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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.

The Roumanian revolt has been suppressed with wholesale slaughter.

French troops have raised their flag over the Moroccan town of Oudja.

Schmitz denies that he has attempted to get a part of the board of supervisors to resign.

The municipal campaign just ended in Chicago is the fiercest in the history of the city.

Thaw stood the lunacy examination so well that Jerome has asked for more time to call experts.

Roosevelt may make public his railway policy at the opening of the Jamestown exposition April 26.

Americans at Ceiba, Honduras, were glad to see a United States warship put into that port to protect their interests.

Ruef has been on the pay roll of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company for the past two years at \$1,200 per month.

Henry W. Goode, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, is dead. He was president of the Lewis and Clark fair.

The American government is confident The Hague conference will do good, even if all questions to be brought up are not agreed upon.

The Roumanian revolt is quieting down.

The president has called an election in the Philippines.

All labor troubles around Butte have been adjusted for the time being.

St. Louis brewery workers threaten to strike and the city is facing a beer famine.

The disarmament question is likely to be barred from The Hague peace conference.

Republican members of the Tennessee legislature propose Roosevelt for a third term.

The Nebraska legislature has passed a direct primary a copy after the Oregon statute.

Spreckels had guaranteed the cost of a thorough housecleaning of grafters at San Francisco.

The Western Union Telegraph company has raised its rates, in some cases as much as 20 per cent.

The census bureau estimates that the population of the United States has increased 8,000,000 in the past six years.

The Colton, Cal., death list as the result of the train wreck is placed at 22 and at least six more of the injured will die. A green switch crew is blamed with the accident.

Mediation in the Central American war has been postponed.

The San Francisco investigation may spread to every city on the coast.

Evidence is being secured which points to telephone bribery in Oakland.

Mrs. Thaw is said to be breaking down under the strain of the trial of Thaw.

Congressman Scott, of Kansas, predicts the completion of the Panama canal in seven years.

Eight men have been arrested at Butte for trying to influence voters at the primaries just held.

The bill for the recount of the ballots cast for mayor of New York in November, 1905, has passed the New York legislature.

A cigarette started a fire in the general shops of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad at Carrizozo, N. M. The loss is placed at \$100,000.

Big shipments of flour are being hurried from Minneapolis to San Francisco, where a government transport will take it to the famine sufferers of China.

Ex-President Cleveland has just celebrated his 70th birthday.

The whole of Roumania is in revolt and the capital threatened.

San Salvador has asked Mexico to intervene in the Central American war.

Foraker has called for primaries in Ohio to decide preference for president.

Immense land frauds are to be investigated by a Federal grand jury at Cheyenne.

A deadlock has been reached between Western railroads and trainmen on the question of wages.

Premier Stolypin, of Russia, has agreed to abolish court martial, as at present exercised.

A commission in lunacy has been appointed in the Thaw case and the trial has adjourned until the commission reports.

The California flood has made produce scarce in San Francisco.

Taft continues to be boomed for president, but third term talk for Roosevelt grows.

France announces her determination to get redress from Morocco for the murder of a French subject.

CHILE WAS AIMING HIGH.

South American Republic Wanted Ambassador at Washington.

Washington, April 2.—Chile's failure to send a minister to Washington to replace Mr. Walker Martinez, who did not return here after the Pan-American conference at Rio Janeiro last summer, has caused much comment. The neglect of the Chilean congress to appropriate sufficient money to maintain the legation has been given as a reason for leaving the American mission in charge of Alberto Yocham, secretary of the legation.

But it has just become known that the real cause was hidden deep in Latin-American politics. Chile decided it would be a good idea to have an ambassador in Washington, and steps were taken to discover what the United States thought of the proposed elevation of the Chilean representative to Washington.

The suggestion that the Chilean envoy might be raised to the ambassadorial rank set all Latin America on edge and a general movement was instituted by the Southern republics to head off such a movement. Argentina being unfriendly to Chile was especially opposed to the plan, as Brazil and Chile are always ready as allies and Argentina did not want her two strongest rivals to outstrip her in American representation.

It has not been the policy of the State department to send ambassadors to any country which can not be ranked as a world power, and when the hostility of the rest of South America to such a change became known the United States decided that the question had better not be agitated further at this time.

ONLY SPECIAL RATES GO UP.

President of Western Union Explains Recent Advance in Toll.

