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COTTAGE GROVE... OREGON.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The Russian army is retreating to Kirov.

Another earthquake in India has wrecked two towns.

The Russian fleet has changed its course and gone eastward to coal.

Bloody disturbances are expected throughout Russia on May day.

Paul Jones' body has been found in Paris and will be brought home for burial.

The czar has announced his intention of revising the land laws in order to quiet the peasants.

The Winnebago Indians, in Nebraska, have protested to Washington, claiming to have been robbed of their lands by agents.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company will spend \$500,000 on new lines in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming in 1905.

An unknown malady is killing many people at Tonopah, the new mining camp of Nevada. Hundreds are fleeing from the district to escape the disease.

A commission has been appointed to decide the dispute on international rivers. The waterways in question are the Rio Grande and Colorado on the south and the Milk river on the north.

Cader Powell has assumed office as marshal at Nome, Alaska, pending investigation.

Japan has been called upon to punish Formosa who murdered eight American sailors.

Four beef trust officials have been indicted by the federal grand jury at Chicago for conspiring to fix prices.

Both parties in the Chicago strike refuse to confer and the employers have adopted a plan by which they hope to win.

President Roosevelt has left Oklahoma for Colorado. He may be induced to come on to Portland and attend the fair.

It is said the interned Russian ships are preparing for a dash from Shanghai and China will be unable to prevent it, as she has no war vessels near.

The two hostile fleets in Asiatic waters have not yet come together, but they are fast approaching each other and a battle is expected at any time.

General Dragomiroff urges the czar to continue the war, saying that in four years Japan's resources will be exhausted and she will then be at the mercy of Russia.

Representative Jones, of Washington, expresses the opinion that Santo Domingo is not capable of governing herself and internal strife will continue until some government takes charge.

The Japanese are sending large forces against Vladivostok.

Edwin H. Morgan, of Aurora, N. Y., has been appointed United States minister to Corea.

Admiral Sigsbee, commanding the Caribbean squadron, reports all quiet in Santo Domingo.

Two miners were killed and a number seriously injured in a strike riot at Hibbing, Minnesota.

The houses of two nonunion miners at Blount, Alabama, were blown up by dynamite and a child killed.

The Chicago teamsters' strike continues without any material change. Riots are of frequent occurrence.

The question of the government accepting railroad rebates on material used in connection with the irrigation reclamation service has been referred to the attorney general for an opinion.

The Franklin county, Kentucky, grand jury has returned about 400 indictments against the Standard Oil company for failure to take out peddlers' license.

Dutch warships have reported to their government the commencement of a naval battle between the Japanese and Russian squadrons near the Anambas islands, east of the Malay peninsula.

Japanese cruisers have been seen headed for Singapore.

Commissioner Garfield has started his investigation into the doings of the Standard Oil in Kansas.

A Little Rock, Ark., lodge of Knights of Pythias accidentally killed a man who was being initiated.

The third trial of Nan Patterson for the murder of Caesar Young has been postponed a week in order to get new witnesses.

The teamsters strike in Chicago is the cause of many riots. Streets are barricaded and serious conflicts have occurred between police and strikers.

Russian school boys placed a quantity of explosive behind a picture of the czar, blowing it into fragments and injuring four pupils.

TALKED TOO MUCH.

Severe Rebuke Given to Special Land Agent Leach.

Washington, April 17.—Arnold F. Leach, special agent of the general land office, who is quoted in dispatches from Tacoma as declaring he has unearthed tremendous land frauds in Washington, beside which the Oregon frauds pale into insignificance, has been called severely to account by Land Commissioner Richards.

According to Leach's interview, he has Sherlock Holmes done to a frazzle. He made it appear that he had gathered evidence which would send to the penitentiary many leading citizens and officials of Washington, who, he alleged, had been defrauding the government of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of timber.

In a letter addressed to Leach, Mr. Richards says he has examined his official reports to the department and finds nothing in them which substantiates his interview; Leach has omitted to notify the department of his sensational discoveries. If he has such evidence as he claims, Mr. Richards wants to see it. Furthermore, Leach is notified that special agents are sent out to gather information for the general land office, not for the newspapers; that their reports are regarded as confidential at all times, and if any part of them is to be made public that information will be given to the press in Washington, not by officers in the field.

