

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.

China has decided to establish military training schools for officers.

Wreckage from the steamer *Shores* has been seen on Lake Michigan.

A boom has been started in New York to run Roosevelt for mayor.

Many vessels have been lost by a hurricane off the coast of Yucatan.

The Illinois legislature has been called on to cut appropriations \$10,000,000.

A new postage stamp commemorative of the A.-Y.-P. fair will be issued June 1.

A systematic smuggling of Chinese from El Paso to Chicago has been discovered.

A man has been cleared of a murder charge at Chicago by a comparison of finger prints.

The French government and employes are gathering their forces together for a gigantic struggle.

The premature explosion of a small bomb at Mazatlan, Mexico, started a fire in which 50 houses were burned.

At the Portland primary election Joseph Simon was nominated by the Republicans for mayor and M. G. Munly by the Democrats.

Speaker Cannon has just celebrated his 73d birthday.

Wheat and corn have had another advance in California.

Admiral Evans is emphatic in his ideas against disarmament.

Jerome may be the Tammany candidate for mayor of New York.

Business is at a standstill at Buenos Ayres on account of the strike. There is much rioting.

A rumor is current in New York that Gould has lost control of the Western Pacific to Mackay.

The lake steamer *Shores* sunk while on the way to Duluth. The passengers and crew numbered 21.

A statue of Longfellow has just been unveiled at Washington. A granddaughter of the poet pulled the silken cord.

H. E. Huntington is ransacking the globe for rare plants for his home near Los Angeles. He has had a force of 40 gardeners at work two years.

Indictments have been returned against six employes of the American Sugar Refining company for alleged frauds in connection with weighing sugar for determining duty.

Rapid progress is now being made in the Calhoun trial.

Roosevelt declares the country has a right to pick immigrants.

An industrial exposition will be held in Chicago during August.

More cold weather is being experienced through Kansas and Nebraska.

The death list in the Adana, Asiatic Turkey, massacre, is estimated at 23,000.

Ex-Senator Stuart, of Nevada, died owing \$25,000, with an estate worth only \$1,500.

The fourth Dry Farming congress will be held at Billings, Mont., October 26, 27 and 28.

The government has just sent \$50,000,000 in coin from the San Francisco mint to Denver.

Captain Franklin, United States army, is to be court martialed for stealing several hundred thousand dollars.

Commercial and civil bodies of San Francisco gave a brilliant dinner to Admiral Ijichi, commander of the Japanese warships in that port.

The shah of Persia has granted a constitution.

Taft has declared himself in opposition to an income tariff tax except as a last resort.

Harriman is planning a motor car service in Eastern Oregon and Washington in competition with electric lines and a rate war is looked for.

The Missouri house has passed a bill for a commission to regulate all public utilities corporations.

The Canadian government is sending cowboys to Montana to round up a herd of 300 buffalo, recently purchased.

Three Wisconsin assemblymen are accused of receiving bribes in connection with the election of United States senator.

Seven of the Pittsburg grafters have been sentenced to fines of \$1,000 and six months in jail to two years in jail and \$500 fine.

A French merchant who has just died left all his money to churches for masses for the repose of the souls of the victims of automobiles.

Los Angeles householders are complaining about the carelessness of aeronauts, who dump out sand promiscuously and ruin laundry on the line.

FAIR IS COMPLETE.

Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Will Start on Time.

Seattle's two expositions are just about ready for the bell tap. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is ninety-nine per cent, complete, which means that everything is done save sweeping the floors, and the other exposition, which consists of the most magnificent scenery and the longest list of interesting tours boasted by any American city, is always ready.

Railroad experts the country over declare that the success of the A. Y. P. is already assured, but for this fact they do not give the whole credit to either the management or the publicity campaign. On the contrary, they declare that the imminent influx into the Northwest is due more largely to Northwestern resources and home possibilities and to Northwestern and Alaskan scenery and romance, more than to any other power of attraction.

