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HEPPNER OREGON

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.

Counsel for Thaw will now fight to have him released on bail.

A peace conference has been arranged between Nicaragua and Salvador.

New York Democrats will celebrate Jefferson day, but will not invite Bryan.

The government is seeking a way to prevent Japanese being smuggled into this country.

The pope has made important concessions to Catholics in America and to Catholic members of secret societies.

A San Francisco police captain will tell the grand jury all about the system of grafting in his department of the bay city government.

Miners at Park City, Utah, have gone on strike and others in nearby mines are expected to follow. The men want to enter and leave the shaft on company time.

The Cape Arago lighthouse may be blown up by dynamite on a schooner which is pounding to pieces on the rocks near. The vessel has 4,000 pounds of the deadly powder aboard.

The Union Pacific will make a test case of the Nebraska 2-cent rate law.

Butte is overrun with holdup men. Three and four robberies occur a night.

A new combine is now under way which will control the rubber trade of the world.

The South American war is believed to be over now that the Honduran president has surrendered.

Austria and Germany are to confer regarding their attitude at the coming Hague peace conference.

Three Los Angeles Home Telephone men are afraid they will be indicted by the San Francisco grand jury.

Eleven Japanese are to be returned home from Seattle for coming to this country under contract.

Trains in California have all resumed their regular service, as all trace of the recent washouts have disappeared.

The Thaw jury has disagreed and been discharged by the court. A new trial will commence in October. The trial has cost the county and family \$300,000. An effort will be made to let the defendant out on bail.

Chicago packing house men threaten another strike.

A new Anglo-Spanish alliance has been concluded.

Morocco is endeavoring to end French occupation of Oudja.

Dr. Thompson, M. P., will likely be appointed governor of Klondike.

President Bonilla, of Honduras, has surrendered to Nicaraguan troops.

Lord Cromer has presented Great Britain with his resignation as ruler of Egypt.

Senator Burrows says Roosevelt would decline even if nominated for a third term.

Topeka, Kan., has set aside a holiday on which the people propose to dig up all the dandelions of the city.

The San Francisco grand jury is almost ready to turn in a bunch of indictments against millionaires.

The Kansas attorney general has started proceedings against all brewery companies and whiskey jobbers doing business in the state.

The Carnegie institute at Pittsburg has been dedicated. It is to be devoted to fine arts and cost \$6,000,000. Six thousand tons of marble alone were used in its construction.

The Roof jury has not yet been completed.

April 9 five inches of snow fell in New York.

Pearly will make another start for the pole in June.

A new labor dispute has broken out at Goldfield, Nevada.

Ten Denver men have been indicted for selling mining stock in a worthless cave.

Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, declares Roosevelt to be the greatest ruler in the world.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, has called a special session of the legislature to pass anti-gambling laws.

Six automobiles are being built in different parts of the world to use in attempts to reach the north pole.

The Canadian minister denies that a treaty is being negotiated by the United States and Great Britain concerning the boundaries between Canada and the United States.

An army officer is to ride one of Davonport's Arab horses from Portland to New York. If its staying qualities show up better than those of American horses a change may be made in cavalry mounts.

Taft and Cummings are Roosevelt's ticket for 1908.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.

Shock Lasts More Than Four Minutes Over Large Territory.

City of Mexico, April 16.—An earthquake lasting four and a half minutes started this city Sunday night. The earth rocked in a long, swinging motion, terrifying the inhabitants but doing no damage so far as can be learned at this city. Clocks stopped at 11:34 p. m. (Mexican time), and the perceptible motion of the earth ceased at 11:38 p. m. The telegraph wires were put out of commission and for a short time the city was in darkness owing to the failure of the electric lights. The asphalt on one of the principal business streets of the city was cracked open for a distance of 10 yards. People fled from their houses into the streets.

Representatives of the Associated Press made rapid searches over the city but nothing beyond cracked walls and small fissures in the pavements could be found. At the police stations no deaths had been reported. A wall on Santiago street collapsed, killing a number of horses and wounding five men.

No reports have yet come from the American colony, but it is not believed that serious damage was sustained there, although the houses, unlike those in the old section of the city, are not built to withstand earthquake shocks.

Telegraphic communication as far south as the cities of Oaxaca and San Juan Bautista has been established, but beyond the report that the shock was very heavy in that region and along the gulf coast nothing more was learned.

ROUTE OF LONG RIDE.

Lieutenant McCabe Selects Course of 3,000-Mile Trip.

