EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Naples has made great preparations to welcome Roosevelt.

Portland's new city directoy places the population at 255,000.

There is a Civil war veteran living in Missouri who is 110 years old.

Fire at Dallas, Tex., destroyed property worth \$250,000, nearly all

A big Chicago grain brokerage com-pany has failed because of the advancing wheat market. Canadian miners on strike believe

the fuel shortage will force the mine owners to give in. Students of Ruskin college, Oxford,

England, have struck against the removal of the principal. Admiral Cervera, one of the Spanish

naval commanders during the way with the United States, is dead. There is a report that Fairbanks has been offered the ambassadorship to Great Britain, but he refuses to discuss

the proposition. Philip Caine, a cousin of the novelist, is dead. He had existed for years by selling shoe laces, ignorant of the fact that he was heir to \$60,000.

Roosevelt and party have arrived

A contest is imminent on the estate of "Lucky" Baldwin.

made on his life while crossing the

The leader of a Chicago Black Hand society has been trapped and informed on his confederates.

A New York broker has been arrested for swindling investors out of \$150,-000 in mining stocks.

The French government may make formal protest against some of the pro visions of the tariff bill.

It is said Harriman will make changes in the Union Pacific line and invade the Burlington's territory.

President Eliot, of Harvard university, has declined the appointment ambassador to Gceat Britain.

Every coal mine in Western Canada, except the Crows Nest collieries, are tied up by a strike of the miners.

One hundred and fifty thousand Chicago women have signed a petition protesting against higher duties on

King Victor will meet Roosevelt or an Italian warship.

Thousands of men are going to the newly discovered gold fields near Phoenix, Ariz.

Professional gamblers are giving officers of the trans-Atlantic liners great trouble.

A Baltimore clerk, only 26 years of age, has been arrested for embezzling \$100,000 from the city.

Harriman says the government should set the states an example by repealing repressive railroad laws.

Most of the oil wells in Oklahoma will shut down for four months on account of overproduction and adverse

General Kuroki, commander of the first Japanese army in the field against Russia, has retired, owing to the expiration of his military term.

Statistics show that convictions for drunkenness have increased 164 per cent throughout the Dominion of Canada during the past 10 years.

Paris students, who had been sent to prison for misdemeanor, took revenge on the convicting officer by sending 400 wagon loads of merchandise to his

Only two men are needed to complete the Calhoun jury.

Indians in revolt in Mexico are spreading terror.

French manufacturers are alarmed at the Payne tariff bill.

A great mass meeting in London called for a big navy.

Russia is retiring the older generals to promote young men.

It is reported that Castro will go to Colon instead of Venezuela.

The Panhandle district of Texas has just had the worst storm of the winter.

Ex-Secretary of State Owen, of Indiana, has been arrested for gigantic

The government is worried about the reception that will be accorded the Jap warships at San Francisco.

A Union Pacific passenger train hit a slide near Ogden and two trainmen lost their lives and five cars were burned. Not a passenger was injured.

Fear that the stroke of "piano play-ers' cramp" may disable him for life, Paderewski has cancelled all engagements in this country and gone to VETERANS AT A .- Y .- P.

Various Organizations Planning for Big Time This Summer.

The nation's war veterans, and the sons and wives and daughters of them, are carrying out big plans for represen-tation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The military order of the Loyal Legion has preempted a five acre tract on the exposition grounds and is establishing upon it patriotic head-quarters. The Grand Army of the Republic will be represented and so will the Sons of Veterans, the Ladies of the

G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps.

Early in the year the Loyal Legion entered into correspondence with the War department at Washington with the result that it has secured a splendid equipment and has already established headquarters tents and a model headquarters encampment generally. Around the camp the government's out door exhibit will be placed. It consists of big and little ordnance, of today and the other days, Civil war relics and relics of the unpleasantness with Spain, so that the visitor to headquarters will be confronted by big modern 12-inch rifles as well as cannonades of the Eighteenth century, picked up on the beach in Manila bay.

Local G. A. R. posts are expecting a heavy attendance at the exposition from among the nation's old time fighting men, for the reason that the grand encampment takes place in Salt Lake City early in August and the railroads have announced lower rates than ever before from Eastern points to the exposition. Under the tickets offered by the transcontinental roads it will be possible for the veteran to take passage through to Seattle and stop off for the encampment without extra cost, and that thousands will do so is already which will be required to put up a bond made evident by letters received by of 5 per cent of the lien allowed to officers of the Grand Army and Loyal guarantee the completion of the con-

Legion in this city.
It will be open house at Grand Army and Loyal Legion headquarters throughhonor. The state encampment of the \$61 per acre. G. A. R. takes place in Tacoma in June and June 24 has been set as State G. A. R. day. August 16 has been named as National G. A. R. day and it will be Roosevelt denies that an attempt was made the occasion of one of the biggest and most brilliant of the special celebrations at the exposition.