Nightly now the exposition grounds are lighted for the enjoyment of the pre-exposition crowds which daily go to the grounds. For weeks the attendance has averaged close upon 5,000. If special free days were counted it would be a larger figure than this. A cold spring somewhat delayed the first flush of the floral effects, which are on a huge scale, but warm May days have brought out the blooms.

Practically all of the exhibits are installed in the Manufactures building and in the Oriental and European buildings. The installation in the Palace of Agriculture is somewhat slower but will not be behind at the right moment. The government exhibits are well along with the exception of the Hawaiian and Philippine exhibits, which arrived late. However, they will be complete to the last detail by June 1.

Most of the foreign exhibits are in place and those that are not are receiving the finishing touches.

And while work is being pushed rapidly ahead on the exposition proper, arrangements are going forward just as fast that the visitor may take advantage of the "second exposition." New steamships are arriving daily for excursion trips to various points around the sound and along the coast. The numerous resorts in the Cascade mountains are close at hand either by the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Burlington or Milwaukee railroads and the Canadian Pacific takes one quickly to Banff, the wonder spot in the Canadian Rockies.

Washington, May 10.—Unless congress takes specific action at the special session now in progress, nearly \$1,000,000 appropriated for river and harbor improvements in various sections of the United States will be turned back into the national treasury, much to the chagrin of many congressmen and senators.

This situation arises over the "covering back" section of the sundry civil bill, approved March 4. This section provides that all unexpended balances of appropriations that remained on the treasury books June 1, 1904, except permanent specified appropriations, judgments and findings of courts and trust funds and appropriations for fulfilling treaty obligations with the Indians be carried to the surplus fund and covered back into the treasury, "provided that the money is not needed to pay existing treaties."

To meet the situation, Senator Burton has introduced a resolution providing that the section of the sundry civil bill in question shall not be construed as applying to the unexpended balances in river and harbor appropriations which may be essential, in the judgment of the secretary of war, for the maintenance and prosecution of the work for which it was appropriated.

Among the appropriations that will revert are:

Mouth of Columbia river, Oregon, \$24,000; entrance to Coos bay, Oregon, \$23,000; restraining barriers Sacramento and Feather rivers, California, \$14,000; and harbor at Tacoma, Washington, \$11,000.

Daily Shocks Continue.

Rome, May 10.—Since the great earthquake of December scarcely a day has passed without shocks, more or less strong, being felt at Messina, Reggio and surrounding districts. The observatory in the Calabrian earthquake zone has registered from December 28 last, up to today, 213 shocks. Since the former date there have been no shocks strong enough to destroy buildings. Tottering walls have been overthrown, but there has been practically no loss of life since the day of the great disaster.

Suggests Gambling Antidote.

Butte, Mont., May 10.—"Go after the fellows who own the buildings where gambling is conducted," said District Judge Donlan this morning to Assistant County Attorney Baldwin. "They're the people to prosecute. I want to see you get some of them. And I want to say right now that gamblers will get no more continuances in this court. These fellows have been petted around as if they were useful citizens, but it doesn't go any more."

1,000 Cabdrivers Strike.

Chicago, May 10.—One thousand cab drivers went on strike tonight, following a conference between the liverymen's association and the union. The drivers demanded \$14 a week, and refused to compromise for \$13. Tomorrow 100 funerals are scheduled to take place. The police refuse to give funeral processions right of way.

Prune Orchard Brings \$15,000.

Salem—A. F. Hofer, W. P. Babcock and other local business men have closed a deal for the Jory prune ranch of 128 acres south of Salem. The price was \$15,250. The farm, which is one of the best in this section, will be subdivided.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG SHEEP MOVEMENT.

Great Activity Reported Around Pendleton by Secretary Smythe.