New York, April 2.—Concerning the recently announced advance in the rates charged by the company, Colonel R. C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, tonight said:

"There has been no large increase in rates by the telegraph companies. A number of special and unprofitable rates have been increased to the standard of schedule rates. These special rates were discriminative against a large number of places and were originally established by competing companies, which by reason thereof went into bankruptcy."

"Most of the rates increased were 25 cents for 10 words rates. It costs at least 30 cents each to handle such messages for short distances at the present time. The increases in the cost of telegraph material have been from 25 to 100 per cent within the last few years."

"In addition to the recent increases of 10 per cent in the salaries of all managers and operators, there has been for years past a large and steady increase in wages of all classes of individual employees from month to month. There is no increase in the extra word rate, consequently the newspapers' rates remain the same."

ALMOST GOT PRESIDENCY.

Grow, Former Pennsylvania Congressman Dies of Old Age.

Binghamton, N. Y., April 2.—Ex-Congressman Galusha A. Grow died at his home in Glenwood, Pa., Saturday as a result of a general breakdown, attributed to old age. Mr. Grow was elected to congress from the Wilmet district of Pennsylvania as the youngest member of that body in 1851, and after retirement from public life for nearly 40 years he re-entered the house of representatives as congressman at large from Pennsylvania.

When he retired four years ago his public service in the house extended over the longest period, although not continuous service, of any man who ever sat in that body. During the ante-bellum days he was one of the best known men in the United States, and in 1864 he came within one vote of being nominated for vice president in place of Andrew Johnson.

John D. Gives Away Home.

Cleveland, April 2.—Public announcement will be made today of the gift by John D. Rockefeller of Forest Hill, his magnificent summer home in East Cleveland, to the city of Cleveland for use as a public park, together with an endowment and improvement fund of \$2,000,000. While full details of the gift are lacking, it is learned that Mr. Rockefeller has imposed few restrictions, the most important condition being that the transfer shall be made when East Cleveland shall become a part of the city.

If Less Pay, Will Strike.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 2.—Telegraph operators in West Virginia threaten to strike if their wages are reduced when the new eight-hour law, enacted by the recent legislature, goes into effect. The railroad companies have given notice that there will be a proportionate reduction in wages as soon as the act takes effect, May 9. At a meeting today operators representing every division in West Virginia adopted resolutions to accept no reduction.

Suppress News in Russia.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—Premier Stolypin has sent a circular to the governors of provinces ordering them to prohibit the printing of news of the agrarian disorders in Roumania, in the fear that they might spread to Russia.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

EARLY DAY POSTOFFICES.

Inspector Richies Comes Into Possession of Interesting Relic.

Portland—Postoffice Inspector Richies, of this city, owns a copy of a "List of Postoffices of the United States," which was issued by the government in 1862. The list has been, until recently, in the possession of John Hedden, postmaster at Scottsburg, Douglas county, Oregon, who had it from the government soon after its publication. Some time ago he gave it to Inspector Richies on the occasion of an official visit to that office by the latter.

Scottsburg is one of the oldest postoffices in the state, and Mr. Hedden was its first postmaster. In 1862 Oregon had 50 postoffices. In Multnomah county there were three, Portland, Springfield and Sandy. Polk county led in the number of postoffices, having 13. Marion county came next, with 10. "Wasco" county is credited with one, and Wasco county with one. The list as it appears on the list as Hood River. There were 20 counties in Oregon in 1862; the state having made a gain of 13 counties in since that time.

NUMEROUS SITES OFFERED.

State Board to Select Land for Institute for Feeble Minded.

Salem—At a special meeting of the members of the board for the feeble minded institute, a voluminous list of tracts of land sites for the construction of the new buildings was presented by the owners for the consideration of the board. Maps, blue prints and descriptions of many desirable places were laid before them. In fact, the table around which Governor Chamberlain, State Treasurer Steel and Acting Secretary of State Benson sat was piled so high with documents that the board decided to appoint a special committee to examine each tract of land separately, select the most desirable, secure the best prices and report to the board at the earliest opportunity.

Beg to Get Deeds.

Salem—Jacob D. Holtzman, of Minneapolis, attorney for the holders of 14 Kelliher-Turner school land certificates, covering about 2,800 acres located in Southern Oregon, appeared before the state land board at a recent special meeting in the interest of his clients, who want deeds to the land. Most of them live at Dayton, Ohio. These certificates were among those issued upon what is known as the Kelliher-Turner applications, which were alleged by ex-State Land Agent Oswald West to have been forgeries, and upon being investigated by the Marion county grand jury during the month of April, 1905, were so reported to the state land board.