FIRE AT FT. WORTH.

Large Section of Texas City Burned and Thousands Homeless.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 5.—Starting in a barn, presumably from a carelessly thrown cigarette, fire Saturday afternoon destroyed property in the southern portion of Fort Worth conservatively valued at \$2,500,000, caused the death of one person, J. J. Newton, of Krum, Tex., and rendered several thousand persons homeless.

The fire originated at Jennings avenand, fanned by a stiff wind, was beto the south, it burned its way through itself out.

Three church buildings, the Broad- not yet been decided. way Baptist and Presbyterian and the Swedish chapel, were among the buildings burned, as was the Presbyterian sanitarium. The patients of the latter institution were all removed in safety.

The Texas & Pacific railroad suffered the largest individual loss. Fourteen locomotives were reduced to twisted masses of steel and iron and several hundred boxcars, besides the round-house and other buildings of the road were destroyed.

The Texas & Pacific estimates the loss to the road at \$160,000, while the mated at \$200,000.

The fire swept area was patrolled by armed guards to prevent looting, while the owners of the burned buildings gathered what they could of their household effects and sought shelter found. The livestock building and auothers slept in vacant houses or accepted the hospitality of Dallas and nearby cities.

Watches United States

London, April 5 .- Strange as it may seem to Americans, the campaign for naval increase, conducted with astonishing success in all parts of this country, is based secondarily upon the conclusions drawn from the Washington program. In the Navy League's circular it is pointed out that the "United States has six Dreadnaughts building and two projected, a total of eight, and this, together with the German program, "gives 21 large armored program, "gives 21 large armored ships for the United States and Germany, with 22 for Great Britain,"

Loses Much Coal Land.

Helena, Mont., April 5.—In the United States court today Judge Hunt declared null and void the title of the Northern Pacific railroad to 1,200 acres of coal land in Carbon county, valued at \$2,600 an acre. The government instituted suit to recover the lands because of their mineral character. Judge Hunt in his decision held that, though classified as non-mineral, it was well known that they contained coal before they were entered upon.

Reyes Faces Revolution.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG IRRIGATION CONTRACT.

New York Capitalists to Water Large Tract in Baker County.

Salem-The state land board has made the most advantageous contract looking to the reclamation of arid land in the history of the state. The contract was executed with O. P. Sinklenburg, representing Evans, Almirall to the reclamation of from 30,000 to 50,000 acres of arid land in the lower

Powder river valley near Baker City. Whether the contract is carried through to fruition or not, there is no tions. chance for the state to lose. The New York concern agrees to make topo-graphic maps of land in the Powder river valley to locate all necessary canal lines and prepare plans and specifications and estimates of cost of constructing a great irrigation system in-volving storage in the Thief valley reservoir site.

The maps, specifications and estimates are to be submitted to State Engineer Lewis inside of six months. One thousand dollars in cash has been deposited with the state board pending the execution and delivery to the state within 30 days of a \$5,000 bond.

Upon completion of the estimates the board agrees to consider the application of the Powder river lands under the Carey act. If the demands of the company are reasonable, the board will enter into a contract with the concern tract. Reasonableness with respect to the lien is defined to be a profit of not to exceed \$20 per acre, above the estiout the fair and several special days mated cost as approved by the state and events have been arranged in their engineer, and in no event to exceed

BUY FRUIT FARM.

Minneapolis Capitalists to Plat Douglas County Ranch.

Roseburg—One of the biggest deals ever made in Douglas county was closed at Roseburg recently, when the Cobb Real Estate company sold the Round prairie ranch to a company of Minne-apolis capitalists and bankers, the consideration being \$54,000 cash. Round paririe ranch is a part of the James Burnett donation land claim, and is situated on the South Umpqua river, eight or 10 miles south of Roseburg, and on account of its freedom from cold

Last year the land was platted and placed on the market. It is the intenue and Peter Smith street, in the cen- tion of the purchasers to adopt this ter of a fashionable residence district, plat for their own use and to continue the sale of lots from their offices at yond control in 15 minutes. Spreading Minneapolis. They will first select from the entire tract 20 sites for sum-32 blocks and continued until it had mer homes for their own families. swept through the yards of the Texas These homes will be built before the

Wants Gun From Battleship.