Pendleton—Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the State Wool Growers' association, reports great activity in the movement of sheep in this section and several large sheep sales during the past few days. One of the largest of these sales is reported from the vicinity of Arlington, where between 20,000 and 25,000 head of yearlings have been shipped to outside markets. The sale price received for the mixed yearling weathers ranged from \$3 to \$4 per head, as compared with the prices of from \$2.75 to \$3.25 received for the same grades last year. The buyers are Wright of North Yakima and R. F. Bicknell and Scott Anderson, who will ship to Idaho.

Sheep shearing in Umatilla county will last for perhaps two weeks yet, though some of the earlier shearers have already finished their season's clipping. Results from the shearing plants prove that the earlier prophecy of good clips for this year is proving as predicted. The fleeces are found to be unbroken and the staple good, due largely to the early grass and the better than common condition of the sheep because of the close winter.

The lambing season for Umatilla county will last but a few days longer, though it will not close quite so soon in the foothills of the county. The increase this year in the county will be above 95 per cent, with the total nearer the lower figure. The increase in Umatilla county will approach the maximum this year because of the exceptionally good weather conditions. The winter left the sheep fatter than usual, due to the regularity of the snow conditions and the plentifulness of hay. Then the grass came early in the spring keeping the fat of the sheep up and adding more. The lambing season proper has found the weather conditions especially good again. Those who chanced winter lambing report an especially good increase.

WOOL CLIP GOOD.

Mitchell Growers Say Quality is Better Than Usual.

Mitchell—Woolgrowers in this locality report that the season which is just closing has been the most favorable for lambing for many years. The weather has not only been ideal but the range grass was more abundant than usual, which fact enables the ewes to start the suckling period with plenty of nourishment. All the shepherds report that the crop of 1909 lambs will go beyond the 100 per cent mark. Shearing will start here about May 10, although those who have yearlings and mutton sheep contracted for early driving are just commencing to shear them. The wool this year is of a better quality than usual, and the prices are likewise.

Farmers of this section are beginning to complain of drouth and cold north winds. Fall sown grain is not doing so well as it should and the spring sown crops will need moisture to insure a good stand. A larger acreage has been sown to grain this year than in former years and all concerned regret that the weather should remain so unfavorable.

While the weather has such a backward effect on the crops, it is pleasing to know that the range is abundantly supplied with the finest crop of grass that the stockmen could desire. All classes of stock are in fine condition, and prospects point to a favorable grazing season. No cattle or horses are moving on the market at present, but G. L. Frizzell, of Girds creek, will drive 300 head from this county to Toppish, Wash., via Arlington, about the middle of the month.

Hepner's Clip is Sold.

Hepner—Wool has been transferred in Hepner this week to the extent of over 1,000,000 pounds. W. W. Smead has purchased nearly 800,000 pounds of this for William Ellery and the balance has been secured by Frank Lea for F. Frankenstein. The lowest price paid was 18 cents and the highest 20 1/2 cents. Smead is now offering 21 cents and it is likely he will secure several more clips before the rush is over. Sheep are all sold and the wool will be practically all off the market by the middle of next week.

Shaniko Wool Clean.

Shaniko—Wool generally in this territory is of a much cleaner and finer quality than last season, the past winter having been exceptionally favorable for sheep. The output from present indications, will be considerably larger than last year. It is estimated that there will be marketed at Shaniko approximately 4,000,000 pounds during the three scheduled sales, June 1, 15 and 20. The growers' opinions vary as to the probable price to be paid.

Cruising Benson Timber.

Mist—Between 20 and 30 timber cruisers are working on the large Benson timber holdings, located on the headwaters of the Clatskanie river and along Oak Ranch creek to the Nehalem river. It is rumored among timbermen that this tract will change hands by the end of the month. A prominent Michigan syndicate is said to be in the deal.

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FARM LANDS SOLD.

Large Tract in Yamhill and Polk to Be Subdivided.

Portland—More heavy buying of Oregon farm lands has just come to light. Three deals involving the transfer of over 7,000 acres in which the total money consideration was about \$275,000 were reported.

