon the stockholders of the old Northern Pacific company, which it was thought by the public were to be used to rehabilitate the company.

Instead of being so appropriated they were gathered in and divided among the syndicate as commissions and profits. This is one of the features of the "sell-out" of the old Northern Pacific company and is one of the many amazing things connected with this remarkable reorganization for which a complete investigation is being demanded of the authorities at Washington.

ROCKEFELLER MAKES WILL.

Plans to Give an Immense Fortune to Use of the Public.

New York, March 19.—The Herald will tomorrow say that according to a member of John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s bible class, and who is also a personal friend of John D. Rockefeller and in a position to know of his affairs, the latter proposes to make a princely gift to New York City. It will amount to at least \$50,000,000. It will be partly charitable and partly educational. The Herald will add:

"This man said that when Mr. Rockefeller was conferring with his son at Lakewood, N. J., a fortnight ago, the meeting was not for the purpose of discussing any immediate gift, but was on the subject of Mr. Rockefeller's will, which document the oil king was then completing with the aid of his son and his lawyers. It was said that this document will astonish the world when it is made public.

It will, it is declared, give no less than \$250,000,000, for charitable and educational purposes, and it will be bestowed that the benefit therefrom will almost be perpetual.

Rate War on the Atlantic.

London, March 19.—Herr Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Steamship line, who is here attending the shipping conference, today said there was every likelihood of a renewal of the rate war for the North Atlantic trade with the Cunard line. Within a fortnight he expects to see a decision one way or the other. Further Herr Ballin declared the German lines had a working agreement with the White Star line, and that all possibility of friction, owing to the removal of that line to Southampton, had now been obviated.

Reports Massacre of Jews.

New York, March 19.—A Jewish morning paper tonight received the following cablegram from Podhilo, near Jassack, Roumania: "Terrible massacre since last Thursday. Town totally destroyed. All the Jewish population are ruined and houses pillaged. We ask help—Marcus Getzel, Elias Solomon, Shjen Sterberg." The names signed to the cablegram are said to be those of leading merchants of Podhilo. It is a place of about 6,000 inhabitants, 4,000 of whom are Jews. It is only 30 miles from Kishineff.

Discuss Trust Problem.

New York, March 19.—The National Civic Federation which called the trust conference of 1899 in Chicago, has decided, it was announced today, to arrange for another conference of the same nature to consider that problem in its latest aspects, especially the question of Federal and state regulation of the corporations and the question of operation of the Sherman anti-trust law. It is proposed to hold this conference in May.

Fire Gale Sweeps Bay.

San Francisco, March 19.—A fierce south and southeast gale swept the bay today, which drove small craft to shelter, caused vessels in the stream to seek positions of safety and made the ferry steamers roll unpleasantly. Outside the heads the gale raged with a velocity of 50 miles an hour, and the seas ran high. Several vessels were compelled to put back, owing to the rough condition of the weather.

Torpedo Boat is Rammed.

Ajaccio, France, March 19.—During the maneuvers last night without lights the torpedo boat destroyer Epee rammed torpedo boat No. 263. A steam pipe on the last named vessel burst, killing two men and mortally injuring another. The Epee towed the torpedo boat ashore, where she was beached.

Japan Adds 24 Regiments.

Tokio, March 19.—In pursuance of the program to increase armaments, 24 infantry regiments have been organized, mainly concentrated in Northern Isles. The main base will be Kurume.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

CANNOT COLLECT POLLTAX.

Attorney General Passes on Validity of Procedure.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford has filed his opinion in the validity of the polltax collection with District Attorney John H. McNary, upon a request from the latter. House bill 325, which passed the last legislature, repealed sections 3041 and 3142 of Belling and Cotton' code, which abolishes the \$1 polltax law of 1854 and amended in 1870 to exempt firemen from the polltax roll. The act of 1885 and subsequent amendatory acts providing for the state revenues cover the entire ground of the section enacted in 1854, providing that state revenues shall be 5 mills on the dollar of all taxable property and in addition to the \$1 polltax.

The attorney general holds that after the repealing act goes into effect on May 25 the polltax cannot be legally collected; that the assessment would not have the validity of a judgment until it is entered on the roll. As the roll would not be made up before the act takes effect, the assessor would have no further authority to collect the tax or make up the roll, and that there is no authority in future for sheriffs to collect the tax.

Plan to Finance Normal.