Pendleton-The city, the commercial organization and the local organizations of the G. A. R. and Spanish War veterans are co-operating in an effort to secure for this city one of the cannon being removed from the battleship Oregon. A telegram signed by the heads of these organizations was sent to the Oregon delegation and formal application will also be made to the War de partment. The cost of transporting the gun, if secured, from the navy yard damage to the church property is estito this city will be borne by public grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$13.50@
14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.50. subscription.

Carries Long Petition.

Ontario-Walter Griffiths will leave for Washington in a day or two to put household effects and sought shelter the petition of the landholders under for the night wherever it could be the Malheur project before the Reclamation department. He will take ditorium at the fair grounds provided a with him petitions of over 90 per cent cabbage, 3@4c; cauliflower, \$2.50; temporary abode for many, while of landholders under the project or apcelery, \$4.75 per crate; lettuce, head, proximately involving 150,000 acres of land. With the signing up of the land companies the success of Mr. 15c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 15c per pound; radishes, 35c per dozen; Griffith's mission seems almost as-

"Varmints" Going Rapidly

Roseburg-The records in the office the wild animals, such as cougar, panther, coyotes, wolves and wild cats, are being exterminated at a rapid rate Peel, and other mountain towns, catching the animals, and in most cases the trappers have made a good thing finan-squabs, \$2.50@3. trappers have made a good thing finan-cially of their winter's work besides killing the animals.

School Funds Apportioned.

Albany-Superintendent Jackson, of Linn county, has completed the apportionment of school funds for April.

The Albany district receives \$5,444, Wool—Eastern Oregon, contracts, 16 the largest amount of any district in @18c; valley, 16@17c; mohair, chioce, the county. Lebanon comes next, receiving \$1,993. The per capita is Cattle—Top steers, \$5.25 @ 5.50; \$4.40 for each child, and \$5 for each fair to good, \$4.75@5; common to meteacher attending the annual institute. dium, \$3.25@4.50; cows, top. \$4.25;

Willemstad, April 5.—Rumors have ning for the past 17 years and could not reached here of a revolutionary out-

BIG FUND FOR UMATILLA.

Plan to Raise \$50,000 for Publicity is Adopted.

Pendleton-Business men from all parts of the county, with the exception of the east end, met in Pendleton recently to form a county publicity bureau and partake of a banquet prepared by the Pendleton Commercial & Co., New York, and unless there is association. Arrangements were made some hitch in the proceedings will lead for raising \$50,000 to carry on the work of the bureau for a year. This is to include the salary of a secretary, who is to conduct a press bureau similar to those used in exploiting exposi-

> Half of this sum is to be raised in Pendleton and half in the county outside. A certain portion is to be allotted to each section, and committees were appointed to see that the assesments are raised.

> Enthusiasm prevailed and there is no doubt the desired amounts will be raised in the 10 days allowed. It was practically decided to discontinue the promiscuous sending out of pamphlets and to spend more money in newspaper advertising and the expenses of a pub-licity agent, who will take care of inquiries, sending information and per-

sonal letters when requested.

Frank L. Merrick, of Portland, who has been connected with the publicity departments of the Portland and Seattle fairs, is being considered for pub-licity agent. He was present at the

Uncle Sam to Aid Crater Road. Medford-According to letters re-ceived by Will G. Steel, the Crater Lake road enthusiast, the government will send as soon as the Crater Lake road commission is appointed by the governor, engineers from the Department of Agriculture to take charge of the construction of the boulevard to the lake. These men will be in the employ of the United States, the only expense to the commission being the livery service to enable the men to be in the field. Their other expenses will be paid by the department as well as their salaries.

High Cattle Prices.

Burns-Large cattle sales are reported daily. Buyers, local as well as outside people, are buying all grades of cattle and paying better prices than have been paid for a long time. Many stockmen are selling their entire herds. comprises several hundred acres. It The Pacific Livestock company is buying for home range and for outside people to ship to other feeding grounds Interior Oregon is experiencing an era winds and the quality of the soil, ranks of prosperity, the like of which has with the best fruit land in the country.

Last year the land was platted and cattle are at top prices and growers are jubilant.

Strawberry Outlook Good.

Roseburg-The Douglas county fruit growers are making a special effort this season to break all previous records for early strawberries. There is great rivalry between this section and & Pacific railroad, burning the railroad burning the railroad burning the railroad buildings and a large amount of rolling stock, where the fire practically burned itself out.

The buyers figure on a new city, the name of which has the growers of Riddle, and several of the growers of Riddle, and several of the most enthusiastic growers are gottle and Washington counties, Pennsylvania, at a cost of \$50,000,000.

