

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.

The British war scare against Germany is condemned as hysteria.

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

The government has disapproved the charges that Heney is in its pay while prosecuting grafters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

France has decided to materially increase her navy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMONSTRATE "MOONSHINING"

Reconstructed Illicit Still to Be Shown at Seattle Fair.

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

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

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

ROBBERS LOOT TRAIN.

Union Pacific Overland Limited Held Up Near Omaha.

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

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

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

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

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

HAS NEW FORMULA.

Major Nichols is Successful in Color Photography Experiments.

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

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

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

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

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

Estate Left to Family.

New York, May 24.—H. H. Rogers, a short time before his death, distributed a portion of his fortune among his four children. It is understood he gave \$4,000,000 each to his son, H. H. Rogers, Jr., and to his three daughters, Mrs. E. W. Benjamin, Mrs. Urban H. Broughton and Mrs. W. R. Coe, \$16,000,000 in all. The remainder of his estate, mainly in the form of stocks and bonds, will be disposed of by his will, which has not yet been made public. The main part of the estate is divided among the widow and children.

Honduras Sends Apology.

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

Porto Ricans Cool Off.

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

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ROAD FRANCHISE SECURED.

Eastern Capitalists Said to Be Interested in Coos Bay Project.

Marshfield—The terms of the franchise granted to J. H. Somers and J. F. Clark for an electric railroad on the county roads have been made public. The commissioners have given them the privilege of choosing between the road from Myrtle Point to Roseburg or the Coos bay wagon road from Sumner to Myrtle Point. The franchise provides that those receiving the franchise must select one of the two routes and begin work of construction within six months and have half of the line completed within eighteen months, and all completed within Coos county in two years.

The same parties promoted the efforts of the Coquille Mill & Mercantile company at Coquille in securing a franchise for a road through that city. Somers and Clark have not yet divulged their plans further than to state that outside capital will be interested.

TROUBLE OVER BOUNTY.

New Oregon Law is Misunderstood in Umatilla County.

Pendleton—From present indications there is to be much trouble relative to the payment of bounties on coyotes when the new law goes into effect. Though the new law does not operate until May 22, all coyotes killed since February 1 are subject to bounty. Hundreds of the destructive animals have been killed in this county since that date and the trouble is to come from these scalps.

Copies of the law have been received and it has been discovered for the first time that all four feet, as well as the scalp, must be attached to each hide, and it is this provision that has been disregarded by the killers. Though hundreds of hides are ready to be presented the day the law goes into effect, it is not believed that more than a score of them have the claws attached.

Rogue Bridged at Woodville.

Medford—The court of Jackson county has ordered construction of a new steel bridge across the Rogue river at Woodville, below Gold Hill, which will open a large agricultural district adjacent to Woodville but across the river. The trade of this section has hitherto been diverted to Grants Pass but now the little city will get all of the trade of that section. A planing mill, a box factory and a brick yard have recently been added to the industries of Woodville and work has just started on a large brick schoolhouse.

Forest Made Into Orchard.

Grants Pass—From the primitive forest to a field of 50 acres planted to thrifty pear trees, apple trees and Tokay grapes is a task that has just been accomplished by W. B. Sherman, of this place, within five weeks. Just a little over a month ago this same 50-acre tract was studded with pine, fir and underbrush. Today the improvements placed thereon have increased this property three-fold in value. The tract of land in question lies up the river near Tokay Heights, and is within plain view of town.

Two-Day Festival at Lebanon.

Lebanon—The committee appointed by the Lebanon Business Men's league to make arrangements for the Lebanon strawberry fair has announced that Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, have been decided upon as the dates for this festival. The committee has invited the ladies of Lebanon and vicinity to join with them and have a rose festival at the time of the fair. It was also decided to hold a horse show at the same time. The horse exhibition will occur Saturday afternoon, June 5.

Complaints Against Rates.

Salem—D. B. Chamberlen, of Cottage Grove, a poultry raiser, has filed an informal complaint with the railroad commission in which he charges that the rates on fancy poultry and eggs enforced by the Southern Pacific are prohibitive. M. C. Smith asks that the Southern Pacific be compelled to construct a small freight shed at Walker, a flag station on the Southern Pacific, toward the southern part of the state.

Presbyterians Plan Big Meet.

