

# BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

## Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Louis James, the noted actor, died of heart failure at Helena, Montana.

Charles K. Hamilton, in a Curtiss biplane, gave many thrilling and successful flights in Portland.

Jacob Schiff, a banker who loaned much money to Japan, says the United States must fight Japan soon.

John Redmond has won almost a complete victory over the house of lords in the English parliament.

A letter from Martha Washington and one from Mrs. Abraham Lincoln have been found in a dark attic in the house of representatives.

W. H. Eccles, manager of the Oregon Lumber company, which has been indicted for timber land frauds, says he has no fear of the outcome.

A veteran in the California Soldiers' home attempted suicide on learning that his wife, son and daughter were killed in the avalanche at Mace, Idaho.

Four hundred Russian emigrants in Honolulu have been attacked by diphtheria, and refuse to remain, saying promises made to them have not been kept.

The great Italian singer Caruso is being threatened by Black Hand letters, but declares he has no fear of them and is making every effort to apprehend the writers.

An old California Indian fighter of the early 50s called on Taft and greatly interested him with accounts of early wars. The president will see to it that about 70 of the Indian war veterans receive good pensions.

Sympathetic strikes in Philadelphia have involved over 100,000 workers in various trades, and the trouble is growing steadily. It is said to have started by the peremptory discharge, for no honest cause, of about 500 union street car employees.

A New York woman has been conducting a school for shoplifters.

Nicaraguan rebels are planning to force intervention by the United States.

Twenty-three miners were killed by an accidental explosion in the Treadwell mine.

The Federal government will renew its attack on the sugar trust under the Sherman law.

A New York man is trying to buy some big daily paper and install Roosevelt as editor in chief.

British Columbia government will try to import from England many girls to be employed as house servants.

Gaynor, mayor of New York, says no one man can run any large city without special training and preparation.

An avalanche destroyed 12 of the 16 buildings composing the mining camp of Skookum, 20 miles north of Roslyn, Wash. One man was killed.

Deputies have given up trying to capture the Quinault Indian who murdered two of his tribe and then barricaded himself on a mountain.

A mob in Dallas, Texas, took a negro from the courtroom where he was being tried, beat him to death and hung his body from a festival arch.

The O. R. & N. is the only line in the West or Northwest now open, and all trains of the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Milwaukee are using that line.

Merchants of the principal cities in Tahiti have petitioned the governor not to allow tourists to land. This is believed to be the only place of importance in the civilized world that does not want tourists.

A mysterious airship was seen flying all around Mt. Shasta, and performing feats before unheard of. It is believed to belong to some inventor who has built it during the past winter at some secluded spot in the mountains.

Floods at Zanesville and Warren, Ohio, have rendered thousands of people homeless.

Butte engineers are deserting their union and the collapse of the strike seems at hand.

Oklahoma has passed a new election law which cuts down the negro vote by prescribing certain qualifications.

Japan wants credit for helping China avoid serious trouble on the Tibetan frontier, and says China made a great mistake.

Abilene, Kansas, has adopted the commission form of government, but North and South Dakota towns are rejecting it.

A Quinault Indian murdered two of his tribe, defied the authorities and entrenched himself on a high mountain, heavily armed.

The barkentine "Amy Louise, from Pernambuco for St. Johns, N. F., has been out over 100 days, and is believed to be lost with her crew of nine.

## HISTORIC RELICS FOUND.

Letters of Martha Washington and Mrs. Lincoln Come to Light.

Washington, March 7.—In an unlighted corner of the attic of the house of representatives, the committee on accounts has rescued a large number of letters and documents of the early days of the republic. Among them are letters from Washington, Jefferson, Lafayette, Jay and Monroe.

To two of them a peculiar sentimental interest attaches. These are letters written by Martha Washington and Mary Todd Lincoln, the former concerning the proposed removal of the body of her husband from Mount Vernon to a crypt in the capitol, and the other applying to the government for a pension. Both are addressed to the speaker of the house. The house today voted an appropriation of \$2,500 to have these historic papers cared for and deposited in the library of congress as "the house of representatives collection." The two letters are as follows:

"To the Honorable Speaker of the House, Sir: While I feel the keenest anguish over the late dispensation of divine providence, I cannot be insensible of the mournful tributes, respect and veneration which are paid the memory of my dear deceased husband. And as his best services and most anxious wishes were always devoted to the welfare and happiness of the country, to know that they were truly appreciated and gratefully remembered affords me no inconsiderable consolation.

Taught by the greatest example, which I had so long before me, never to oppose my private wishes to the public will, I must consent to the request made by congress which you have the good wishes to transmit to me, and in doing this I need not—can not—say what a sacrifice of individual feeling I make to a sense of public duty.