Broadmead, better known as the Ladd & Reed farm located in Yamhill and Polk counties, was sold to a Portland syndicate, composed of J. R. Patterson, D. E. Keasy, L. R. Menefee and George Akers, for \$150,000. The Keasey-Menefee syndicate secured an option on this property some weeks ago from Martin Winch, representing the Reed estate, and from the Ladd interest which was closed up by the formal transfer of the title. At the same time the property was turned over to the Columbia Trust company and by this concern will be subdivided into five, ten and 20-acre tracts and put on the market.

Millmen Have Protest.

Oregon City—Complaint has been made at Salem by 17 lumber manufacturers of Clackamas county against the Southern Pacific company, with the object of compelling the corporation to provide adequate facilities for loading cars at Oregon City. It is stated that the complainants are unable to increase their business and market their products because of the failure of the Southern Pacific company to afford facilities for loading lumber in car loads. The lumbermen ask for an investigation by the State Railroad commission and it is probable that a time will be set for a hearing at Oregon City in the near future.

Gilliam Farmers Join Union.

Condon—Dr. W. R. Campbell, of Pendleton, state organizer of the Eastern Oregon branch of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union of America, has affected an organization of farmers in this vicinity. It will be the aim to secure equitable freight rates, lower warehouse charges and to investigate the different methods of handling grain. The organization will work in conjunction with the different granges of the county and state.

Hopyards Looking Very Poor.

Portland—Hopyards of the Willamette valley are looking poorer than ever before. In some sections not more than 5 per cent of the vines have sprouted and in no instance is the showing better than 15 per cent. Generally speaking, fully 33-33 per cent of the hops which appeared last year are missing thus far this season and while some may appear and produce hops, it is unlikely that the average will be changed materially.

Santiam Bridged at Detroit.

Albany—A suspension bridge has been erected across the North Santiam river at Detroit, eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. The bridge was erected by John Outerson, a Detroit merchant, and is the first bridge to connect the Linn and Marion county sides of the river directly above Detroit. There is an old wooden bridge a short distance above the town.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20@1.25; Turkey red, \$1.26; valley, \$1.17; forty-fold, \$1.26; red Russian, \$1.17 1/2@1.20.

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

Barley—Feed, \$34@35 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@41.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50@19.50; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, 14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Apples—65c@82.50 per box.

Potatoes—\$1.85@2 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 60¢@75c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 12 1/2¢@15c per pound; lettuce, head, 20¢@50c per dozen; onions, 12 1/2¢@15c; parsley, 35c; radishes, 15¢@20c; rhubarb, 2 1/2¢@3 1/2¢ per pound; spinach, 90¢@1.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 24c; fancy outside creamery, 22¢@24c per pound; store, 18¢@20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24¢@25c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢@15 1/2¢ per pound; broilers, 25¢@28c; fryers, 18¢@22 1/2¢; ducks, 20¢@22 1/2¢; geese, 10¢@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 9 1/2¢@10c per pound; ordinary, 8 1/2¢@9c; heavy, 7¢@8c.

Hops—1909 contract, 9c per pound; 1908 crop, 6¢@7c; 1907 crop, 3c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 15¢@20c per pound; valley, fine, 22c; medium, 21c; coarse, 20c; mohair, choice, 24¢@25c.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to medium, \$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, fat, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

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

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$6.

ACCIDENT IN SEATTLE.

Rail of Balcony Snaps, Throwing 300 People to Floor.

Seattle, Wash., May 7.—In full view of the throng witnessing the great indoor meet of the Seattle Athletic club at the new armory last night, at the close of the Marathon race, the balcony rail gave way and precipitated fully 300 persons to the floor beneath. At least 50 are seriously injured, and some may die.

Instantly the throng became panic-stricken with horror at the sight, but soon collected itself and began the work of assisting those who lay crushed and bleeding on the floor. Ambulances and physicians were quickly summoned, and those who could be moved were sent to hospitals.