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PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Bluestem milling, \$1.221/2 @1.25; club, \$1.10; red Russian, \$1.08; bluestem, shipping, \$1.17%; valley, \$1.10.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$39@40. Barley-Feed, \$31 per ton.

Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley \$13@15; Eastern Oregon, \$16@18; clover, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$14.50@15;

Apples-65c@\$2.50 per box. Potatoes-\$1.40@1.50 per hundred sweet potatoes, 2¼@2½c per pound. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, 90c; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 8@121/c per pound; beans, rhubarb, \$1.75@2 per box; spinach, \$1@1.10.

Onions-Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred. Butter-City creamery, extras, 32c; fancy outside creamery, 30@32c of the Douglas county clerk show that store, 18@20c. Butter fat prices average 11/2 cents per pound under regular butter price.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 20@21c. in this county. Numerous trappers Poultry—Hens, 16@16½c; broilers, have been spending the winter at 24@25c; fryers, 18@20c; roosters, old,

Veal-Extras, 10@11c; ordinary, 7@ 8c; heavy, 5c. Pork-Fancy, 9%@10c; large, 8@

Hops-1909 contracts, 10@10%c

fair to good, \$3.50@4; common to me-Seventeen Year Case Settled.

Albany—The final account in the estate of Richard C. Finley has just been probated here. The case has been running for the past 17 years and could not be settled until the death of Mrs. Fin-

FOR CHILD PROTECTION.

Great Britain Puts Law Into Force to Correct Many Evils.

London, April 2.-What is termed the "children's charter" became effect- Agreement Probable Among All ive in Great Britain today. The law is a source of keen satisfaction to all classes of society. "Baby farming" is subjected to strict supervision, and no child may be kept on premises that WILL BE NO TERRITORY CONTEST are overcrowded, dangerous or unsanitary. Foster parents found to be negligent, ignorant, drunken, immoral or criminal will be deprived of their

charges. Insurance companies are forbidden to insure the life of a nursing child, and any person convicted of cruelty resulting in the death of a child in which the person is financially interested may be fined 200 pounds (\$1,000) with five years penal servitude. Severe punish-ment is provided for death by overlying while the parents are under the influence of drink.

Children under 7 years may not be left in a room containing an open fire insufficiently protected. Begging or receiving alms on the streets and juvenile smoking are suppressed. Policemen must confiscate cigarettes and cigarette papers found in the possession of persons under 16 years of age, and tobacconists selling such property to them are liable to a fine.

Throughout the country the authorities are busy arranging to enforce the

CONVICTS SEE DAYLIGHT.

Georgia Abolishes Lease System, to Their Joy.

Atlanta, Ga., April 2 .- At sunrise today Georgia shook off the last rag of her convict lease system. The 1,600 human beings were led from the mines, choking kilns and damp factories into the sunlight, from the control of harsh and often brutal taskmasters into the service of the state. Georgia has no state penitentiary. For years her con-victs have been sold to those who would buy.

The prisoners, most of them negroes, now will work on the public roads.

Though shackled and ironed, the convicts greeted the change with shouts of joy. Negro preachers were at most of the stockades and led the blacks in the impromptu praise services. Some convicts wept at leaving scenes which had been a part of their daily life for

, The new system, it is believed, will not only improve the health of the convicts, but will assure Georgia the finest turnpikes in the South.

AHEAD OF STEEL TRUST.

Independent Steel Men Pay \$50,000,for Coal Land.

Pittsburg, April 2. - Anticipating the United States Steel corporation, which, it is said, had been intending to procure the property, a deal was closed today by independent steel con-cerns for 100,000 acres of Pittsburg coking coal land lying in Greene, Fayson, of Uniontown, Pa., and associ-

The sale was made to a holding company, representing, it is said, every important independent steel company in the country except Jones & Laugh lins, of Pittsburg, who are said not to be interested in the deal. Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel company, is said to be at the head of the new concern and it is rumored that John W. Gates was behind the deal.

C. P. R. Officials Adamant. Winnipeg, April 2 .- Officials of the Canadian Pacific railroad told the road's mechanics at a conference today that they would insist on a separate schedule for the east and west divisions of the road. The firemen joined the mechanics at the conference. Talk of the possibility of a strike is heard on all sides. It is expected that the miners will quit tomorrow. Today all all the miners had a holiday celebrating their eight-hour day anniversary. It is expected that 1,000 men will go out at Lethbridge, Alberta, in the

Kokovseff to Make Tour. St. Petersburg, April 2.—Finance Minister Kokovseff will make an extended tour through the Far East this spring to investigate trade conditions and to look into the construction of the Amur railroad and the operations of the existing Manchurian lines which on April 11, a bill compelling the corare showing large deficits annually. His report will serve as a basis for Russia's answer to the Chinese proposal to purchase these lines before the expiration of the contract period. This will be the first time in years that a minister has visited Siberia.

