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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 British war scare against Germany is condemned as hysteria.

French seamen have gone on strike, tying up shipping at all the principal ports.

The government has disproved the charges that Henry is in its pay while prosecuting grafters.

A big Eastern syndicate is said to be preparing to operate a string of 30 dry goods stores in the West.

A San Francisco chemist claims to have discovered a method of making whiskey non-intoxicating, but exhilarating.

Evidence is being gathered that explorers from Sweden came to America in 1362, more than a century before Columbus.

It is said that the reforms demanded by Great Britain and the United States have not been put into effect in the Congo Free State.

The Criminal court of Venezuela has dismissed the charge against ex-President Castro of complicity in a plot to murder President Gomez.

Because the senate refuses to consider legislation aside from the tariff measure, many river and harbor improvements are being held up, including those of the Northwest.

France has decided to materially increase her navy.

A change in lumber duties is likely to be adopted by the senate.

The bill against big hats has been rejected by the Illinois legislature.

Prominent New Yorkers have been indicted for coal land frauds in Wyoming.

Abdul Hamid is said to have turned over \$5,000,000 more to the Turkish government.

Celestino Castro, brother of the deposed president of Venezuela, has been ordered to leave Curacao.

Great Britain will start construction on four more Dreadnaughts before the close of the present fiscal year.

Jap strikers on the Hawaiian plantations are to invade Honolulu and parade. It is estimated there will be from 3,000 to 4,000 in line.

President Taft has nominated Charles D. Elliott, of the Minnesota Supreme court, as a justice of the Supreme court of the Philippines.

Railway freight troubles have just begun. Actions are to be commenced against roads operating into Pacific coast terminals demanding the same treatment as Spokane.

Every employe of the Standard Oil company suspended work two hours during the funeral of H. H. Rogers, vice president of the company. There are 67,000 on the payroll.

Wheat has reached \$1.30 at Chicago and \$1.53 at Cincinnati.

A controlling interest in the St. Paul Pioneer Press has been sold to the St. Paul Dispatch.

William Adler, the New Orleans bank wrecker, has been given six years in the penitentiary.

More Jap laborers on Hawaiian plantations have gone on strike and 6,000 men are now involved.

The Philippine general assembly has passed a resolution declaring in favor of the independence of the islands.

Allen Parker, a member of the British parliament declares that the race to build dreadnaughts is crazy and sinful.

Evidence is being secured at Chicago that various labor leaders called strikes in order to levy blackmail on employers.

The members of the Turkish chamber of deputies have taken oath to support the new sultan and uphold the constitution.

Mrs. Longstreet, widow of the Civil war general, was awakened by a burglar. She took six shots at him, wounding the man.

Castellane has lost his appeal to gain custody of his children.

Funds are being raised for a \$100,000 statue of Grover Cleveland.

A plan has been presented to the British parliament for the care of the unemployed.

Three Nevada men tried to send their mother to the insane asylum in order to get her money.

Many moneyed men of the East are visiting the Northwest in search for suitable investments.

Authorities of Westminster abbey, London, have refused to allow the body of George Meredith to be placed there.

Bank robbers secured \$6,000 from the Cairo, Neb., State bank. A local election was being held and the explosion was thought to be part of the celebration.

WAR AT SEATTLE.

Fair Exhibitors Will Resist Efforts to Deface Grounds With Shops.

Seattle, Wash., May 25.—War to a finish with an appeal to the courts, through injunction proceedings, if necessary, was decided upon Sunday by the A. Y. P. exhibitors who are resisting the efforts of the exposition company to erect booths on grounds already allotted to various states, Oregon being the first to precipitate the fight against the unseemly disfiguration of its beautiful grounds.

To carry this determination into effect, an organization to be known as the Exhibitors' club, was formed at the Oregon building. Colonel J. A. Filcher, executive commissioner for California, was elected treasurer, chairman, and W. H. Wehrung, president of the Oregon commission, was elected secretary. Attorney General Crawford, who had been summoned to advise the Oregon commission as to its rights in the controversy, took the position that the exposition authorities had no right to erect booths on the Oregon grounds, or on any other grounds assigned to different states, counties and the government. Encouraged by this view of the situation a resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting firmly protesting against locating any booths on any grounds without permission.

Meanwhile the exposition authorities are standing pat and say they will erect the 100 booths planned. They promise to incur as little friction as possible, but declare their authority is supreme, and they must have their way. Should the Exhibitors' club be upheld in the courts, and it now seems sure the case will reach the courts, it will devolve upon the exposition authorities to establish a special place for the booths, as the exposition authorities themselves declare that the booths should not be installed in the court of honor, thus marring that bright feature of the grounds.