Leach is a subordinate special agent in Washington. He is not working under the direction of Secretary Hitchcock, but of Mr. Richards, nor is he in charge of land investigations in Washington state. It is not believed any further steps will be taken in Leach's case unless it be to again reprimand him when his reply is received.

ROMANOFFS IN THEIR COFFINS.

Cartoon in Prominent Russian Paper Sends Price to Premium.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—Quite a sensation was caused this morning by the appearance in the Neva, the most widely circulated illustrated weekly in Russia, of a half-tone picture representing the imperial family, including the empress, holding the heir to the throne, the background of the picture showing, in shadowy outlines, the emperor, Grand Duke Sergius, Grand Duke Alexis, the dowager empress, the heir to the throne and practically all the members of the Romanoff family lying dead in their coffins. The work is done so skillfully that the shadows in the drapery behind the imperial family are discernible with great difficulty. The publishers disclaim any previous knowledge of the shadowy figures. The caricature, who were students employed on the paper, have not yet been located. Copies of this edition of the Neva are selling at a big premium.

The Slova has received its first warning for the publication of articles entitled "The Bureaucracy," and "The War and Reform," in which the paper severely arraigned the bureaucracy, the general staff and the war office for incompetency.

SAVED FOR CELILO CANAL.

Sand and Gravel Pit at The Dalles Withdrawn from Entry.

Washington, April 17.—At the request of Major Langford, the secretary of the interior today withdrew from entry lots 1, 2 and 3, in section 2, township 21, range 13, adjoining the Seufert property at The Dalles. This tract contains a large sand and gravel pit, and being all vacant government land, it was deemed advisable to secure it for the use of contractors on the Celilo canal before it fell into the hands of speculators. Major Langford said it was not known definitely how much sand and gravel was on these lots, but evidently enough to help along with the canal work.

The fact that the government owns this land will tend to materially reduce the cost of the canal. It is likely the contractors will be allowed to use this sand and gravel without cost.

Whole Fleet Coming Home.

San Francisco, April 17.—The flagship Chicago and the United States cruiser Bennington have arrived at Santa Barbara, with Rear Admiral Goodrich in command, and will remain in port until April 28. The Pacific squadron, consisting of eight ships, is expected to leave on April 28 for Monterey, where it will be anchored until May 5. The squadron then leaves for San Francisco, where it will remain until June 5, when it sails for Portland, to be present during the early stages of the fair.

New Destroyers for Japan.

Washington, April 17.—Information has reached Washington through Europe that the Japanese navy has within the last four days commissioned 10 new torpedo boat destroyers built in Japanese shipyards. It is believed that within six weeks 25 additional destroyers, building under rush orders, will be put in commission. Three hundred and eighty-one mines planted by the Japanese in front of Port Arthur have been taken up and placed elsewhere.

Cherries Ten Dollars a Pound.

Sacramento, Cal., April 17.—The first box of ripe cherries shipped out of the state by the Earl Fruit company on April 7 was sold in Philadelphia today for \$100, being \$10 a pound. Manager George B. Katzenstein says this is the highest price ever realized from the sale of the first box of California cherries, which is the result of the fierce rivalry among Philadelphia dealers.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CANAL DEED IS CLEAR NOW

No Further Obstacles to Construction of Cut by Government.

Salem.—The Celilo canal commission, composed of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, has signed the deed conveying to the United States the right of way for the construction of a government canal between The Dalles and Celilo.

At the request of the government officials, the state has several times made corrections in conveyances in order to remove defects from the chain of title, and now the commission feels confident that the title is perfect and that there is nothing, so far as the right of way is concerned, to prevent the government from proceeding with the construction of the canal.

The canal right of way cost the state \$74,000.

The Portage Railway commission, which is composed of these same officers, held a meeting and received the report of the engineer in charge of the work on the portage road. The report shows satisfactory progress, though it is stated that a "walking delegate" appeared on the scene last week and induced the workmen on the pile-drivers to strike for a nine-hour day at the same pay received for a ten-hour day. As a consequence the bridgework was retarded.

