

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

John Redmond is coming to the front as a leader of the English Radicals.

Roosevelt shook hands with over 400 Americans during a reception in Cairo, Egypt.

The eruption of Mount Etna is subsiding and all danger is believed to be past.

A St. Louis woman finds contract marriage a failure and wants a divorce.

Insurgents suggest a substitution of a "pure parliamentarian" for Speaker Cannon and will continue their fight for his removal.

Officials of the state of Washington would like to exchange school lands in forest reserves for lands of equal value adjoining the reserves.

A Wisconsin man set fire to a widow's house, claiming that the insurance money would do her more good. He got three years.

Four children in Hartford, Conn., were rescued by the police just as their maniac father was about to massacre them with an axe. The family had just been evicted by their landlord.

Several Tacoma women had expressed a willingness to adopt a certain promising baby which was being cared for in a foundling home, but all backed out when it was discovered that the child was colored.

Through the efforts of their grandson, Cody Boals, a reconciliation has been effected between Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and Mrs. Cody. Colonel and Mrs. Cody became estranged three or four years ago and since that time they have lived apart.

Their supplies stolen by Cree Indians in the wilds of the Rocky Mountains, and with every one of their 44 horses dead of starvation, 22 men belonging to a Canadian Northern Railway survey party, headed by Engineer C. F. Hanington, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., after having fought their way to civilization through midwinter snowdrifts.

A Pittsburg councilman fainted when asked if he had sold his vote.

Ex-President Roosevelt was warmly welcomed at Cairo by the khedive of Egypt.

Samuel Gompers is doubtful of Rockefeller's plan to dispose of his great wealth.

The senate has amended the corporation tax law so as to limit the publicity of reports.

Rivers of molten lava are flowing down the sides of Mount Etna, and several villages are in great danger.

Marion Clark, discoverer of the Mariposa grove of big trees in California, is dead. He will be buried in the big red grove.

Women suffragists are active in France and candidates will be out for the office of deputies in every district in Paris next month.

W. H. Buckley, attorney, of Albany, N. Y., admits he was able to obtain advance information on court decisions in insurance cases.

During ante-election troubles in St. Louis a mob tried to lynch the city clerk, but were stood off successfully by a daughter of the chief of police.

A Black Hand member instantly killed by a sheriff's posse while removing money from a hiding place where his victim had been ordered to leave it.

A definite agreement has been reached on the Canada-United States tariff.

As the beef packers' investigation proceeds, the prices of beef continue to rise.

The American Federation of Labor has filed charges against the steel corporation.

Pinchot has sailed for Europe, and it is believed he intends to meet Roosevelt in Naples.

Barney Oldfield, driving a Knox auto, made 20 miles in 18 minutes at Daytona, Florida.

Louis R. Glavis has confessed that he worked deception on Cunningham in the Alaska coal cases.

Witnesses before the Pittsburg grand jury testified that councilmen were bought as low as \$50.

The president of the Paper makers' union was escorted out of the town of Rumford Falls, Maine, by citizens, who intimated that he was not wanted there.

A boy at Hoquiam, Wash., had his arm broken while playing "snap-the-whip."

Colonel Roosevelt was glad to meet many American tourists at Luxor, Egypt.

Cook's only white companion in the alleged dash to the Pole says Cook is a martyr.

Indictments have been returned against six nightriders at Hopkinsville, Ky.

WANTS MORE BATTLESHIPS.

Representative Hobson Says Pacific Coast is Defenseless.

Washington, March 28.—"Our national defenselessness," was the theme around which Representative Hobson, Democrat, Alabama, voiced a prophecy of disaster in the house late this afternoon. A startling array of facts as to our unpreparedness for war as collected by the general staff of the army was the basis for the appeal of the hero of the Spanish-American war for immediate action by congress. He declared it was imperative that a larger navy be authorized at once if the United States would stave off possible invasion by a foreign enemy in the future.

"Any European nation of the first power," said Hobson, "that has an adequate army and merchant marine—I will take Germany merely as an illustration—could put 200,000 men aboard ships in a single expedition. One-half could land on the coast of Long Island and the other half on the coast of New Jersey and inside of a few weeks they could seize Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York without resistance."

Hobson said he would probably offer an amendment to the naval bill calling for six battleships.

"We need that many a year," he said, "to maintain the equilibrium existing among the nations."