Washington, April 16.—Lieutenant E. Warner McCabe, of the Sixth cavalry, who has been picked by General Bell to ride from Silverton, Ore., across the continent on an Arab stallion, has asked that Quartermaster Sergeant Samuel Peterson, troop K, Sixth cavalry, be detailed as his orderly to accompany him on his long trip.

McCabe has also indicated that he will lay his route along the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific road from Silverton to Umatilla, Or.; thence to Boise Barracks, Idaho; Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Omaha, Neb.; Fort Des Moines, Ia.; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Columbus Barracks, Ohio; Pittsburg and Harrisburg, Pa., to New York City.

General Bell said today that he thought the trip, which will embrace more than 3,000 miles, might be made in 100 days, and even less if the horse had the necessary endurance. Complete statistics of the condition of the horse and rider, amount of food consumed and other details will be kept from day to day.

Pick Flaws in Douma.

London, April 16.—In a long letter to the London Times, the Russian jurist, Professor DeMartens, expresses the conviction that the second Russian parliament is absolutely unfit to work successfully for the benefit of Russia and cannot advance the nation in the direction of a constitutional system of government. Professor DeMartens bases his belief on the ground that legislative assembly find not a single word to disapprove assassinations and murder, only enjoys speeches of discontent and unlimited hate and is quite unfit to discuss needful reforms, and cannot possibly construct new order in the state. He believes dissolution is absolutely inevitable and only a question of time.

Brazil at Peace Meeting.

Rio de Janeiro, April 16.—Brazil has received official information from the government of the Netherlands that she is to participate in the approaching peace conference at The Hague. The Brazilian government has denounced the existing commercial treaty with France, and it has been decided to denounce also the agreements with France, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland under which the consular representatives of the specified countries are allowed to intervene in the collection and settlement of inheritances.

Fruit Damage Is Heavy.

Kansas City, April 16.—There were killing frosts again last night in the fruit district of Kansas and Western Missouri, adding to the damage already done. All reports agree that heavy loss has been caused—millions of dollars, according to Secretary LaGuardia, of the Missouri Valley Horticultural association. Several days may elapse before the full extent of the injury can be estimated accurately. The weather tonight is cloudy and warmer and further frost is not expected.

Texas Has New Tax Plan.

Austin, Tex., April 16.—With 27 tax measures pending for consideration in consequence of Governor Campbell's having reconvened the legislature in special session last Friday, much interest awaits his demands which he says will make tomorrow for specific action upon these measures. They represent a tax upon every known corporate interest in the state. In addition the state revenue agent has demanded a relinquishment of property values.

Floods Do Great Damage.

Constantinople, April 16.—Continuous heavy rains have caused the rivers to overflow, seriously flooding Macedonia and Asia Minor. The plains of Brusa, Adabazar, Kutahia, Adin and almost all the villages are submerged and there have been heavy losses of life and destruction of cattle and property.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

MOSTLY SPRING GRAIN.

Dry Fall in Wasco Prevents Seeding of Usual Acreage.

The Dalles—Farmers from the interior of Wasco county say it is still too early to predict with any degree of certainty, what will be the prospect for this year's crops. The season is about three weeks late, and the rain, which has fallen to the depth of 1.5 inches since April 1, has greatly interfered with plowing and seeding. From farmers in different parts of the county, it is learned that there is more moisture in the ground now than for a number of years past. On account of the lack of moisture last year, a small proportion of the acreage was sown to fall grain, probably not more than 25 percent. The grain that was sown, however, came through the winter in splendid shape, the heavy snowfall making a good protection. As soon as the ground settles enough to begin, work will be pushed forward with great rapidity in order to make up for the lateness of the season.

SALEM TO HAVE HORSE FAIR

Growing Demand Creates New Interest Among Stockmen.

Salem—The horse shows held at Stayton and Woodburn recently were so successful and so great has the interest in horses become throughout this county that Secretary Frank Welch, of the state board of agriculture, has called a meeting of horsemen to be held here to prepare plans for an exhibition horse fair to be held in this city soon.

On account of the market advance in prices and the demand for fine horses, which are very scarce on account of Eastern buyers having scoured the county and taken out so many, a preliminary fund will be inaugurated and every horseman and those interested in horses will be asked to contribute something to the fund. In this way prizes can be offered.

At the meeting a soliciting committee will be named to undertake the work.

Rains Delay Seeding.