The accident occurred at the close of the Marathon race, with the contestants neck and neck at the finish line, which was directly beneath the balcony. It was to see the finish of this event that the crowd leaned over the balcony when the rail broke, precipitating 300 people to the cement floor 15 feet below.

The accident was due to the collapse of the iron railing at the end of the balcony. The hollow iron railing was on the outside instead of the inside of the iron rods that support the balcony. When the railing gave way more than 300 of the spectators at that side of the building plunged head foremost to the floor below.

So far were the people leaning out over the balcony that when the railing gave way practically every one in the balcony in that vicinity was swept overboard.

Both city police patrols and every available ambulance in the city, together with scores of private automobiles and scores of physicians hurried to the scene. A squad of police clubbed their way into the crowd and made way for the people to assist the injured to the waiting ambulances and automobiles, which hurried them to the hospitals.

CLEMENCEAU DEFIED.

French Civil Servants Organize Union and Trouble May Follow.

Paris, May 7.—The famous P. T. T.—that is, the Posts, Telegraphs & Telephone Employes association—threw down the gauntlet to the government today by transforming itself into a syndicate or union under the law of 1884. This places the association on the same footing with workmen's unions with the right to strike.

This defiance, which is nothing short of open revolt, came as a sudden and sensational sequel to Premier Clemenceau's failure today to receive a deputation of postal employes, who called to demand the redemption of promises they say the government made when the recent strike was declared off.

The government, which claims to be prepared for any eventuality, it is conceded must now act vigorously or abdicate. The leaders of the movement have no option but to declare a strike the minute the government makes a hostile turn. The entire country is tremendously excited by the violent agitation to which it has been subjected for months, and fears are entertained that a whirlwind may be unleashed.

There are even intimations that the monarchist and other reactionaries are furnishing funds to stir up a revolution in the hope of imposing a new regime.

BROKEN LEVEE COSTLY.

Over 14,000 Acres Are Flooded by Rise in San Joaquin River.

Stockton, Cal., May 7.—Reports from the islands tonight say it will be impossible to save reclamation district No. 17, on which a break in the levee occurred this morning.

The water is pouring from the San Joaquin river through a crevasse almost 100 feet wide opposite Lathrop. Owners of property are rushing a dredger and steamer to the scene, but at the rate the water is running into the large tract the indications are all of the 14,000 acres will be inundated.

The land is very rich and was expected to produce fully 35 sacks of barley to the acre. The loss this year will be near \$250,000.

Thousands Face Starvation.

Hadjin, Asiatic Turkey, May 7.—

Notwithstanding the presence of troops here, the situation is desperate because of the lack of food and medical supplies. The troops arrived just in time as the besiegers had succeeded in setting fire to a house on the edge of the city. The fire spread, but as the breeze was blowing away from town, only five buildings were destroyed. A heavy rifle fire was kept up against those who tried to extinguish the flames. The Mohammedans carried off all the cattle outside the city.

Oil Supply Investigated.

Bakersfield, Cal., May 7.—Two Japanese naval officers and an officer of a leading Japanese steamship company are here looking into the oil production of this county. It is supposed their inquiry is relative to the adoption of California oil for fuel by the Japanese navy. The Japanese are Commander Yiechi Tomiyasu and Naval Expert Sanmatsu Kanaya, of the Japanese navy, and Yoshie Nakaya, of Nutsio & Company, the Japanese steamship firm.

Abdul's Hoards Are Found.

Constantinople, May 7.—The commission which is taking an inventory of the property at the imperial palace at Yildiz has, it is stated, discovered bank notes to the value of \$2,250,000 and a large quantity of jewelry. Papers seized at the palace show that Abdul Hamid had over \$5,000,000 on deposit at a foreign bank.

LOSS HALF MILLION

Brush Fires in British Columbia Sweep All in Path.

TWO BIG SAWMILLS ARE BURNED

Many Settlers Homeless and Compelled to Flee for Their Lives Before Fierce Flames.