With grateful acknowledgment and unfeigned thanks for the personal respect and evidences of condolence expressed by congress and yourself, I remain very respectfully sir, your most obedient servant,

MARTHA WASHINGTON. Mount Vernon, Va., 1779."

The letter from Mrs. Lincoln is as follows:

"To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir: I herewith most respectfully present to the honorable house of representatives an application for a pension. I am a widow of a president of the United States, whose life was sacrificed in his country's service. That sad calamity has very greatly impaired my health and, by the advice of my physician, I have come over to Germany to try the mineral waters and during the winter to go to Italy.

But my financial means do not permit me to take advantage of the urgent advice given me, nor can I live in a style becoming a widow of the chief magistrate of a nation, although I live as economically as I possibly can.

In consideration of the great services my dearly beloved husband has rendered to the United States, and of the fearful loss I have sustained by his untimely death, his martyrdom, I may say, I respectfully submit to your honorable body this petition, hoping that a yearly pension may be granted me so that I may have less pecuniary care.

MRS. A. LINCOLN. Frankfort, Germany."

Mrs. Lincoln was granted a pension of \$5,000 a year.

New Minister to China in Training.

Chicago, March 7.—Forty Chinese students entertained William J. Calhoun, the newly appointed minister to China, at luncheon today at the King Joy Lo restaurant. The new minister listened gravely to many suave expressions of Oriental good will and as gravely consumed a dinner of infinite variety, served in mandarin style. Although the luncheon lasted two hours and a half, it was said to be more of an afternoon tea as compared with the real state dinner which Mr. Calhoun will be expected to grace beyond the Pacific.

Zeppelin Will Seek Pole.

Hamburg, March 7.—The Zeppelin North Pole expedition committee met here today under the direction of Prince Henry, of Prussia. Count Zeppelin was present. The summer will be devoted to a primary expedition for the purpose of studying the ice conditions. The expedition will start for Spitzbergen July 1. A Norwegian ice steamer will be used for the purpose of forcing an entrance into the polar ice and the expedition will return at the end of August. An airship will be taken for summer use.

Chamorro is President?

Managua, March 7.—The government authorities today published a cablegram from Panama in which it was announced that General Chamorro had imprisoned General Estrada, the provisional president, and had proclaimed himself president. Deserters from the insurgent forces say the Bluefields garrison has been reduced to 25 men. They also declare that General Estrada never leaves the town and that his wife gives all campaign orders.

Farman Breaks Record.

Mourmelon, France, March 7.—Henry Farman today established a new world's record for aeroplane flight with two passengers, remaining in the air for one hour and ten minutes.

# NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

## NEW RAILROAD FOR YAMHILL.

Capital Stock \$500,000—Will Haul Logs From Camps to Mill.

Salem—The Carlton & Coast railroad company, which was incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000 by William B. Dennis, Fred Russel and S. B. Linthicum of this city, will build a railroad from Carlton, in Yamhill county, on the west side line of the Southern Pacific, in a westerly direction through the town of Fairdale to a point on Tillamook bay.

The road will be standard gauge and a common carrier, although at first it is expected that logs will furnish the bulk of the freight.

Incorporated by the same men and with a capital of \$200,000, is the Carlton Consolidated Lumber company, which will take over the property of the Carlton Lumber company, consisting of a modern sawmill and a large tract of fine timber.

The road will haul logs from the camps to the mill, following for the greater part of the way the course of the North Yamhill river, by way of which heretofore the mill has obtained its logs. But logging by stream is becoming obsolete, except where conditions are exceptionally favorable, and so the reorganized company will introduce the very latest equipment.

## University Students Grade Well.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Tabulated results of the final semester examinations recently held at the University of Oregon have been prepared by the registrar of the university and show that the women students, as a class, have secured higher grades than the men. The average grade of students living in the dormitories, fraternities and sororities is almost exactly the same as the average grade of those living with private families. The woman's fraternity with the highest average in scholarship obtained a grade of 90 per cent, which was four per cent higher than the highest average obtained by a man's fraternity. All of the seven women's fraternities had averages ranging from 87 to 90 per cent. The ten men's fraternities and dormitories ranged from 82 to 87 per cent. The average grade of women not living in fraternities or dormitories was 89 per cent and of men 85.6 per cent. None of the men on football team failed to make the required work and their average grade was 83.7 per cent. Out of the 600 students enrolled in the colleges of Liberal arts and engineering, only 15 failed to make the required number of hours necessary for continuing the work.