Pendleton—As a result of the rainy weather that has prevailed all over this section during the greater part of the spring it has been difficult for farmers to get spring work done as early as usual. Under ordinary conditions practically all of the spring seeding is done by the middle of April, but much land meant for spring grain this year is yet unsown. To make the situation worse, there is more than the usual amount of spring grain to be sown this year, because of the dry weather during the early fall, and some of those who seeded in the late fall met disaster because cold weather kept the wheat from germinating. Consequently the latter have to reseed now. However, the only re-seeding of consequence is in the northwestern part of the county, where more late sowing was done than on the reservation.

Fruit Commissioners Named.

Salem—At the meeting of the state horticultural board the following appointments were announced for the next term of four years: Judd Geer, of Cove, to succeed himself from the Fifth district; C. A. Parks, of Salem, appointed to succeed himself from the Second district. There are yet two candidates for the third appointment, which has not been decided upon. They are A. H. Sechler and R. H. Webber, of The Dalles. It is thought possible Webber will be reappointed.

Willamette Gets New Building.

Willamette university, Salem—The trustees of Willamette university have secured a new building, valued at \$10,000 which is to be placed upon the campus as soon as possible. The new building will be either a new college of music or a home for the college of law. At present the law department has headquarters down town and is not located on the campus. The building is known as the old Gray residence and is now situated on State Street.

Newport Hotels Filling Up.

Newport—Newport has begun to entertain her usual summer visitors. Her hotels, boarding houses and cottages are well filled with visitors. The open air band concerts twice a week, masquerades, dancing parties, bowling contests, roller skating, lawn tennis and whist parties furnish ample opportunity for amusement. The fishing and hunting are good and the beach is literally piled high with beautiful and precious stones.

Work Must Be Done Over.

Albany—Members of the State Grange who have been circulating petitions asking for a referendum vote on the University of Oregon appropriation bill have worked in vain. It has been discovered that an error was made in preparing the form for the petitions and which renders them worthless. Several hundred names have been signed to these petitions and the work of several days has come to naught.

Cove Fruit Outlook.

Cove—The prospects for a heavy crop of fruit from this section of the Grand Ronde were never brighter at this time of year, and the outlook for easy and rapid shipment was never before so good, even in the minds of the doubters, as the Central Railway company assures shippers it will be ready to lift the strawberry crop in June.

BUY SACKS DIRECT.

Inland Association Cuts Out Middlemen's Profit on Big Order.

Pendleton—C. A. Barrett, president of the Inland Wheatgrowers' association, announced a few days ago that he had just purchased for the association 250,000 sacks from Koshland Bros., of San Francisco, and 75,000 from a Portland firm. The exact price paid was not given out, but under the contract which the association has with the farmers, the sacks are not to cost more than 9½ cents delivered in carload lots to the different stations in this and Morrow county.

The present quotations from the local grainbuyers who have heretofore supplied the local market is 10½ cents. About two and a half million sacks are used in this county annually, more than one million of which have now been purchased by the association for this year, and applications for more are coming in daily.

This is the first attempt the grain growers have made to cut out the profits of the middlemen, and so far it seems to have been successful.

Governor Names E. L. Smith.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed E. L. Smith, of Hood River, to act as Oregon's official representative in opening the Jamestown exposition. Upon his shoulders will devolve the important duty of being present at the inaugural ceremonies of the fair, and he will present on behalf of the state the governor's formal announcement of the state's representation, if he does not attend himself, and Mr. Smith will also be the state's official guide through the departments of exhibits and will take care of the correspondence from Oregon people and see that they are properly treated while there.

Log Drive on Mary's River.

Corvallis—A log drive containing 1,250,000 feet of lumber, has just been successfully driven down Mary's river from Summit, for the Corvallis Sawmill company, and is held at the mouth of the river in this city. A crew of 12 men accompanied the drive and they were about five weeks on the trip. The river where the logs are now held is completely blocked for a distance of about a mile upstream and presents a pretty sight.

Incorporate Fruit Farm.

Eugene—A stock company capitalized at \$20,000 has been formed in Eugene for the purpose of growing fruits, owning lands, buildings and operating canneries. The members of the company are W. G. Allen of the Allen Canning & Packing company, P. E. Snodgrass, cashier of the Eugene First National bank, and F. L. Chambers of the Chambers-Bristow Banking company.

Beautifying Fair Grounds.

Salem—Secretary Welch, of the State Agricultural board, has announced his intention to beautify the fair grounds this year with flowers in a manner that has never been equaled in the 47 years that state fairs have been held here. He has conferred with the other members of the board and they have practically given him carte blanche in the matter.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club 73¢@74¢; bluestem, 75¢@77¢; valley, 70¢@71¢; red, 71¢@72¢. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$28¢@29¢.