CUT GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

Taft's Policy of Economy Being Carried Out in All Departments.

Washington, May 25.—Secretary Meyer has cut off \$10,000,000 in Navy department estimates for the next fiscal year. This is a sample of what may be expected on the part of other cabinet officials.

It may not be possible to reduce expenditures in all departments to as noticeable a degree as in those pertaining to the army and navy branches of the military service, but the thing that will be accomplished in all directions is a more intelligent idea of the relations between, or rather harmonizing of, estimates and appropriations.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh expects to have in hand by June 1 estimates of all heads of departments. Between then and the time for the meeting of congress in regular session in December, painstaking study and investigation with a view to ascertaining the exact requirement of various bureaus embraced in different departments, or just what work each is performing and a detailed analysis of results as compared to expense involved, will be carried on.

REVOLUTION IS ACTIVE.

Santo Domingo Republic in Throes of Another Strife.

Cape Haytian, Hayti, May 25.—The revolutionary movement is spreading. General Camacho, the ex-governor of Monte Christi, who is working in unison with General Quirito Felice for the overthrow of the government, has attacked and seized Guayabin and Dajabon, which are on the Haytian frontier, the Dajabon river being the north-west boundary between Hayti and the Dominican republic.

There has been fighting between the revolutionists and the loyal forces at Monte Christi.

The fate of Jose Bordas, governor of Puerto Plata, is not known, but it is reported he is either dead or a prisoner. Communications are interrupted, and government troops are expected to reach the disaffected districts by sea.

China is Standing Firm.

Lisbon, May 25.—The dispute between Portugal and China over the possession of the dependencies of Macao has become acute. The Portuguese government is sending General Jose Machado to induce China to come to an amicable agreement, notwithstanding the fact that the government has received word that China absolutely refuses to enter into negotiations with the Portuguese delegates unless Portugal announces the dependencies, including the neighboring islands.

Dreadnaughts to Grow.

London, May 25.—Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, in reply to criticisms on the government's naval policy, said today that the battleships to be built under this year's program would be at least 30 per cent superior to their immediate predecessors. In what way that superiority is to be obtained has not been entirely disclosed, but at least two of the improvements to be introduced have been made known.

U. P. Orders 100 Engines.

Dunkirk, N. Y., May 25.—It is reported that the Union Pacific railroad has placed an order for 100 engines with the American Locomotive company and that they will be built at the Schenectady and Brooks plants.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

EXTEND RAILROAD.

Oregon & Southeastern May Reach Coos Bay Country Soon.

Eugene—The Oregon & Southeastern railway, which extends from Cottage Grove to the Bohemia mines, and which there is talk of extending westward to Coos bay, has been purchased by J. A. Davis, vice president of the Pullman Car company, who was at Cottage Grove with a number of other Eastern capitalists last week. Mr. Davis also has purchased a large tract of timber land west of Cottage Grove and proposes to extend his newly acquired railroad from Cottage Grove westward 20 miles, tapping the timber tract.

While not yet officially announced, it is believed to be the intention of Mr. Davis and men associated with him to eventually extend the line to Coos bay. It is understood that a preliminary contract for the construction of the proposed 20 miles of road has already been signed between Mr. Davis and Mr. Lund, chief engineer of the Chicago Contracting company, who has also contracts to build another road for Mr. Davis out of Brownsville, Or., into a tract of timber which the Pullman magnate owns in that locality.

Brotherhood Convention in June.

Four big Brotherhood conventions of the Presbyterian church are scheduled for the Pacific coast early in June. The series will include San Francisco, June 3 and 4; Portland, June 8 and 9; Seattle, June 10 and 11, and Spokane, June 14 and 15. Leading laymen from the East will be present including President Charles S. Holt, of the National Brotherhood and an eminent lawyer of Chicago; Dr. Ira J. Sandrith, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the National Brotherhood; Henry E. Rosevear, of Chicago, associate secretary of the national organization; J. Ernest McAfee, of New York, and probably the moderator of the next general assembly will be present. The Oregon convention will be held in the First Presbyterian church, Portland. Delegates are expected from all over the state.

Railroad Day Set for June 14.

Klamath Falls—At the urgent request of the Southern Pacific company officials the time for the railroad day celebration has been postponed from June 2 to June 14. The former date conflicted with the Portland Rose festival and the company was also desirous to have the celebration at a later time so that the road could be thoroughly tested before any excursions were run over it. Extensive advertising will be done by the railroad company and low rates will be announced from Portland, San Francisco and all intermediate points.