## Rates to Willamette Points.

Portland—That the Hill lines will soon be in position to quote through passenger and freight rates to points in the Willamette valley is virtually admitted by H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad.

"Negotiations for traffic arrangements between our line and the Oregon Electric are on," said Mr. Adams, "but that is all the information that I can give out at this time. I may have something more definite very soon, however."

Traffic arrangements between the S. P. & S. and the Oregon Electric will permit the former to quote through rates to Willamette valley points over its lines, as well as the Great Northern lines, and will give Hill greater opportunities in the valley than the Southern Pacific, the Northern Pacific having traffic arrangements with the Southern Pacific. It is held, too, that the Hill lines would have even better opportunities, in that the Oregon Electric taps a richer field in many instances than does the Southern Pacific lines.

## Log Chains by the Ton.

Astoria—Two hundred tons of log chain for the Benson Logging company has arrived from San Francisco and was discharged on the lower Columbia river, where the concern will shortly begin the building of cigar-shaped rafts for towing to San Diego. Four of these huge rafts will be constructed at Wallace slough, the coming season. One raft completed last fall too late to take to sea is at the slough. It contains about 7,500,000 feet.

## Oregon Fir Arrives in Washington.

Portland—A letter was received by the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturing association acknowledging the arrival of the interior fir of Oregon for the reception room of the International Bureau of American Republics at Washington, D. C.

The finish consists of large panels and beams of Oregon fir cut so as to show all the beauties of the grain and it was furnished free of charge by the association and installed at its expense.

## Pine Creek Lands to Be Watered.

Freewater—The Umatilla Irrigation company will incorporate. The company is composed of the ranchers of Pine creek, nine miles west of Freewater, who propose to dam that stream and secure water for the irrigation of about 800 acres. The great success of the Hudson Bay ditch has encouraged the promoters of the new scheme.

## Warrenton Organizes League.

Warrenton—The citizens of this place have organized a development league, and elected the following officers: President, John Evenden; vice president, W. J. Eastbrook; secretary and treasurer, W. P. Horner. It is the purpose of the league to work for the general upbuilding of the city.

## STORE WATERS OF JOHN DAY.

Reclamation Service Would Irrigate Lands in Morrow County.

Fossil—A. J. Blakely, a government civil engineer, with an assistant surveyor and a party of four helpers, are working on the upper John Day river for the reclamation service. Mr. Blakely has been at work along the John Day river near the mouth of Thirty-mile, about three months, measuring the flow of water and surveying a dam site, with a view of storing the winter flow of the river for the irrigation of a large tract of arid land near the mouth of Willow creek, in Morrow county, and possibly to irrigate Shuttler Flat, in Gilliam county. It is reported he found that a reservoir near the mouth of Thirty-mile would be too low to reach the land above referred to, hence the move to the upper river.

The lands along the John Day river, where the party has been surveying, were withdrawn from settlement by the government some years ago, and have since been marked on the plats as belonging to a government irrigation project. Later, part of the upper John Day was withdrawn for the same purpose.

## Boosts for Free Locks.

Washington—Senator Bourne is making a last effort to procure the adoption of his amendment to the rivers and harbors bill for the purchase of the Oregon City locks, the Federal government paying \$350,000 and the state of Oregon a like amount. When Bourne took the matter up with the chief of army engineers, it was found that no report had been sent by the local engineer in charge, on the subject. Bourne then procured an order that Major McIndoe be ordered here to make a report. He will arrive Thursday when he will report. It may be impossible even under this arrangement to get the amendment through at this session, but Bourne is putting forth strenuous exertions to prevent the matter from going over to another session.

## Bonds for City Improvements.

Drain—The election authorizing the issue of \$10,000 in bonds for a water plant and \$5,000 for a sewer system was held recently, and the water bonds carried by a majority of 38 to 34 and the sewer system bonds by a unanimous vote of 47. This is the initial step favoring a progressive policy all along the line in Drain. The city has secured electric lights and money is on hand to have the streets improved in the near future.

## New Armory Accepted.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—After a thorough inspection of the new armory it has been formally accepted by the building committee of the board of regents. Architect John Bennes, of Portland, conducted the committee, composed of Regents Pierce, Wilson and Weatherford, about the building on the inspection trip.

## Will Drill for Oil.

Dallas—Arrangements are completed for the formation of a new oil company in Dallas, to begin operation in the near future on lands leased west of town. That there is oil all over this county is fast coming to be an accepted fact, and it only remains to strike it in paying quantities.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, \$1.12@1.14; club, \$1.04@1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.50; 40-fold, \$1.10.

Barley—Feeding, brewing, \$28 ton. Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 ton.

Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22@23; alfalfa, \$17@18; California alfalfa, \$16@17; clover, \$15@16; grain hay, \$16@18.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1.25@1.30 box; pears, \$1.50@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 60@70c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 8c per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—City creamery extras, 37@39c; fancy outside creamery, 35@39c per pound; store, 20@23. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 24@25c. Pork—Fancy, 12@13c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@13c per pound. Poultry—Hens, 17@18c per pound; springs, 17@18c; ducks, 18c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 22@24c; dressed, 24@27c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Cattle.—Best steers, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$4.50@5; strictly good cows, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good, \$4@4.50; light calves, \$5.50@6; heavy calves, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$3.75@4.25; stags, \$3@4.50.

Hogs—Top, \$9.75@10.10; fair to good, \$9@9.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$6@6.50; fair to good, \$5.50@5.75; good ewes, \$6; lambs, \$7.75.

Hops—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20@21c per pound; 1908s, 17c; 1907s, 11c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@20c per pound; valley, 22@24c; mohair, choice, 25c.

Hides—Dry hides, 17@18c per pound; kip, 17@18c; dry calfskin, 18@20c; salted hides, 9@10c; salted calfskin, 14c; green, 1c less.

## SLIDE KILLS SIXTY TO 100 WORKMEN ON ROTARY

Two Crews Buried in Rogers Pass—One Avalanche is Being Cleared When Second Comes.

Seattle, March 5.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Revelstoke, B. C., says that between 60 and 100 lives were lost in a snowslide that buried two rotary crews in Rogers Pass, two miles east of Glacier, at 1 o'clock this morning.

A small slide occurred at 6 o'clock and the men were clearing the line when the second avalanche swept down the mountain and engulfed both crews. Details of the disaster are lacking.

Rescue parties have been sent out from Revelstoke.

Without warning a second tremendous slide rushed down on the crew. It swept the rotary and all the men far down into the canyon below.

Only three of the rotary crew survive.

## BEGIN SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

Philadelphia Prepares for Renewed Hostilities—Two Shot.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Between 50,000 and 70,000 union workers on strike, 100 different branches of industry affected and a renewal of rioting, in which two men were shot, is the situation that confronts Philadelphians early today.

The police are apprehensive of the outcome. Director Clay, however, declares that he has enough men to crush any uprising.

The Rapid Transit company announces that every effort will be made to maintain trolley service. Cars will be dispatched at as nearly regular intervals as possible, and the service will be increased if police protection is given.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Encouraged by messages of sympathy and offers of assistance from labor unions from all parts of the country, the union workers of many trades ceased work at midnight and inaugurated what promises to be one of the greatest sympathetic strikes in the history of organized labor.

The Committee of Ten says that at least 85,000 organized workers, as well as many unorganized men, have ceased work.

Promptly at midnight union orchestras playing in the leading hotels and cafes picked up their instruments and started for home.

Union cabdrivers and chauffeurs also abandoned their posts, and the hotel and railroad cab and automobile service was badly crippled. The drivers of both taxicab companies in the city are members of a union and refused to take out their machines after midnight.

The Committee of Ten remained in session at its headquarters all night, receiving reports from the local unions. The labor leaders refused to comment on the report that the police would prevent the demonstration planned for tomorrow afternoon in Independence Square.

Although the labor leaders are receiving moral support from their fellow workmen in all parts of the country, many associations of employers have sent letters and telegrams to the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company and the city officials, commending their position and urging them to stand firm in their determination not to recognize the union.

## Slide Kills Six Laborers.

Seattle, March 5.—Six laborers are reported to have been killed by an avalanche that destroyed Cascade, a small station east of the Cascade tunnel. The report was brought to Seattle by Ed Clark, a section man who has been working in the mountains. He said that he walked through Cascade this morning and that everything had been wiped out but a cook shack. Two men at the scene told him of the death of the six laborers, whose names are not known. The Great Northern has received no report of an avalanche at Cascade, but it is known that several bad slides have occurred on the east slope of the mountains. All communication with that section has been cut off.

## Red Men Blew Out the Gas.

Washington, March 5.—One of the most picturesque chieftains in the Indian race and his nephew, both members of the Chippewa tribe, in Minnesota, was found dead in a local hotel today, victims of asphyxiation. The dead chief was Pay-Baum-Wo-Chew-Walsh-Kung, more than 95 years old, and his unfortunate companion was A-Ne-Way-Way-Aush. It is believed one of the red men blew out the gas. This was the second visit of the chief to the capital of the "Great Father," his first being nearly 44 years ago.