Interest in the Presbyterian Brotherhood convention in Portland June 8 and 9 is increasing. A banquet will be given the first night of the convention, the second day being devoted to addresses and conferences by leading laymen of the state. The convention will close the second evening with a mass meeting addressed by officers of the National Brotherhood.

Face Potato Famine.

Marshfield—Coos county is facing a potato famine and it is expected that the prices will soar higher and reach the record mark in this locality. There are practically no old potatoes obtainable and dealers are offering as high as 2 cents a pound. The shortage is not confined to Coos county but the district in general is affected.

Willamette to Get Stadium.

Pendleton—That Willamette university, at Salem, is soon to have the largest athletic stadium in the Northwest, and that it is sure to become the center for intercollegiate and interscholastic meets, is the statement given out here by President Homan, when in Pendleton recently.

WILL SPEND MILLIONS.

O. R. & N. Company Gives Out Plans for Extensive Improvements.

Salem—According to evidence introduced before the commission in the Eastern Oregon grain rates investigation, the Oregon Railway & Navigation company contemplates the expenditure of more than \$3,500,000 during the next year, beginning June 1. Testimony to this effect was offered by the railroad company to show that a reduction of the rates at this time would be unfair.

The largest item in the detailed statement presented is that of the bridge across the Willamette river at Portland, for which plans have been perfected. This structure is to cost the railroad company \$1,250,000. The next largest item is for straightening the track and eliminating curves between The Dalles and Coyote, \$1,000,000.

The statement also includes the purchase of more depot ground at The Dalles at a cost of \$71,000; ground for and the construction of a roundhouse at Pendleton to cost a total of \$48,000; a new station and additional grounds at Baker City to cost \$38,000. The other items include straightening track and ballasting the main line and improving branch lines. The entire amount aggregates \$3,528,738 85.

The hearing is the final one in regard to the grain rates which have engaged so much of the time of the commission for the past 12 months. It will probably be some time before the result of the hearings will be known.

Buy Jackson Timber Road.

Medford—With the sale of the Pacific & Eastern railroad to J. R. Allen, of New York, during the past week, the hopes of Southern Oregon residents that the road be extended to the timber belt northeast of this city above Butte Falls have risen tremendously, and realty values in the country along the line of the proposed extension have made a corresponding increase. It seems that at last the road is to be completed, and with its completion one of the largest standing timber belts in the Northwest, as yet untouched by the woodman's axe, will be made accessible.

Ontario Demands Action.

Ontario—Protesting against the action of private interests who have filed on water rights in the Owyhee river without taking active steps to reclaim the land, representatives of the Commercial club, of Ontario, Weiser, Payette and Vale, met in this city and forwarded a petition to the Oregon and Idaho delegations in congress urging an early commencement of the Malheur irrigation project. There are approximately 145,000 acres of fertile land in this district.

Freewater Realty Active.

Freewater—Sales of real estate have been active this week, Hall and Korts having sold 11 acres of alfalfa land at \$200 an acre for Nelson Allen to Miss Grundy, of Boston, Mass.; 40 acres of alfalfa land from Harry Badgero to J. Adrain, for \$5,000, and nine acres of fruit land from W. F. Korts to J. J. Gauner at \$300 an acre. Fred Moreley has sold his livery barn in Freewater to J. Usher, of Walla Walla. Fruit is looking good.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, 65c@\$.25 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 12 1/2c per pound. Potatoes—\$1.75@2 per hundred. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@\$.125 per dozen; lettuce, head, 20@50c per dozen; onions, 12 1/2@15c per dozen; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20; valley, \$1.17; red Russian, \$1.17 1/2@1.20.

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

Barley—Feed, \$34.50 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$41 per ton.

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

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

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24@25c per dozen.

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

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

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Hops—1909 contract, 9c; 1908 crop, 8@8 1/2c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2c.

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

Cattle—Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to 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; bulls and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

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

Sheep—Top wethers, \$44.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, 1/2 less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5@5.50.

ROADS BLOCK SPOKANE.

Will Appeal for Rehearing in Recent Rate Decision.

Spokane, Wash., May 21.—Information comes direct from Washington today that the further plan of the railroads is to prevent final determination of the rate questions involved until after the members of the commission separate for the summer.