Kamloops, B. C., May 6.—Hundreds of thousands of dollars in property was destroyed and scores of ranchers forced to flee for their lives as the result of a disastrous brush fire that swept the country from Notch Hill as far east as Three Valley, and south from Sicomous as far as Vernon.

Among the losses are two large sawmills, both of which were totally consumed in the wall of flame that swept over the land. The big Carlin mill, located between Tappens siding and Notch Hill, was wiped out, with a loss of \$75,000, as was also the Carrigan mill on Salmon river, valued at \$35,000. Several of the millhands had to flee for their lives.

Three large brush fires had been burning for several days and a terrific gale soon brought them into contact with each other.

Barns and houses fell a prey to the fire and many head of cattle were lost, while many settlers had to leave everything and hasten to save their lives.

While it is impossible to estimate the total losses, it is known they will reach nearly half a million dollars in the vicinity of Salmon Arm.

In the Mara district the loss will be heaviest, as scores of ranch properties were completely devastated.

On the main line of the Canadian Pacific the fences and the telegraph lines were destroyed for nearly 20 miles, and telegraph communication between Revelstoke and Kamloops was cut off for hours.

BANKS KEEP ABDUL'S FUNDS

Refuse to Give Them Up on Demand of Young Turks.

Vienna, May 6.—The Bank of England which holds the largest portion of Abdul Hamid's wealth, refuses point blank to deliver up the ex-sultan's cash at the demand of the Young Turks committee. French, German and Italian banks likewise refuse. Meanwhile the committee is trying every possible means to force Abdul Hamid into signing checks in their favor for all his money, but this procedure is already attracting the attention of the powers. It is well known that the czar of Russia, kings of Italy and Greece, and other monarchs have placed large sums in the Bank of England in order to secure deposits outside their own countries with a view of possible contingencies. That such sums should be escheated at a moment when misfortune against which it was intended to provide should come, afford a very unfortunate precedent.

SHORT IN ACCOUNTS.

Ex-Adjutant General of Washington Spent Over \$20,000.

Olympia, Wash., May 6.—On fictitious and forged vouchers, which he induced Governor Mead and State Auditor C. W. Clausen to approve, Orta Hamilton, formerly of Colfax and Spokane, secured while adjutant general and spent personally between \$20,000 and \$50,000 of state military funds, according to a partial confession made to Governor Hay and Attorney General Bell here this afternoon. Hamilton is now in custody of the sheriff here in default of \$10,000 bonds, having been arrested on complaint of the attorney general's office on charge of larceny of state moneys.

The state expects to make good \$20,000 of his shortage from the National Surety company, of New York, by which Hamilton was bonded to that amount.

Pullman Must Pay Its Taxes in Full.

Sacramento, Cal., May 6.—The office of the state controller has refused to allow a discount on the tax levy of \$30,404 against the Pullman Car company for 1907, which the company claims was wrongfully assessed. A suit now pending over this levy was defeated in the Federal and Superior courts and Chief Deputy Moulton has announced that the state will accept nothing short of the entire sum. The company tried to compromise for \$19,740. The tax owed by the Pullman company for 1908 is also unpaid.

\$3,200,000 for Depositors.

Providence, R. I., May 6.—By way of observing the anniversary of its reopening, following a temporary receivership of three months, due to financial conditions in New York, the Union Trust company of this city has paid out \$3,200,000 to its depositors. This sum represents 20 per cent of the amount due when the bank became embarrassed and brings the total distributed among the depositors to 60 per cent. The remaining 40 per cent will be paid later.

Tornado Rips Up Country.

Muskogee, Okla., May 6.—It was reported here after midnight that a tornado had swept over Carter county, Oklahoma, and Ardmore, a town of 15,000, had been devastated. All wires in the vicinity are down and early this morning it was impossible to confirm the reports. Western Union Telegraph company advices tell of a severe storm near Ardmore.