Referring to conditions on the Pacific coast, Hobson said:

"It is unfortunate that I cannot refer to existing conditions on the Pacific coast without these peace dreamers crying out 'war and jingoism,' but you can all verify for yourselves, you who have no knowledge of existing conditions, that the city of San Francisco cannot regulate her own schools as she desires. The legislators of California, Oregon and Washington cannot today legislate upon segregation of the yellow people.

"Those legislators were told to drop that dangerous question. I will tell you why. We are defenseless on the Pacific coast."

"The Japanese navy is rated at 490,000 tons, and ours at 695,000 tons. All of our 695,000 tons substantially is in the Atlantic ocean and has to stay there."

"Do you think I am talking war? I am trying to arrange this equilibrium in the Pacific ocean under which we could come to mutual concessions and solve the problem."

"I am trying to take the only way to prevent war."

SENDS RELIEF TO ESTRADA.

General Gordon Prepares Expedition and Defies Madrid.

New Orleans, La., March 28.—The crisis in the strained relations between the representatives of the Madrid and the Estrada factions of the Nicaraguan government was reached late today, when General Gordon, who is organizing an Estrada relief expedition, suddenly appeared the Madrid consulate and entering the room where Luis Corea, Madrid's minister to Washington, and other Madrid officials were in conference, defied them to keep him from starting his expedition for Central America.

It was a dramatic scene. Corea and General Altschuler were seated at a table when Gordon suddenly entered. He calmly told the enemies that the report that he was organizing an army was true.

"Then you are liable to a \$1,000 fine and three years' imprisonment, according to American laws," shouted Corea.

"I am ready to sign a statement that I am raising an army here and that I have chartered a ship and I defy you to do anything," was Gordon's reply. He then handed each of the Madrid officials his card and walked out.

Minister Corea was angered by the proceeding and said he would endeavor to have Gordon imprisoned at once. Local government officials said they would refuse to take official action until orders were received from Washington.

Later in the day General Gordon suddenly wheeled on the two detectives following him and thrashed them both. It is believed that part of the relief expedition will attempt to sail tonight.

Atlantic Fleet to Cruise Mediterranean Washington, March 28.—The secretary of the navy announced this afternoon that the whole Atlantic battleship fleet would, in November, proceed to European waters. The principal cruise will be made in the Mediterranean. It is intended to divide the fleet while in the Mediterranean in order that various ports may be visited. It is not hinted anywhere that the fleet or any part of it will go further than the Eastern Mediterranean. The official statement is that the fleet will, after the cruise, go to Guantanamo.

Reduces Pullman Fares. Washington, March 28.—Pullman fares from St. Paul to North Pacific coast cities will be materially reduced by an order to be issued by the interstate commerce commission this week. The commission has reached this decision in the case begun by the Shippers' league, headed by George Loftus, of Minneapolis. It is understood the commission will also include in its decision that the Pullman company must sell upper berths for less than lower.

Get More Pittsburg Grafters Pittsburg, March 28.—Former Councilman Charles Stewart was in the sweat box for four hours this afternoon. He is believed to have told many things that will cause new sensations Monday when the officials "get their lines out."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

LEADS IN LUMBERING.

Twenty-nine Sawmills Busy in Timber Tributary to St. Helens.

St. Helens—St. Helens is easily the lumbering center of the lower Columbia, between Portland and Astoria. The operation of the McCormick mill, built on the waterfront, gives the town 29 mills directly tributary to it. Practically, the entire output of these mills is handled through St. Helens. During February six vessels took on cargo here, carrying fully 5,000,000 feet. In addition to the lumber industry proper, large orders of railroad ties are put out by the mills located on the North Fork and on Lake river.

During the past few months the town has responded rapidly to the impulse of increasing business. The Odd Fellows have built a splendid hall, Charles Muckle has built a three-story business block, H. Morgus has erected a store building of brick, and a new theater has been built by the Arcade.

The fishing industry pays about \$6,000 per month here, while the stone block plant carries a wage account of about \$10,000 per month. Stone blocks are shipped by the barge load to Portland and other places.

St. Helens is spending \$40,000 for a system of water works to give adequate service to the people of the town. The present system has become inefficient for domestic use, as well as for the purpose of fighting fire.

Rich farming country gives St. Helens strong support, many farmers turning attention to fruitgrowing and dairying.

Kill Cougars in Union County.

Union—Five cougars were killed last week by L. H. Stover, S. F. Godsey, J. W. Thompson, and Bert Wright, while hunting in the mountains east of here.