The further plan is outlined that immediately after the Spokane jobbers file supplemental petition asking that the commission disapprove of the rates which have been filed with it by the railways, the railroad companies will petition for a rehearing on all the questions which have been presented and decided by the commission.

In the meantime it is predicted the schedule of rates submitted to the commission will be published by the railroad companies and will become effective rates until the question can be once more brought before the commission and argued.

The representatives of the railroad companies expect that the Interstate Commerce commission will order that the rates established by the commission in the rate case will not become effective until after the hearing on the petition for a reopening of the case, and it is clear that if a rehearing is granted Spokane will have to accept the schedule of rates as presented by the railroads until after the final determination of the rehearing.

COWBOYS ATTACK HERDERS

Sheepmen Are Injured and 3,000 of Their Flocks Killed.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 21.—As a result of a battle between sheepmen and cowboys on a contested range near Atchee, Colo., yesterday 3,000 head of sheep were killed and two sheepmen were injured. The sheep, which belonged to S. A. Taylor and R. A. Tawney, were grazing on a range near the hamlet of Carbinero.

It appears that the cowboys dashed in upon the herders and tied them to trees, and then rode out and killed the sheep. They first cut the telephone wires. Several hours later the sheep herders were liberated.

The authorities of Garfield county have been notified, but it is not believed the cowboys will be captured. The range in which the crime was committed has long been a contested one, and several murders have resulted from quarrels over it.

Warrants have been issued by the authorities of both Mesa and Garfield counties for the arrest of 16 raiders, several of whom are said to be known to the sheepmen.

Late tonight the sheepmen in this section of the state arranged for a mass meeting, at which substantial rewards will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the raiders.

NEW GRAIN ROAD.

Hill Announces New Branch Line Into Wheat Belt.

Seattle, May 21.—Great Northern railroad officials announced today that a branch line of the road would be built from Wilson Creek south to Connell, the junction of the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. The move is one that has been projected by the Hill lines for years, and is said in the local offices to mark the first step in the contest for Eastern Washington territory between the Hill and Milwaukee interests.

The branch line, as planned, will depart from the main line at Wilson Creek and will follow the Crab creek valley until it swings off to the east of Moses lake, traversing the low country east of the Saddle mountains and connecting with the Northern Pacific main line at Connell.

The branch line, which affords a new outlet for the wheat farmers of Grant and Douglas counties, Washington, will be continued ultimately from Connell to connect with the North Bank line below Pasco, securing a water grade for what trains from the fields to Portland.

Halibut Trust Planned.

Tacoma, Wash., May 21.—Dissatisfied with the low prices the fisheries companies are paying for halibut, the owners of the Puget sound fishing boats are planning to form a combination and to establish a joint fisheries company, with headquarters in Tacoma and agencies throughout the East. While the retail price of halibut is said by the fishermen to be about the same, they are only getting from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents at the fisheries companies. With the forming of the combination they would get from 8 to 10 cents.

Anaconda Shows Loss.

New York, May 21.—The annual report of the Anaconda Copper Mining company for the year ending December 31, last, issued today, shows that during the first six months of the year 1908 the company suffered an actual loss, owing to the shutdown of operations in January and February of that year. The income for the year was \$15,604,482, a decrease of \$3,146,652 from 1907. The expenses were \$14,658,519, a decrease of \$944,842.

Salvation Army Convenes.

Chicago, May 21.—Four hundred members of the Salvation Army were in attendance at the national congress of the Western America district, which opened a five days' meeting here today. Commander Eva Booth addressed the congress.

MUST OPEN GATEWAY

Roads Ordered to Sell Tickets to East and West via Portland.

NORTHERN PACIFIC WILL FIGHT

Objects to Joint Traffic With Harriman Lines, Which Are Required to Make Like Concessions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chicago Reaches Debt Limit.

Chicago, May 22.—With the issue of \$1,500,000 four per cent 20 year serial bonds to the First Trust & Savings bank, the city of Chicago has reached the limit of its bonded indebtedness. The bonds were awarded yesterday by City Controller Walter H. Wilson. They went at par, with a premium of \$11,500 paid by the bank. The total bonded indebtedness of the city is now \$30,220,000, including the \$4,293,000 World's Columbian exposition bonds authorized by special act of the state legislature.

Two Unions to Unite.

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

Explosion Fires Forest.

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