Parents and Teachers Organize.

The Dalles—The Teachers' and Parents' Educational association, organized March 8, now has 125 patrons, as the result of circular letters sent out by the city superintendent to ascertain the sentiment of the people relative to school and home cooperation. The object of the association is to encourage a better school spirit in The Dalles; to bring the parents and teachers closer together in a social way; to discuss, freely and fully, all matters pertaining to school life, and to recommend such reforms in the schools of The Dalles as will meet the requirements of the present and provide for the future.

Terminal Rates for Baker.

Baker City—With a view of taking up a fight for terminal rates for Baker City, the Merchant's association has appointed a committee to plan the organization of a local shipping bureau. The committee is meeting with marked success, and the bureau will be established within a short time. This bureau will be under the management of a rate expert, who will compile local complaints against the railroad and put them into shape to submit to the state railroad commission.

Work for Condensed Milk Plant.

McMinnville—The citizens of McMinnville are very jubilant over the results of the mass meeting held Monday evening to talk over plans for a condensed milk factory, with A. J. Keating, manager of the Coos Bay Condensing company. The plan is to organize a stock company with a paid-up capital of \$85,000. The Coos Bay company will take up a large amount of the stock and will manage the plant in connection with its other plants.

Rich Strike in Pine Valley.

Baker City—The richness of the placer gold mines at old Auburn and even the wealth of the California placers are rivaled by reports of the strike recently made by Blair, Herbert and Underwood in the Seven Devils district. Pine Valley, about 60 miles east of Baker City, is the place where the discovery was made, and those who have been on the scene predict that it will be one of the greatest placer camps in the West.

Arousing Interest in Horticulture.

Oregon City—Professor E. R. Lake, of the forestry and botanical department of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, and W. K. Newell, president of the state board of horticulture, will be among the speakers at the next meeting of the Clackamas County Horticultural society, which will be held in this city Saturday, April 13.

PROBE FOR LAND FRAUDS.

Another Federal Grand Jury Begins Sessions in April.

Portland—Within two weeks another Federal grand jury will begin to grind on Oregon land frauds. The jury will be summoned soon and the old as well as the new cases that have been investigated by and through the United States district attorney's office and by the agents of Special Inspector Thomas B. Nohansen, together with the cases that have been worked up by Edward W. Dixon, in charge of the special agent for Oregon, will be laid before the jurors.

When Francis J. Heney left Portland to tear the lid off of graft in San Francisco, he left a number of land fraud cases, evidence in which was already in the hands of the United States attorney, to be brought to the attention of a grand jury. Since his departure the work of investigating new cases of fraud has been going on and when the jury gets into action it will have a long session.

Among the cases of alleged fraud that will be brought to the attention of the jury are those said to have been discovered in and around Pendleton. To this list will be added others that rumor says involve a number of prominent men, not only in Oregon, but in several other states.

Work on the Poorman Group.

Baker City—That there are 100,000 tons of copper ore assaying \$14 a ton lying at the surface on the Poorman group of claims, is the declaration of Manager Arthur, of the mines, who has just returned from the property. There are outcroppings assaying from 2 to 5 per cent in copper, the greatest in Oregon. The Poorman group promises to be one of the richest copper mines in the great copper belt of Eastern Oregon. The company now has a double shift at work.

Snow in Klamath County.

Klamath Falls—Heavy snows the past week have made the roads in this section almost impassable, especially in the mountains. The snow is going off very rapidly and the streams throughout the country are carrying large volumes of water. However, no material damage has been done. All outdoor work was suspended during the past week. Government work has ceased everywhere except on the interior of the tunnel.

Willamette Rally Off Till June.

Willamette University, Salem—Announcement is made that the big rally in connection with the new building and its unknown donor, which had been scheduled for April 3, has been postponed until next June. The meeting, which was for the purpose of making announcements, boosting the endowment fund, and formulating plans, cannot be held, as all the plans contemplated will not be completed by that time.

Ned Smith for Sheep Inspector.

Salem—A committee consisting of a number of Benton county sheepmen waited on Commissioner Stensford and asked him to appoint Ned Smith, of Corvallis, as one of the district inspectors of sheep, there being three to appoint. Mr. Stensford has taken Mr. Smith's application under advisement, and will probably give him the position.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 73c; bluestem, 75c; valley, 70c; red, 71c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29@30; gray, \$28@29.