## Total Dead Recovered, 48.

Wellington, March 5.—Forty-eight bodies have been recovered from the wreckage brought down by Tuesday morning's avalanche, and of this number 41 have been identified. Three bodies were exposed by workmen late this afternoon, but were not extricated from the wreckage. They will be taken out tomorrow. The body of G. R. Jenks, fireman, was the last to be identified today. The searchers are working in the daytime only.

## Louis James is Stricken.

Helena, Mont., March 5.—Louis James, the actor, was stricken with heart failure in his dressing room at the Helena theater tonight and for several hours his life was despaired of. Later it was reported that his condition was slightly improved.

# EX-SENATOR PLATT SUDDENLY EXPIRES

After Year's Struggle, Falls Victim to Bright's Disease.

Welcomes Family and Passes Away Peacefully—Will be Buried Wednesday at His Native City of Oswego—Refused to the Last to Give Up Business Affairs.

New York, March 8.—Thomas Collier Platt, formerly United States Senator from New York and for years a national figure in Republican politics, died at 3:45 this afternoon in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Abele, on West Eleventh street, from whom he had rented three rooms for the last four years. Mrs. Abele had been his nurse.

Dr. Paul Auerbridge, his physician, said tonight that the cause of death was chronic and acute Bright's disease. The body was removed tonight to the home of Frank H. Platt, a son, and will be taken to Oswego, New York, the senator's birthplace, where it will be buried. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Presbyterian church in Oswego.

The end was startlingly sudden. An hour before the senator died his two sons, Frank and Edward, with their families, and his son, Harry, with the latter's daughter Charlotte and son Sherman, had left the house after their usual daily visit. The senator said at that time he felt very well and thought he would read the papers.

At 2 o'clock he was taken with a fainting spell and Dr. Auerbridge was called hurriedly. The family was notified and returned in haste. Mr. Platt recovered from his first lapse, but sank into unconsciousness again at 3:30 and died at 3:45 o'clock. The relatives were all at the bedside.

## PREDICTS JAPANESE WAR.

Banker Schiff Who Loaned Japan Money Says She is Enemy.

New York, March 7.—"As one who helped to finance the late war of Japan against Russia," said Jacob H. Schiff this afternoon, "I say it has developed during the last few weeks that Japan has joined hands with that enemy of all mankind, Russia."

Mr. Schiff was speaking at a luncheon given by the Republican club.

"Russia and Japan," he continued, "have evidently one purpose at present—to keep the great Chinese empire stifled.

"If we are not careful, if we do not show the right statesmanship, and if we have not back of it the great moral force of the American people to defeat that purpose, we shall be drawn into trouble.

"The most difficult problem the nation has to deal with," continued Mr. Schiff, "is the problem of the Far East. I am sorry to have to say it, but we are in danger of war over this same question. As a friend of Japan, one who helped to finance her late war, I regret this conclusion, but it is inevitable."

"The Pacific," said Judge Mayer Sulzberger, of Philadelphia, who preceded Mr. Schiff, and whose remarks occasioned his declaration, "is now the commercial center of the world. On its eastern shores dwell the oldest civilizations. Heretofore we white men have said 'we are Caucasians and they are yellow men,' and we have expected them to bow to us accordingly. This they are not going to do. A conflict is inevitable.

"An empire were 400,000,000 people manage to exist is governed by no mean statesmanship. Can they teach us or can we teach them? This question will precipitate the trouble.

"The imminent question is Japan. She wants everything but she is not to be allowed to get everything. The controversy over this question of dominance is coming before the people of this country, and coming soon."

## Pinchot Given Gold Medal.

New York, March 8.—A gold medal in recognition of his services in conserving the woodlands of the country was presented to Gifford Pinchot, ex-chief forester of the United States, at the dinner of the Campfire club of America. "Even if I am no longer connected with the government," said Mr. Pinchot, in expressing his appreciation for the medal, "I shall take the same position with regard to conservation as I have done heretofore. I shall do my best to aid in preserving the forests and the game of this country."

## Soldiers Will Guard Mint.

Wilmington, Del., March 8.—That the United States government does not intend to take any chances of having its property interfered with by unruly mobs was made evident today when orders were received at Fort Dupont to have the Forty-fifth company, Coast artillery, ready to leave for Philadelphia at a moment's notice. This company of regulars, it is said, will be used to protect the Philadelphia mint and other government buildings.

## Vesuvius is Again Active.

Naples, March 8.—Vesuvius has suddenly become active again. For 24 hours there has been a continuous eruption of red hot stones and ashes, accompanied by internal detonations. Several fissures have opened, from which gas and lava are emerging in great quantities.