American Rule All Over.

Havana, April 2.-The last emblem of American domination over Cuba disappeared at noon today when the garrision flag at Camp Columbia fluttered down the pole and was replaced a moment later by the lone star red banner of the Cuban republic. The ceremonies took place in the presence of the garrison of Camp Columbia, consisting of two battalions of the Twenty-sev-

Texas Negro Lynched.

Waco, Tex., April 2.-Because he reached here of a revolutionary outbreak against the administration of President Reyes, of Columbia, in the vicinity of Rio Hacha, a scaport on the Carriban.

be settled until the death of Mrs. Finds an insulting an insulting discovered in a rock pocket in a mine Sheep—Top wethers, \$5@5.75; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; ewes. ½c less on all grades; lambs, top, \$6.50@6.75; amob of 300 men.

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TRUCE IS EXPECTED

Northwestern Railroads.

Harriman-Hill Interests Make Concessions and St. Paul Road Enters Agreement With Harriman.

Chicago, April 3.—There will be no contest between the St. Paul road and the Harriman lines over territory to be occupied by either interest in the Pacific Northwest. This was decided during the brief visit of Edward H. Harriman in Chicago Wednesday. While in his private car, which stood in the Park Row station of the Illinois Central road, Mr. Harriman was visited by President A. J. Earling, of the St. Paul road, and arrangements were completed for the joint use of certain tracks by the St. Paul and the Harri-

Although none of the officials interested in the deal would say anything concerning it, it is understood that the tentative agreement will obviate the necessity of Mr. Harriman's building a line between Seattle and Tacoma, as he contemplated doing as a part of his line from Portland to Seattle. The two men had only a few moments' conversation, but it was sufficient to clinch an agreement regarding which

they had talked several times before. In this connection also it is stated that the conference between Mr. Harriman and Louis W. Hill in San Francisco is likely to result in a better understanding between the Hill and Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest. It is stated that all three interests realize the benefit which would come should there be a truce among them with respect to territorial aggression in the Northwest. As the price of peace, however, Mr. Harriman is said to insist upon the opening to his lines of the Portland gateway, and it is thought by many that concessions will be made in this direction by the Hill

FORT'S BASE IS SINKING.

Artillery Officers Alarmed at Condi-

tions at Fort Stevens. Fort Stevens, Or., April 3.—Recent surveys have made it apparent that land adjoining Battery Russell, the most modern and best equipped battery at Fort Stevens, in fact, on this coast,

is rapidly sinking. In places it is at least one foot lower than formerly. Various hypotheses are advanced to account for this unusual occurrence. Some advance the theory that earthquakes, so prevalent on this coast, are the active cause; others, that the land on which this battery is located, being of such a swampy nature, sinks from are manifested as to the ultimate outcome of a most unusual condition.

FARM SELLS FOR \$95,000.

Lafollette Orchard on Snake River

Sold to Lewiston Firm. Spokane, Wash., April 3 .- W. L. Lafollette, "the fruit king" of Wawawai, has given an option on his fruit farm at Wawawai, 14 miles south of Pullman, on the Snake river. The consideration is placed at \$95,000. White Bros. & Crum, of Lewiston, Idaho, fruit buyers and shippers, are the purchasers. They have made a payment

to hold the option. The land consists of about 960 acres, of which 250 acres are in bearing fruit. This is the largest fruit orchard on Snake river, and one of the largest in the Inland Empire. Shipments from this orchard run from 60 to 100 carloads annually.

Money in 2-cent Fares. Jefferson, City, Mo., April 3.-Twocent fares have earned more money for the railroads than the three-cent rates did, according to a statement made by Attorney General Elliott Major, of Missouri, who is on record today as favoring the lower figures. Major declared that if the railroad carried out their announced plan of putting into effect on April 10 the three-cent fare, the Missouri legislature would receive, porations to publish itemized state-

ments of their receipts. Run Trackless Trolley.

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 3.-The Pacific Improvement company petitioned the city council tonight for the right to construct a power line to the Hope ranch, four miles west of the city. The company announced its intention of installing a "trackless trolley" system on the ranch. This is a new Australian invention, never before tried in America. An overhead wire supplies power to a motor, the same as with other trolley cars, but the cars use no track,

Methuselah Dead at 1000. of two battalions of the Twenty-seventh infantry and three companies of died here today at his home in the Bronx zoo. He was 1,000 years old. His death is ascribed to ills incidental to old age. Methuselah, also known as Rameses II, was a toad which was