The greater part of the grading and bridgework has been completed, and one and three-quarters miles of track have been laid. Four cars of steel rails have been received and the track-laying will proceed rapidly. To all appearances, the road will be completed by the appointed time, May 15. There are now at work 29 teams and 136 men.

Reseeding Done in Wasco.

The Dalles.—Farmers whose crops were damaged by the severe weather of February have about finished reseeded, and the new-sown grain is coming up nicely. It is estimated that about ten per cent of the fall-sown grain in the county froze out, and had to be reseeded. This has been a heavy expense on those whose grain was frozen, and as spring sowing never yields as good crops as fall sowing, unless the season is unusually favorable, the wheat crop this year will be somewhat shorter than that of 1904, although, so far, the weather has been most favorable, and crops are making an excellent growth. The season is at least a month earlier than last year, which will enable the gardeners and orchardists to market their crops early, and thereby get the advantages of high prices that always prevail early in the season.

Assessment Soon to Begin.

Pendleton.—The deputies appointed by Assessor Strain to take the assessments and the state census will commence their work immediately. The work will be continued, but the values of the property will not be placed by Mr. Strain until late in the season, when he learns what stand the assessors of counties having railroads will take regarding values. Mr. Strain is in favor of placing the values of all property at their true worth. Umatilla county would thus show a property statement of nearly \$30,000,000.

Oregon Fruit Crop is Assured.

Weston.—The snow on the foothills has been a boon to the fruit and strawberry growers on the Weston and Basket mountains, near here having kept the blooms from maturing and being caught by the nightly frosts. With the continuance of the cool weather until the proper time for the trees to bloom the fruit and berry crop is assured. Wheat in the Weston district generally is in good condition, and will probably yield well if the weather continues good.

Halsey Ships Lots of Eggs.

Halsey.—During March the three mercantile houses of Halsey exported 10,500 dozen of eggs. These eggs were all secured from farmers of the country adjacent to this city. The farmers received an average of 17 cents per dozen for the eggs, making a total of \$1,800 distributed among the farmers of this vicinity in exchange for eggs in one month. This is a record which cannot be equaled by any farming district of the same size in the state.

Clear Track for Grand Jury.

Salem.—Judge Burnett has dismissed all trial jurors until May 22, the evident purpose being to give the grand jury time to complete its work of investigating the land fraud cases. The grand jury has thus far given most of its time to the investigation of numerous local cases and to the men who are supposed to have provided the rifles which Tracey and Merrill used in effecting their escape from the state prison in 1902.

Exhibit Independence Fruit.

Independence.—At a meeting of the Lewis and Clark club the ladies decided to place an order with a Portland firm for 150 dozen of one-half pint jars. They will fill the jars with various kinds of fruit, which will bear the label of the Independence Lewis and Clark club. They will be given away to Eastern visitors to Oregon this summer.

Polk Pioneers to Meet June 10.

Dallas.—The executive committee of the Polk County Pioneer association met in Dallas and set June 10 for the annual reunion of the pioneers of Polk county, the meeting to be in Dallas. J. D. Smith, of Dallas, was elected secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. W. Lewis.

SPEND \$15,000 ON ITS ROADS

Marion County Plans for Better Highways with Farmers' Aid.

Salem.—"The people of Marion county will contribute \$10,000, \$15,000 or perhaps as much as \$20,000 in labor for the improvement of the public roads this summer," said County Judge Scott, as he finished preparing a number of blank agreements for use in road districts where the property owners are circulating subscription papers.

"The county court has decided to spend its surplus road funds in those districts where the people contribute work, and it is very evident that this year will see more progress in road building than in any previous year in the history of Marion county. Our plan is to use what money is necessary in the building of bridges, and in the repair of roads in a few places where county work is of immediate necessity, and the balance of the fund will be divided among the districts. We do not know yet what rate of distribution will be adopted, but the amount distributed will be enough to encourage the enterprise of the people in road building by contributed work."

In the immediate vicinity of Salem work to the amount of at least \$7,000 will be done, and it will probably much exceed this amount. The business men of Salem have subscribed \$2,000, and the county court \$800 more, and to this the farmers will add \$4,200 or more in contributed work. In nearly every part of the county agreements are in circulation for the purpose of ascertaining what donated work can be secured. The initiative has been taken by the farmers, and the county court is giving whatever help and encouragement it can to the movement.