Salem—The maintenance of the Monmouth State Normal school has reverted to the shoulders of the board of regents. Under the provision made by them at a meeting here, a regular statement of the contingent expenses, as well as the payrolls, will be filed with the secretary of state, as heretofore, and several banks have agreed to advance the money on them, requiring an assignment of the payrolls over to them. The members of the board will individually stand responsible for the payment of the hypothecated securities. This was practically the only course they could follow, as there are no funds available by the state, and Governor Chamberlain could not take any steps towards securing assistance, even if he were so disposed.

No Encampment This Year.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has been officially notified by the War department of the abandonment of the regular army annual encampments, on account of so many of the men being in Cuba, and the large number that will be required to go to the Jamestown exposition. The department, however, calls attention to the fact that during one week to ten days in July, camps of instruction for coast artillery will be held, and the members of the Oregon National Guard are invited to participate. Assistant Secretary of War Oliver asks that preparations be made, together with a list of men who intend to attend, and forwarded to the department.

Board of Sheep Inspectors.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has named the new state board of sheep commissioners. The new officials are: First district—William H. Steusloff, Salem, term two years; district embraces Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Lane, Coos, Douglas, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties. Second district—Thomas Boylan, Antelope, term one year; district comprises Wasco, Crook, Lake and Klamath counties. Third district—Dan P. Smythe, Pendleton, term three years; district comprises Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Grant, Wallowa, Baker, Harney and Malheur counties.

Grain Bags at Nine Cents.

Pendleton—An order for the purchase of 500,000 sacks was made by the executive committee of the Graingrowers' association in this city. The name of the firm of importers or manufacturers and the price paid has not been given out, but it is thought that the sacks are made in Portland and they will not be more than 9 cents apiece delivered in this city. The contracts for 120,000 of these sacks have been signed by Morrow county growers, who asked for and were given permission to come in with the Umatilla county farmers.

Howe Succeeds Williams.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed ex-State Senator W. A. Howe, of Carlton, a member of the state board of agriculture, to succeed Jasper Williams, of Albany, deceased, and President W. H. Downing, of Shaw, to succeed himself. He also reappointed Drs. A. C. Smith, of Portland, Alfred C. Kinney, of Astoria, and C. J. Smith, of Pendleton, on the board of medical examiners. Their terms had expired.

Horse Fair at Woodburn.

Woodburn—A livestock fair will be held at Woodburn on March 23. Six—Percheron, Shire, Belgian, Clyde, Standard and Coach. There will also be colts. Many blooded horses will be in the parade at 2 p. m. The prizes will be awarded at 10 a. m. Among the prizes is a \$25 silver cup, donated by the Bank of Woodburn for the best horse of all.

Commission Approves Rate.

Salem—The Oregon Railroad commission has given its approval to the existing rate of \$1.25 per thousand on lumber in carload lots from Astoria to Seaside on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad.

PRIZES FOR ESSAYS.

Sons of American Revolution Want Essays From Pupils of Oregon.

The Oregon society of the Sons of American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the state of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our war for independence. Prizes of \$30 and \$20 will be given for the first and second best essay respectively, written on any of the following subjects: "Joseph Brant and the Indians of the Revolution," "Public Schools as a Means of Americanizing the Children of Aliens," "Separation of Church and State in America."

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the student's own handwriting on one side only of the paper, and accompanied by a certificate of the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work. The essay must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her postoffice address. They should be forwarded to Mr. A. M. Smith, Fenton building, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than the 25th of May, 1907.

In awarding these prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of: Originality, accuracy of statement, manner of treatment, orthography, syntax and punctuation. These prizes are offered to encourage love of our country and the study of its history.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to General Thomas M. Anderson, care of The Buckingham, Portland, Oregon.

Crop Outlook Good.

Milton—Farmers in this section of Umatilla county are very optimistic over the prospect of a bumper wheat and barley crop this coming season. The fall was an ideal one in regard to rainfall, there being plenty of moisture in the ground before the setting in of winter weather. The snowfall in the mountain districts this year has been unusually heavy, thus conserving the water supply for the summer months. With the supply already produced by the thawing out on the lowlands or light soil districts, it leaves little question as to the adequate supply of moisture.

Crop Outlook in Harney.

Burns—The winter in Harney county is over and the snow in the valley has gone off with a warm rain. There is plenty of snow in the mountains to keep the high water over the swamp land and make good crops of hay. Stockmen have turned their herds out on the range, which is better than has ever been known for this time in the year. Farmers are preparing their ground for spring crops and everything points to a successful year to the farmers of Harney county.

Empire Mill May Reopen.