Rye—\$1.45@1.50.

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

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.

Apples—Common, 75¢@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¢@8¢ per pound; cauliflower, 1¢ per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; lettuce, head, 35¢@45¢ per dozen; sprouts, 9¢; radishes, 25¢ per dozen; asparagus, 13¢@15¢ per pound; rhubarb, 6¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$3.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, \$1.40@1.65; extra fancy, \$1.75; No. 1 choice, \$1.25@1.40.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32¢ per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 33¢ per pound; second grade cream, 2¢ less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15¢@16¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 14¢@15¢; spring fryers and broilers, 20¢@22¢; old roosters, 10¢@12¢; dressed chickens, 16¢@17¢; turkeys, live, 13¢@15¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18¢@20¢; geese, live, 8¢; ducks, 16¢@18¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 19¢@20¢ per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 5½¢@8½¢ per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3¢@3½¢ per pound; cows, 5¢@6¢; country steers, 6¢@7¢.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10¢@10½¢ per pound; ordinary, 8¢@9¢; spring lambs, with pelt, 12½¢@13¢.

Pork—Dressed, 6¢@9¢ per pound.

Hops—\$8@11¢ per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13¢@18¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20¢@22¢, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28¢@29¢ per pound.

STANDARD OIL GUILTY.

Chicago Jury Finds Company Guilty on Many Counts.

Chicago, April 15.—On the basis of a verdict returned by a jury Saturday night in the Federal court presided over by Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, the Standard Oil company may be fined anywhere from \$1,400,000 to \$28,000,000 for violations of the Elkins law.

After a trial that has been long drawn out and bitterly contested by government attorneys and counsel for the Standard Oil company, the case went to the jury late Saturday afternoon and at 10 o'clock a verdict was returned in which the defendant corporation is found guilty on every one of the 1,463 counts in the indictment that had not quashed by Judge Landis.

As the matter now stands, it is one of the most sweeping victories yet scored by the Federal government in its contest against corporations. This is not the end, however. The defendants filed a motion for a new trial and the arguments on this motion will be heard probably early this week.

The charges in the indictment were that the Standard Oil company accepted a lower rate for shipments of oil from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis than is allowed in the published tariff for the haul.

Originally there were over 1,800 counts in the indictment, but nearly 400 of these were ruled out by Judge Landis, and hearing of the case proceeded on the others.

LAST VESTIGE OF WAR.

Japan Transfers Manchurian Railroad to Goto's Company.

Tokio, April 15.—When the management of the Manchurian railways was transferred to Baron Goto's company on April 1, the Japanese government commenced withdrawing the remnant of the troops employed in Manchuria. This work was completed on April 8, whereupon the imperial government at Peking warmly thanked Japan, which, it is expected, will reduce its railway guard to less than one-half the number of men stipulated by the treaty negotiated at Portsmouth, N. H., which limited the number of guards to five men per kilometer. In an interview Baron Goto said:

"The last vestige of war in this section has now been removed. Fair play is my guiding principle. In promoting the peaceful development of Manchuria through which our railway runs, national differences will be entirely ignored. Manchuria will be made a field for competition of all nations. In order that we may carry out this principle, I crave patience on the part of those interested. Remember that the management of the road was only transferred to us on the first of the present month. The allowance of sufficient time will insure the realization of our plans, and we dread nothing more than impatient interference."

STEVENS DISCUSSES CANAL.

Ex-Chief Engineer of the "Big Ditch" Reaches New York.

New York, April 15.—John F. Stevens, who recently resigned as chief engineer of the Panama canal, arrived here today from Colon. He left for Washington this afternoon. Mr. Stevens said:

"I was not asked to resign. On the contrary, the highest position was not only offered but urged upon me. I never had any clash with any of my superiors, and their attitude was always in support of my efforts."

"The connection of the Washington officials with the actual work on the isthmus is too small to offer many chances for disagreement. I have never opposed doing the work by contract. I advocated such a policy. The plan of contract under which bids were received was formulated by me. I did oppose letting the contract to the Olliver syndicate for good reasons, but the statement that I have ever opposed the letting of any contract is false."

Roumania Buying a Navy.

Berlin, April 15.—Even the little inland kingdom of Roumania seems to have dreams of a mighty navy, for it has ordered a number of torpedo boats from a German firm to be delivered as soon as possible. Four torpedo boats built in Belgium and intended for the budding Roumanian navy are now on their way up the Rhine and the other day passed Frankfurt on the Main, where they were inspected by the people with great interest. These vessels will go through the Ludwigs canal and Danube river to the Black sea.