Mr. Godsey has the best bear dogs in the country and he has always been willing to loan them to hunting parties going after big game. The dogs are entitled to part of the credit for the capture of the cougars.

The terror of elk and deer in the mountains is the cougar. One of these powerful animals will kill as many elk and deer in a season as will a dozen hunters. In view of this fact an effort has been made for many years to clear the forests of the huge cats. A bounty of \$10 is paid by the state for each cougar killed, but the law demands the left front paw as evidence. The removal of a paw disfigures the skin to such an extent that it loses its commercial value, which at present is about \$15. Thus it will be seen that the hunters usually give up the bounty in order to save the skin in perfect condition.

It is held to be worth \$25 to kill a cougar, hence the number of men who hunt them either for the skin or the bounty is limited.

An effort will be made to have the bounty law amended to allow proof of the killing of the cougar without the need of disfiguring the skin beyond the point where its value to commerce will be affected.

Prepare Ditches for Irrigation. Hillsboro—C. R. Bloyd, well known as a machinist and mill man, has ordered a complete machine shop plant and will open for business early in April.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Barley—Feed and brewing, \$27.50 @28 ton.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.07@1.08; club, \$1@1.01; red Russian, 98c; valley, \$1.02.

Corn—Whole, 33c; cracked, 35c ton. Hay—Track prices: Timothy; Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$17.50@18.50; grain hay, \$17@19.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$30.50@31. Fresh Fruit—Apples, \$1.25@1.30 per box; pears, \$1.50@1.75; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 50@60c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 8c per pound.

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

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

Butter—City creamery extras, 36c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 34@36c; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1c under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 22@23c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13@13c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 12@13c per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 15c per pound. Poultry—Hens, 19@20c; broilers, 25@27c; ducks, 18@20c; geese, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 22@25c; dressed, 25@29c; squabs, \$8 per dozen.

Hops—1909 crop, 15@18c per pound according to quality; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 16c nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@20c per pound; valley, 22@24c; mohair, choice, 23@25c.

Cascara bark—4@5c per pound. Hides—Dry hides, 16@17c pound; dry kip, 16@17c pound; calfskin, 14@15c; salted hides, 7@8c; salted calfskins, 14 pound; green, 1c less.

Cattle—Best steers, \$6.25@6.75; fair to good steers, \$5.50@6; strictly good cows, \$5@5.50; fair to good cows, \$4.75; light calves, \$6@7; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.60@4.25; stags, \$4@5.

Hogs—Top, \$11.25@11.50; fair to good, \$10@11.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$7@7.50; fair to good wethers, \$5.50@6.50; good ewes, \$6; lamb, \$8@12.

BUILD MALHEUR PROJECT.

Last Obstacle Removed and Work to Begin at Once.

Ontario—The stockholders in the Owyhee Ditch company voted to affiliate with the Boise-Owyhee Irrigation company, thus removing the last obstacle in the way of the consummation of the latter company's project for the formation of an irrigation district which will reclaim 150,000 acres of land. The action of the stockholders consolidates all interests in the big project and construction work will now proceed without further hindrance.

The Owyhee ditch irrigates 8,000 acres and has one of the oldest water rights. It was desirable that this land should be included in the irrigation district in order that the maximum acreage possible should be reclaimed and for that reason active construction was deferred pending the action of the Owyhee Ditch company's stockholders.

The Boise-Owyhee project is one of the largest and most attractive irrigation projects in the West. It was financed some time ago, but owing to local complications, which were slow in untangling, it was impossible to proceed along the desired lines.

Building Active in Bend.

Bend—Among the buildings put up this winter are the blacksmith shop by George Brosthouse; F. C. Rowlee's bowling alley and two-story addition to the Grant building; an addition 16x140 feet to the Aune feed barn; the two-story dwelling put up by the Central Oregon Realty company; the cottage of Barney Lewis; the Wesandy & Bunt garage 40x60 feet, and the addition to Wenandy barn, 20x40 feet.

The chief building now under construction is an extension of the Pilot Butte inn, 28x66 feet and two stories high. It will add 20 guest rooms to the present capacity of the inn.

Floyd Dement has begun the construction of a two-story frame building 30x140 feet on his lot just bought at corner of Bond and Minnesota streets. The stone foundation is already well along. The first floor will be occupied by Mr. Dement's general hardware store. The H. H. Davies building on Wall street just north of Caldwell's store will be ready to occupy by the end of this month. It is 50x50 feet and is divided into three store rooms.