Rich Strike at Sumpter.

Sumpter—Report has been brought here of a rich discovery of gold ore at the South Pole mine near here. The property is owned by John Hanson, and is an extension of the famous North Pole mine. In the tunnel he now has four feet of "shipping" ore, in which there are seams of rich free gold ore, pieces of which show assay values of thousands of dollars to the ton. There is a stamp mill on the mine that will be put in operation soon.

Farm Sells for \$23,000.

Salem—Meyer & Bell have sold to E. C. McKinney, of Milwaukee, Wis., the 220-acre Lake Labish farm of the late Tilmon Ford for \$23,000. This is one of the best known farms in this section of the valley. A large part of it is genuine beaverdam land, noted for its richness and fertility. Mr. McKinney will subdivide the place, retaining about 40 acres, which he will plant to walnuts.

Will Drill for Oil.

Lebanon—A new oil company to be known as the Cascade Petroleum company, has filed articles of incorporation at Salem. The company has already leased and bought 2,000 acres of land about six miles east of Lebanon in what is known as the Beaver Creek neighborhood, and it is said that considerable more land will be leased before long.

Suit to Test Port Law.

Marshfield—Members of the Port of Coos Bay commission will put the new port law to test in the courts by a friendly suit, as a precautionary measure, so that trouble will not arise later on. It is thought that the matter can be brought up at the June term of the court and a decision reached possibly in 60 days.

Monster Sawlogs in Coos.

Marshfield—The largest fir logs ever seen on Coos bay were brought from the Beaver Hill camp of the Smith-Powers Logging company. Each log was 24 feet long and measured eight feet five inches at the small end. There is 16,000 board feet in the two logs, enough to build a seven-room house.

Cherry Fair in July.

Salem—At a meeting of the board of trade Cherry Fair committee it was decided to hold this year's fair and carnival about the middle of July. The show will last three days and will be more elaborate than usual, owing to the elimination of the Fourth of July celebration.

Will Show Cherries.

The Dalles—The annual cherry fair will not be held in this city this year. Instead, The Dalles Business Men's association has arranged to exhibit 1,000 boxes of cherries in the Oregon state building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in Seattle.

SURVEY COOS BAY LINE.

Line to Boise Will Be Run and Rights of Way Obtained.

Marshfield—It is announced that F. A. Hains, who was elected chief engineer of the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho railroad, will start out at once with a surveying gang to make a preliminary survey for a railroad between Coos bay and Roseburg.

Several routes are proposed, and it is not being given out as to what direction the survey will work. The railroad company is the one recently organized for the purpose of securing rights of way and surveys for an outside railroad or possibly for one which may be built by local capitalists. Part of the capital stock of \$25,000 has been subscribed. It is expected to expend about \$12,000 on the survey and the rest in securing rights of way.

Looks for Splendid Crop.

Jacksonville—That the crop prospect in the vicinity of this city have not been damaged to any extent by the protracted cold weather of early winter is the indication given by the present condition of the fruit trees. The foothill orchards especially give promise of an exceptionally fine crop. Apricots, almonds and early peaches have suffered slightly but the main dependence, apples, pears and late peaches, bid fair to show up most bountiful crops. All is rejoicing in this neighborhood.

Dikes to Reclaim Land.

Clatskanie—The Columbia Agricultural company, which owns over 12,000 acres of overflow lands lying between Clatskanie and the Columbia river, proposes to undertake the task of reclaiming this vast tract by constructing dikes and making the land fit for agricultural purposes. The company has installed the first of its dredges, the "Muskrat," and work began this week on a cut in the Clatskanie river about a mile from town.

Fix Canned Salmon Prices.

Astoria—The Columbia River Packers' association at its last meeting fixed the selling prices for Columbia river canned salmon at the same rates that prevailed last season. These prices are, per dozen, as follows: Tails, \$1.65; flats, \$1.75; halves, \$1.05; ovals, \$2.30; minials, \$2.50; half-pound ovals, \$1.50. Key cans, 5 cents per dozen extra.

Some Fruit Hurt.

Brownsville—The dry cold weather still prevails in this vicinity. Fruit has been injured to some extent, especially walnuts; the leaves on the walnut trees being young and tender, easily froze. Although they were not in full leaf it is thought the cold weather has been very injurious to them.

More Potatoes Sold.