Barley—Feed, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Rye—\$14.50@15.50 per cwt.

Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$26 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$14.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c@37½c per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 36c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 14c; spring fryers and broilers, 20@22½c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18½@20c; geese, live, 8c; ducks, 16@18c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 23c per dozen.

Apples—Common, 75c@1.25 per box; choice, \$1.50@2.

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, \$4 per crate; lettuce, head, 35@45c per dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; sprouts, 9c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; asparagus, 12@15c per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25@2.50 per box.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.10@1.35 per hundred.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, \$1.50@1.75; No. 1 choice, \$1.25@1.40.

Veal—Dressed, 5½@9c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 36@3½c per pound; cows, 56@6c; country steers, 6@7c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10½c per pound; ordinary, 8@9c; spring lambs, 15@16c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound.

Hops—8@11c 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, 28@29c per pound.

MUST IMPROVE WATERWAYS.

Only Practicable Way To Solve Freight Problem, Says Hill.

New York, April 1.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, taking as a text the recent action of President Roosevelt in appointing a waterway commission, said today that through the waterways of the country, properly improved, must come the much desired improvement in the freight-handling conditions. The country, he said, must look to its waterways for immediate relief of the freight pressure.

"If the government would improve its waterways and extract from them one-fifth of their latent possibilities," said Mr. Hill, "the freight-handling problem soon would be nearer solution than the railroads themselves can ever hope to bring it."

"There has been in the past a feeling among some railroad men that waterways development would be inimical to railroad interests. I do not think it would, and if this idea has not already wholly disappeared it is in a fair way of doing so soon. We realized that we have created in the prosperity of the country a condition that calls loudly for relief, and any means to that end would be welcome."

"Take, for instance, a 15-foot channel in the Mississippi from St. Louis to New Orleans. There is no more important work for the general government than this improvement. It might cost \$100,000,000, but when it was finished a single powerful tow boat could pull from 30 to 40 trainloads. Heavy freights, requiring only moderate speed in transportation, would go to the seaboard by way of the Gulf, and there would no longer be freight congestion between the East and West."

ADVANCE RATES ON GRAIN.

Railroads Take Revenge For Two-Cent Fare Laws.

Washington, April 1.—In accordance with their intention expressed some time ago, the railroads constituting the Western trunk lines, the Central Traffic association and the Eastern trunk lines have filed with the Interstate Commerce commission tariffs increasing their rates on eastbound grain and grain products, to become effective about April 1.

This action was taken, it is understood, because of the enactment by legislatures of some of the Western states of laws regarded as inimical to their interests. The particular law to which the railroads took exception was the 2-cent fare act of the legislature of Nebraska.

When the new tariffs were filed, the commission suggested to the carriers that the time for putting the increased rates into effect should be postponed. The carriers cheerfully acquiesced and the commission has granted the carriers permission to post and file amendments postponing the proposed advances in rates to May 1.

CHOOSE NEW PRESIDENT.

Honduran Rebels Will Make General Gutierrez Their Chief.

Washington, April 1.—General Dionisio Gutierrez, one of the most prominent leaders of the revolution in Honduras against President Bonilla, probably will be president of the provisional government established by the Honduran revolutionists with the aid of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua. A dispatch received today from Commander Witherhalter, of the American gunboat Paducah, now at Port Limon, Costa Rica, states that it is reported there that General Gutierrez is the favorite candidate for the head of the new government in Honduras.

It is also reported in Port Limon, according to Commander Witherhalter's dispatch, that President Bonilla is completely surrounded. The dispatch does not state exactly where Senor Bonilla is, but it is believed that he is somewhere near Anapala on the south coast of Honduras.

Dispatches received by the State department from several different points in Central America announce the bombardment of Anapala.

Ask Protection for Jews.

Washington, April 1.—Secretary of State Root has received a number of appeals from Jewish organizations in this country for the exercise of good offices by this government for the protection of the Jews in Roumania who are suffering from the excesses of the rebellious peasantry of that country. So far the secretary has been unable to see how he could make any representations on the subject with benefit to the distressed people, in view of the fact that the uprising of the peasantry appears to be political and against the throne.

Lottory Scheme Exposed.