A number of dwellings will be put up as soon as satisfactory sites can be procured and building arrangements made. Among these builders are A. M. Drake, Frank Robertson, C. S. Hudson, L. B. Baird, H. J. Overturf, A. C. Lucas, Dr. I. L. Scofield, G. P. Putnam and J. M. Lawrence.

Work to Begin on Jetty.

Fork Stevens—Information from reliable sources indicates that rock hauling for the government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river will be resumed on or before the tenth of May. The storms of the past winter failed to damage the jetty materially, this result being attributed to the excellent judgment displayed by Engineer Bagnall and his assistants in planning a system of reinforcing pilings which hold the rock work.

Machine Shop for Hillsboro.

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EXPLOSIVES ARE SAVED. Blacksmith Rushes into Burning Powder Magazine.

Pittsburg, March 26.—Reports of serious forest fires are coming in from many sections of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Three miles below Parkersburg, W. Va., the forests are ablaze and farmers are working frantically to stop the flames.

At Bridgeville, near here, the flames of a stubborn brush fire threatened two powder magazines, in which were stored 400 pounds of powder and a large quantity of dynamite. Men had fought the flames fruitlessly until it seemed nothing could save the magazines and houses near by. Harry Skiles, a blacksmith, finally rushed to one of the magazines, smashed in a door, and with the aid of the fire fighters carried the explosives out of the danger zone.

An area three miles long and two miles wide has been devastated in Kennedy and Stowe townships of second growth timber and the loss thus far is estimated at \$50,000. Oil derricks, trucks of crude oil and about 300,000 feet of timber have been destroyed.

Villagers Homeless by Fire. Charleston, W. Va., March 26.—With almost every house in the prosperous village of Mount Hope destroyed by fire today, at least 2,000 homeless persons are tonight sleeping on the commons. Conditions which followed the conflagration are much worse than early reports indicated. Upon the arrival at Mount Hope tonight of the special train bearing the National Guard, tents were distributed and an effort is being made to house as many as possible. Many of the families lost all their household effects.

Big Tree Finder is Dead. San Francisco, March 26.—Marion Clark, the discoverer of the Mariposa grove of big trees and for 20 years guardian of Yosemite valley, died tonight at the home of his daughter, Dr. Elvira Lee, in Oakland. He was 85 years old. The aged guardian of Yosemite will sleep in his beloved valley in a tomb which he hewed out himself in a giant granite rock, within a stone's throw of Yosemite Falls, where he will be buried.

Pension Bill Passes House. Washington, March 26.—The pension bill, carrying appropriations of about \$156,000,000, was passed by the house today. Nearly the entire session was occupied by a contest made chiefly by Republicans against the provision as reported from the committee on pensions for abolition of the pension agencies now in operation throughout the country.

New York Warm in March. New York, March 26.—The mercury rose to 77 degrees this afternoon, the highest temperature recorded for March in New York for 40 years.

ROOSEVELT VISITS TOMBS.

Wonders at Glories of Old Egypt—Will be Guest of Kaiser.

Berlin, March 26.—Emperor William's invitation to Theodore Roosevelt to be his guest at the royal castle promises effectually to frustrate the ex-president's expressed desire to be received in Europe as a plain private citizen. The invitation is at variance with all court precedents.

Heretofore no foreign private citizen has ever enjoyed hospitality at the royal castle, and the only person not of princely rank who has been thus honored is Count Zeppelin, whom the Kaiser has called the greatest man of the century.

During his stay in the palace, May 12 to 15, Mr. Roosevelt will have the suite occupied by King Edward on his recent visit, and will be the center of attraction in a brilliant circle comprising the Emperor's closest official advisers.

Cairo, Egypt, March 25.—Up with the sun today, after a restful night at the Mena House, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his party early prepared for a visit to the metropolis of Sak-kara, where are the wonderful tombs of various kings, of Thy and of the Apis bulls.

Last night the sphinx was viewed by moonlight, and Colonel Roosevelt said today the weird sight had been thoroughly enjoyed by himself and his family. It was the most interesting thing he had seen during his trip to Africa.

Tonight Colonel Roosevelt and his family returned to Cairo, dined with the American consul general, Mr. Idings, and later attended a banquet tendered him by Sir Eldon Gorst, the British agent and consul general in Egypt.

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