Weston—G. W. Mitchell has just concluded the sale of \$1,130 worth of potatoes from 12 acres of mountain land, this having been his most profitable season. He will increase his acreage next year.

Eugene Favors Florence Road.

Eugene—The council of Eugene comments the effort that is being made by Eugene citizens in their desire to build a railroad from Eugene to Florence, Lane county.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20; valley, \$1.17; red Russian, \$1.17@1.20.

Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$34.50 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$41 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Fruits—Apples, 65c@2.50 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 10@12 1/2 per pound.

Potatoes—\$1.75@2 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@1.25 per dozen; lettuce, head, 25c@75c per dozen; onions 12 1/2@15c per dozen; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 28c; fancy outside creamery, 27@28c per pound; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15 1/2@16c per dozen; broilers, 28@30c; fryers, 22@25c; roosters, 10c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50 @3 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Veal—Extras, 8@8 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; heavy, 6@6 1/2c.

Hops—1909 contracts, nominal; 1908 crop, 8@8 1/2c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@21c per pound; valley, fine, 24c; medium, 23c; coarse, 22c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to good, \$4.50@4.75; cows, top, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.50@7.75; fair to good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50; Chins fats, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; fair to good, \$3.50 @4; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4 @4.25; spring lambs, \$5@5.50.

DEMONSTRATE "MOONSHINING"

Reconstructed Illicit Still to Be Shown at Seattle Fair.

In a romantic gulch near the Pay Streak of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, in a place shaded by lofty firs and hidden by a dense growth of vine maples and yellow broom, will be found a typical "wild-cat" still. This pest of the mountain revenue officers will be reconstructed from a still destroyed in the Tennessee mountains years ago, and the battered copper kettles and rusted worm will again be mouted for duty.

No corn, however, will be boiled into the "oil of joy" in the exposition "wild-cat;" only the operation showing how it used to be will be demonstrated. All the settings of the illicit distiller have been gathered from the high hills of Kentucky and Tennessee, and the corn will be shelled, the fires kept up and the trail watched by a bunch of long bearded gentlemen, grown grey in practicing their unsanctioned profession.

The arsenal of weapons of offense is made up largely of Winchester 44s, but scattered within easy reach will be seen the long barreled squirrel gun with which "Grand Pap" got meat for the family, and incidentally made new jobs for governmental employment aspirants. The "wild-catter" represents a class unable to withstand the encroachments of certain brands of progress, and his once highly respected calling has fallen into ill repute and the operator of the mountain still is no longer looked upon as a prominent citizen.

ROBBERS LOOT TRAIN.

Union Pacific Overland Limited Held Up Near Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., May 24.—Four masked men held up and robbed Union Pacific passenger train No. 2, known as the Overland Limited, a few miles west of the city just before midnight Saturday night, and secured seven mail sacks, believed to have contained a large quantity of registered mail.

They evidently got on the train at some point west of here. The holdup occurred about five miles west of the city limits, in a deep cut along the recently constructed Lane cut-off.

The robbers climbed over the tank and forced the engineer to stop his train, and then proceeded to the mail car. The clerks were forced to open the door and hand out seven pouches of registered mail.

Once they secured the bags, the robbers hurried away in a southerly direction, and permitted the train to proceed. The passengers were not molested, and as soon as the robbers left the scene of the hold-up the train came to this city.

The chief mail clerk was singled out by the robbers and ordered to point out the registered mail. This he did, and the robbers gathered up seven pouches. The leader then remarked: "This is all we can get into our automobile."

HAS NEW FORMULA.

Major Nichols is Successful in Color Photography Experiments.

Spokane, Wash., May 24.—Major Nichols, U. S. A., of Fort Wright, a veteran student of photography, has been successful in reproducing colors by developing the negative with a formula of his own.

For years he has devoted considerable attention to color photography and has studied the discoveries of Lumiere, of France, founder of the system. He recently sent to New York for some of the Lumiere plates, which have met with little success by the photographers of the country.

"I tried a little experiment of my own, with the result that I have been able to produce some negatives which show the colors of the object in detail," said Major Nichols this morning.

He showed some plates which were taken on the military grounds and contained the most minute detail in coloring.

"My side line is devoted to the making of lantern slides," continued the major, "and it is my intention to take a quantity of plates of this kind to the Islands in August and to devote considerable of my spare time to making pictures of tropical scenery."

Big Mine Fire Spreads.