Marshfield—What is taken as a sure indication that Elijah Smith intends to again operate his large lumber mill in Empire is the fact that he has had the Arago hotel reopened. This hotel has been idle since the closing down of the lumber mill some years ago. It is the only hostelry in Elijah Smith's little city and is owned by the Southern Oregon Land company. Workmen have been busy for several days repairing the machinery in the mill.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 71@72c; bluestem, 73@74c; valley, 70c; red, 69@70c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$2.30; gray, \$2.50. Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50. Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt. Corn—Whole, \$24.50; cracked, \$22.50 per ton. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$14@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$14. Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2@35c per pound. Butter Fat—First grade cream, 33 1/2c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 14c; spring fryers and broilers, 20@22 1/2c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18 1/2@20c; geese, live, 8c; ducks, 16@18c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17 1/2@18c per dozen. Apples—Common, 75c@1.25 per box; choice, \$1.50@2.50. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per dozen; celery, \$3.25@3.50 per crate; sprouts, 9c; radishes, 30c per dozen; asparagus, 10@12 1/2c per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25@2.50 per box. Onions—Oregon, 75@90c per hundred. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, \$1.35; No. 1 choice, \$1@1.25; common, 75c@1. Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@9c per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 3@3 1/2c per pound; cows, 5 @ 6c; country steers, 6@7c. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10 1/2c; ordinary, 8@9c per pound. Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound. Hops—9@12c per pound, according to quality. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@18c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@23c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 27@30c per pound.

TOO SOON FOR FAIR.

California Governor Will Not Sign Bill for Appropriation.

Sacramento, Cal., March 18.—Governor Gillett will not sign the Pacific Coast Exposition bill under any circumstances. No amount of influence will tend to change his resolution in this respect, which, he says, is unalterable. It is not because the governor is opposed to the exposition itself, but because he is fully convinced in his own mind that the project has been sprung too early and at a time when the taxpayers of the state will be burdened enough to repair the damages inflicted on the state institutions and on California cities by the disaster of last April. In expressing his views the governor said: "I told these people from the first that I would not sign this bill, that I would not burden the taxpayers of the state with a tax to raise \$1,000,000 at this time. In the first place, this proposed fair is six years in the future, and it will be plenty of time at the next session of the legislature for the state to do her share. Another thing, it is absolutely foolish to begin operations now, when labor is scarce and materials high.

"It is foolish for a man to have a housewarming before he builds his house, and for the next two years, to say the least, the streets of San Francisco will be filled with bricks and debris. The bill provides that the people of San Francisco must raise some \$3,000,000 as well as the state. Let them do this and then the state can act.

OVER A HUNDRED DEAD.

Catastrophe in Forbach, Germany, Mine from Firedamp.

Forbach, Germany, March 18.—An explosion of fire damp in the coal mine at Kleinrosseln, near here, last night, resulted in the death of over 100 miners and the injury of 12 others. The disaster occurred between 10 and 11 o'clock in a small gallery in which 80 miners were at work.

As the work of rescue progresses it is seen the disaster was more serious than the first reports indicated. Up to a late hour 67 dead men had been brought to the surface, while 40 men were still missing. All the missing have been given up as dead, as they undoubtedly were buried under falling wreckage. Of the wounded two have died, and the doctors think that only one of the remaining 10 will recover. The DeWendels brothers, owners of the mine, have given \$25,000 to relieve the immediate necessities of the afflicted families.

One hundred and seventeen others escaped into adjoining galleries. Two hundred and ten men went into the mine at 5 o'clock last evening, and about midnight the news was spread to the nearby village that a terrible disaster had occurred.

Almost the whole population of the countryside gathered at the mouth of the shaft, among them the families of the men below. Rain began to fall heavily, and distressing scenes of grief were witnessed as the bodies were brought to the surface and laid out under a blaze of electric lights.

Many of the bodies were so disfigured that they were scarcely recognizable. The work of bringing out the injured men and the bodies of the dead was very slow, the galleries being choked with wreckage.

The DeWendels are one of the richest mining families of Alsace-Lorraine.

Children's Suicide Pact.

St. Louis, March 18.—It was developed today through testimony at the coroner's inquest into the suicide last night of Lieblich Slocum, aged 10, that she had entered into a suicide pact with Gertrude Harper, also 10 years old. Gertrude testified that she had told her mother that she was going to take her life, and was prevented by J. P. Slinger, the drug clerk who sold the carbolic acid to the Slocum girl, was arrested today. He asserts she bore a note purporting to be from her mother asking for 5 cents worth of carbolic acid.

Finds 2,500 People Destitute.

Columbus, O., March 18.—Adjutant General Critchfield returned tonight from Gloucester, O., where he went at the request of Governor Harris to investigate the flood situation. The adjutant general reported that he found about 2,500 flood sufferers in Gloucester and other mining towns in the vicinity in urgent need of relief. He purchased supplies to the amount of \$1,000 at Gloucester and turned them over to the local relief committee for distribution. Many of the miners lost everything, the flood coming upon them so quickly.