Jackson, Miss., April 1.—Sensational disclosures regarding a lottory scheme upon the Coast were placed before the Federal authorities today. Judge Niles has called a special term of the Federal court to meet April 22 to indict the persons involved, some of whom are alleged to be among the most prominent citizens of that section. The authorities decline to reveal the details, but it is learned that a regular drawing of prizes has taken place aboard gulf vessels.

Oliver, the New Governor.

London, April 1.—King Edward has approved the appointment of Sydney Oliver to be governor of Jamaica in succession to Sir Alexander Swettenham, who recently resigned the office, giving as the reason advanced years.

PLAN IS TO DEFEAT HENEY

Schmitz Aims to Prevent Killing of Frisco Franchises.

Tries to Buy Supervisors, That His Veto Might be Effective—Board is Instituting Sweeping Reforms Under Direction of Heney—Doing Their Best to be Good.

San Francisco, March 30.—Mayor Schmitz has opened negotiations with certain members of the hoodling board of supervisors in the hope of consummating a bold coup. The plan of the mayor is to purchase the resignation of enough members of the board to make his veto power sufficient to prevent the revocation of the franchises of the big corporations which obtained their permits through the illegal use of money.

It requires 14 members of the board to override the mayor's veto. If he can secure the resignation of five out of the 18 he will be able to check by his veto any of their reform measures adopted under the swish of F. J. Heney's big stick. It is a desperate game, doomed to failure almost at the outset.

The "reformed" board of supervisors, acting under the direction of the district attorney's office, gave another startling exhibition today of a desire to be good, when it made plans for the abolition of a score of ornamental officials. James Devoto, attorney for the board of public works at a salary of \$250 per month, will be decapitated. Other officials, who under the Ruef regime have done nothing but draw salaries, will be dropped. In the course of the next few weeks reforms will have been instituted which will save the city \$100,000 a year.

FAMINE WOULD RESULT.

Railroads Hold Out Gloomy Prospect if Strike is Called.

Chicago, March 30.—Famine in supplies of food, coal and manufacturing materials for Chicago and many other cities throughout the entire West was predicted today, if the impending railway strike became a reality. Railroads of the entire West will be allowed to remain completely paralyzed in case the strike of trainmen and conductors on 43 traffic systems is ordered. This course has been practically decided on by the general managers of the systems.

A meeting of the managers was held today and the impracticability of filling the places of 45,000 men who are talking of a walkout was discussed. No move has been made to hire men to run trains. In fact, no preparations are being made by the railway managers.

"If these men strike it would be almost, if not entirely, impossible to operate the railroads," said an official high in railroad circles. "It is as good as certain that freight traffic will be entirely shut off. Consider what it would mean, if Chicago were to be isolated for 24 hours. What would happen if the milk supply were interrupted or the immense importations of perishable freight halted by a tie-up of the roads."

HILL MAY ISSUE NEW STOCK.

Minnesota Supreme Court Holds Restrictive Law Invalid.

St. Paul, March 30.—The State Supreme court today upheld the Great Northern railroad in its contention that it had the right to issue the \$60,000,000 of stock authorized by the board of directors some months ago, and which was enjoined by Attorney General Young, who claimed that the company should first come before the state railroad and warehouse commission and submit to an examination to show the necessity and the purpose of the issue.

This contention of the state was upheld by Judge Hallam in the Ramsey County District court, who ordered an injunction to issue. The Supreme court today reverses that decision. The opinion of the court was unanimous. Chief Justice Start delivered the opinion of the court.

Sailors Loot Steamer.

Norfolk, Va., March 30.—One hundred sailors from the battleship Connecticut, while on the way from Wiltoughby to Fortress Monroe upon the passenger steamer Ocean View today, without apparent cause took forcible charge of the steamer and put the crew to rout. The sailors broke windows and doors, drove the cooks from the galley, poured out all provisions aboard, dumped on deck the fire in the stoves, turned steam on the fire-extinguishers and did other damage. Their names are not known.

Suspected of Wrecking Train.

Pittsburg, March 30.—Several Italians, who live near the line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Stewart and Wilmerding, are said to be under suspicion of knowing something about the two recent wrecks of fast trains near those points. A number of foreigners who worked upon the railroad as section hands were discharged a few weeks ago. It is reported that they showed much anger when told of their dismissal and that threats were made.

Tobacco Buildings Burn.

Danville, Va., March 30.—A disastrous fire broke out in South Boston, Va., 32 miles northeast of here, late this afternoon, and, spreading rapidly, destroyed the tobacco buildings, causing a loss of \$900,000.