Frost Nips Fruit Crop.

St. Louis, April 15.—Nurserymen and fruitraisers in the vicinity of St. Louis believe the apple crop has been ruined by the cold weather. Dispatches from the fruit belt in the southern part of Missouri say peaches, early strawberries and garden truck have been destroyed. Dispatches from Maccon, the center of the fruit raising industry of North Central Missouri, state that peaches, plums, cherries and apples practically are destroyed.

Kansas Fruit Crop Damaged.

Topeka, Kan., April 15.—Reports received from all sections to the state indicate that the Kansas fruit crop was seriously damaged and in some sections completely destroyed by the heavy frost a few mornings ago.

WILL RAISE OREGON LID

Many Land Patents to Be Issued the Coming Summer.

Commissioner Ballinger Admits That Great Injustice Has Been Done to the State and Assures No More Claims Will Be Held Up on Mere Suspicion.

Washington, April 13.—Land Commissioner Ballinger today assured Senator Bourne of his intention of "raising the lid" in Oregon, meaning that he intended to take up and pass all valid public land entries that have long been under suspension in that state.

"A great many entries were held up by the old administration on mere suspicion that there was something crooked about them. There was no actual evidence of wrongdoing or wrong intent on the part of these entrymen. Mr. Ballinger will pass to patent every Oregon entry which, upon examination, appears to be made in good faith, and those entries that are irregular or show evidence of fraud will be examined as promptly as possible and appropriate action taken."

Mr. Ballinger agrees with Mr. Bourne that Oregon has suffered unjustly in late years, and he is willing to do everything in his power to place the state on the same footing with all others. He has hopes of disposing of all pending entries during the coming summer, and it is his expectation that a great many will pass to patent in the near future.

The commissioner is rapidly putting the land office on a sound business basis, he himself working until midnight every night at reorganization. He is determined to make the land office a thorough business institution and bring its work up to date.

DOLLAR SAVES A LIFE.

America Urged to Give \$3,000,000 for Chinese Sufferers.

Shanghai, China, April 13.—Telegrams received here from 20 points in the famine district reported that the conditions are growing worse.

The Chinese government and people, up to date, have contributed more than four million dollars for famine relief, and the sums received from all foreign sources total half a million dollars, including the supplies on their way from America.

The relief committee here is promptly sending supplies to the front, but the funds are not yet in its possession. Measures adopted up to date are inadequate. Ten million persons are suffering from lack of food and facing starvation.

A dollar, the relief committee reports, will save one life until the harvest, June 25, and \$10,000,000 is needed. The whole amount cannot be raised in China. The situation is desperate, and Americans are urged to give \$3,000,000 in the next three weeks, not for Christian, but for humanitarian works. It is suggested that it would be best to cable money to the consul here, James Linn Rodgers, as supplies can be purchased in Shanghai.

SANTA FE MUST STAND TRIAL.

Judge Welborn Declines to Quash Indictments for Rebating.

Los Angeles, April 13.—In a lengthy verbal opinion, Judge Olin Welborn, in the United States District court, declined to quash the indictments against the Santa Fe Railroad company for alleged rebating, and the company must stand trial upon 65 separate counts. Judge Welborn's opinion reaffirmed the doctrine set forth in the American Tobacco company case, that a corporation is not a person, as defined in the fourth and fifth amendments to the constitution of the United States, and may be compelled to give testimony tending to incriminate itself.

Judge Welborn gave the defendants permission to file a demurrer, if they desire to do so, by April 22.

Buy Off Canadian Sealers.

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, in the senate today, read a cable dispatch from Great Britain saying that an agreement had been reached between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, whereby Canada agreed to give up deep sea sealing rights for a monetary consideration. Mr. Scott said in reply that, as far as the Canadian government knew, nothing had been done toward abrogating the agreement made two or three years ago as to the seal fishers.

Woman Was Go-Between.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—Senator Klupe today took the testimony of several notorious women connected with the grain contract scandals. It was established that a woman had acted as a go-between from M. Gurko, the assistant minister of the interior, and M. Lidval. Sensational developments are expected at the senate session of April 27, when the case of Baron Federicks, governor of Nizni Novgorod, implicated in the scandals, will be heard.

Smuggled Japanese Caught.

El Paso, April 13.—Inspector Shumaker, in charge of the immigration office here, received a telegram today telling of the capture of eight smuggled Japanese. Five were caught at Fort Worth, one at Pecos and two at Albuquerque. They had "sped across the border" and westward "the station."