Burton Will Tell Secrets.

Abilene, Kan., March 18.—Ex-Senator Joseph R. Burton, who is expected to return to his home here this week from Ironton, Mo., has engaged the local theater for March 23, where he will deliver a public address. Senator Burton has for some time threatened to expose those whom he charged with being responsible for his conviction, and it is said that his remarks on next Saturday will prove sensational in the extreme.

Six Die in Virginia Mines.

Norton, Va., March 18.—An explosion occurred in the mines at Greenough this morning after several miners had entered. The mine is seven miles east of Norton. As far as can be learned, ten miners have escaped slightly injured, two dead have been taken from the mines and four are known to be in the mines and are supposed to be dead. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

WORST OVER AT PITTSBURG

Ten Square Miles Were Inundated by Overflowing Rivers.

Damage is Estimated at From Ten to Twenty Millions—Twenty Lives at Least Were Lost—Whole Business Center of Smoky City Submerged by Swollen Rivers.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 16.—With the rapid receding of the waters in the Monongahela, Alleghany and Ohio rivers, conditions are resuming normal proportions. The approaches to the bridges are now clear of water and street car service in the flooded district has been resumed.

At 9 o'clock last night the river had fallen almost eight feet. At that hour the stage was 29 feet and dropping six inches an hour.

Ten square miles were inundated. The loss is summarized as follows: Loss in output of steel mills, \$3,000,000.

Loss in output of other industries, \$2,000,000. Losses in wages of employes, \$1,837,777.

Damage to industrial plants, \$2,500,000. Total, \$9,337,000.

Various other estimates are being made, ranging from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Reports from numerous Western Pennsylvania towns are to the effect that the water is subsiding.

The flood in this city reached 37 feet at 6 a. m. yesterday, the highest stage ever recorded. More than 100,000 persons were temporarily thrown out of employment; every transportation company in the city was interrupted; skiffs carried hundreds of people to their places of business, and the utilization of wagons and horses as conveyances, which did valuable service, was discontinued, owing to the strenuous protests by the Humane society.

Twenty fatalities have occurred in Allegheny county, directly due to high water.

In a fire that threatened the entire Mount Washington section of the city 25 business structures and dwellings were destroyed or damaged today, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Many of the dwellings were tenements or apartment houses, and there were many narrow escapes.

The structures were mostly of frame construction and, because of a break in the water main, the only available fire-quenching materials were chemicals from extinguishers and buckets.

Two attempts were made to stop the flames by dynamiting buildings on either side, but each time the wreckage caught fire. It finally burned itself out.

COLLUSION, SAYS GREENE.

Substance of Idaho Irrigation Fraud Charges by Inspector.

Washington, March 16.—Secretary Garfield is working on a report sent to his predecessor by Special Agent A. R. Greene, detailing alleged frauds which he believes he has uncovered in connection with the construction of the Boise-Payette irrigation project in Idaho.

Mr. Greene, so it is reported, alleges there has been collusion between contractors on the Deer Flat reservoir dam and Reclamation Engineer D. W. Ross, it being rumored that Mr. Greene charges that the contractors, in return for favors shown by Mr. Ross, made him a present of 12,000 acres of land. Officials of the reclamation service absolutely discredit the report, and have the utmost confidence in Mr. Ross. It is their belief that investigation will show Mr. Greene to be in error.

Three Drown in Ohio Town

Zanesville, Ohio, March 16.—Three Hungarians were drowned here as the result of the flood this morning. A score of foreigners were living in a house that was surrounded by the Muskingum river, which overflowed during the night. When they started to wade to land three were caught in the current and swept out into the river. Flood conditions through Muskingum county are unprecedented and growing worse hourly. The Muskingum and Licking rivers are out of bounds in this city and doing much damage.

Edwards to Be Deposed.

Pendleton, Or., March 16.—That Major O. C. Edwards, agent of the Umatilla Indian reservation, will lose his official head as a result of the investigation conducted by Inspector Charles L. Davis, is believed in Pendleton by everyone at all familiar with the course affairs have taken. Before leaving for Yakima today, Inspector Davis announced that an order abolishing the office of guardian for all Indian heirs had been issued.

Another Naval Disaster.

Brest, March 16.—There was another accident to a French warship off this port today. During torpedo practice the coast defense ship Fulminant was struck and seriously damaged on the water line by a torpedo. Collision masts were at once applied to the vessel's side and she was towed into port in a sinking condition.