Tamaqua, Pa., May 24.—Despite the fact that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in an endeavor to extinguish the fire burning for 50 hours in the Lehigh Canal and Navigation company's mine at Summit Hill, the fire is spreading toward the Spring tunnel workings, and 30 of the Reading company's carpenters and masons were sent from the Ashland district to aid in erecting concrete walls to check the spread of the flames. It may be necessary to fill the shafts with water in order to continue the battle.

Honduras Sends Apology.

El Paso, Texas, May 24.—Official information has been received here that one of the more recent causes of friction between the republics of Mexico and Honduras, the violation of the Mexican consulate at Tegucigalpa, a few weeks ago by Honduran soldiers, has been smoothed away. President Datvilla, of Honduras, has apologized to Mexico for the act of his soldiers. The Honduran troops invaded the Mexican consulate to arrest a fugitive.

Porto Ricans Cool Off.

San Juan, R. I., May 24.—The full text of President Taft's special message to congress on Porto Rican affairs has been received by mail, and after reading it carefully, the Republican leaders praise it highly as a statesmanlike document.

SWING PORTLAND GATE BOTH WAYS

Roads Ordered to Sell Through Tickets to East and West.

Northern Pacific Objects to Joint Traffic With the Harriman Lines, Which Are Required to Make Like Concessions the Other Way—Will Appeal to Courts.

Washington, May 22.—The first decision in the Portland gateway case is in favor of opening, but this is only the beginning of what promises to be a long contest. In a decision rendered by Mr. Prouty the Interstate Commerce commission today ordered the Harriman lines and the Northern Pacific to join in the sale of through tickets and the through checking of baggage between Eastern and Pacific coast points via Portland. Chairman Knapp and E. E. Clark dissent from the decision.

The commission sustains the complaint against the Northern Pacific for refusing to sell through tickets via Portland to points on the Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern, including Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago, and sustains also the complaint against the Chicago & Northwestern, Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Navigation company for refusing to sell through tickets via Portland to points in Washington.

By the terms of the decision, which is highly important to the traveling public and to the Western and Northwestern railroads, the Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific lines and the Chicago & Northwestern railway are ordered to join in the sale of through passenger tickets between Seattle and other points in the Pacific Northwest and Eastern destinations, via Portland, Or., and to accord through facilities, like the checking of baggage, over this route.

The commission found in the present case that a substantial part of the entire body of travelers moving between these points in the Northwest and Eastern destinations reasonably desire to travel via Portland, and that therefore the commission has jurisdiction to open that gateway.

It is also held that public interest requires that this gateway shall be opened; but that the terms under which that service is rendered should be just as between the carriers themselves. The commission was also of the opinion that the through rates via Portland should be the same as those in effect via the Northern Pacific and its present connections, but no opinion is expressed touching a division of these rates.

The decision orders first, that the Middle West lines complained of and the Northern Pacific shall establish before July 1, 1909, and maintain in force thereafter for not less than two years, through routes and joint rates between Chicago, Council Bluffs and Colorado common points via Portland and points in Washington between Portland and Seattle, including the latter, the joint rates to be the same as the joint rates contemporaneously in effect between said points via the Northern Pacific and its connections.

Second, the carriers named are ordered to establish before July 1, joint rates and through routes for passengers and baggage from points on the Northern Pacific via Portland to Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago and other Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern points.

It is understood authoritatively that it is the intention of the Northern Pacific, in connection perhaps with other roads, to seek an injunction restraining the commission from putting its order into effect. Should such an injunction be granted, it would prevent the enforcement of the order during the period of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, as it is estimated that it would require many months for the courts finally to determine the case on its merits.

Kermitt Hero of Beaters.

Nairobi, British East Africa, May 22.—Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermitt are having good hunting luck on the Juba ranch of George McMillan. Their bag includes a water buck, an impalk and other varieties of antelope. The expedition has now a total of 60 specimens, representing 20 different species. Mr. Roosevelt has killed a nythron. Kermitt, on a recent trip, despatched a leopard at a distance of six paces. The animal already had mauled a beater, and was charging Kermitt when killed.

Two Unions to Unite.

Spokane, May 22.—"It is probable that working agreements will be made by the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mineworkers of America," stated C. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is here tonight. "It is not probable that they will unite, as their fields of usefulness are different. In spite of all reports, the next convention of the Federation will show that it is stronger than ever."

Explosion Fires Forest.

Pittsburg, May 22.—One thousand pounds of powder in the wheels mills of the Oriental plant of the Dupont Powder company located at Fairchance, Pa., exploded late last night. No one was injured, but the plant was wrecked, windows shattered for several miles about, and the mountain woods set on fire.