Mount Hood Road Rates.

Oregon City.—The Clackamas county court has fixed the charges that shall be made over the Mount Hood toll road. In arranging the schedule of charges, provision is made for automobiles, for which a charge of \$2 each will be made. In addition to automobiles the schedule includes the following items: Four wheeled vehicle, drawn by one team or yoke, \$2, with 40 cents for each additional yoke; vehicle drawn by one horse, \$1.25; saddle horse, 75 cents; pack horse, 40 cents; horse or mule, loose, 15 cents; cattle, loose, 10 cents per head; sheep, goats and hogs, 2 cents.

Lumbering Picking Up.

Sumpter.—The lumbering business in this section is picking up. The Oregon Lumber company has started its logging camps up along the line of the Whitney and Tipton branch of the Sumpter Valley railway, and all are running full blast. Service's sawmill, located on Deer creek, six miles below Sumpter, has started sawing on 2,000,000 feet of logs. This mill is expected to run five months on present orders. The Sumpter Lumber company is operating its planing mills, but has not yet made arrangements for cutting its logs at the mill south of town.

Sheep Conditions in Baker.

Baker City.—Miles Lee, representing Koshland Bros., has bought 100,000 pounds of wool at 16 cents. This cleans up the advance purchases of clips to be made. It is expected that shearing will commence in this county about May 20. Lee is paying 50 cents a fleece cash to bind his contract. Lambing in Baker county is just beginning, and it is estimated there will be about 105 per cent increase. Sheep are in good condition, the winter has been mild, and there is now plenty of green grass for the flocks.

Blue River Exhibit Ready.

Eugene.—The exhibit of ores from the Blue river mines for the Oregon display at the Lewis and Clark exposition, will be shipped from the mines to Eugene at once, and transported immediately to Portland. With what has already been shipped from there, the exhibit of the Blue river mines will amount to a carload. D. H. Weyant, who is the official ore collector for the state mining exhibit, has been here to see to the shipping of Blue river exhibit.

Lorane Fair May Be Revived.

Cottage Grove.—The farmers in the Siuslaw country, near Lorane, are considering the advisability of reviving the fair, which they were accustomed to hold until 1903. With increased population this fair would undoubtedly be a success now, if managed properly. The Lorane district is a good farming settlement, 10 miles west of here, and the farmers find ready help from the people of this town in anything they undertake.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 85¢@86¢ per bushel; bluestem, 91¢@93¢; valley, 88¢. Oats—No. 1 white, 29¢@29¢ per ton; gray, 27¢@28¢ per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17½¢@18¢ per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 20¢@22¢ c. Potatoes—Oregon fancy, \$1@1.15; common, 80¢@90¢. Apples—Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25. Hops—Choice 1904, 23½¢@25¢ per pound. Wool—Valley, 20¢@22¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15¢@18¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 31¢@32¢ per pound.

ADVANCE IN ALL BIG MARKETS.

Packers Raise Price and Lay Blame on Cattle Growers.

Chicago, April 14.—Prices of beef have advanced in every important market of the United States. The consumer is paying the advanced price, which to him represents several cents per pound over what he paid up to ten days ago.

Swift & Co., Armour and Nelson Morris state that no beef has been supplied to the retail markets of Chicago or to any other market in the country during the last month and a half except at a loss. This, it is declared, has been partially due to the fact that breeders of stock and the handlers of range cattle have been holding back on supply until the grass of the range becomes nourishing. Swift & Co., speaking for the packing interests, this afternoon, issued the following statement:

"During the last six weeks the producers of beef cattle have been receiving about \$1 advance over past prices for choice cattle. This simply means that the advance to the consumer in prices would be about \$2 on the one-half of choice cattle that can be used for food purposes. The range cattle producer is the master of the situation."

ATTEMPT TO WRECK WARSHIP.

Caution Saves Connecticut from Being Ruined in Drydock.

New York, April 14.—During the process of placing the new battleship Connecticut in drydock at the navy yard here today, what might have proved a serious accident was avoided by the officer in charge ending down a diver to make thorough examination of the hull before the water should be pumped out and the vessel lowered into the keel blocks.

The diver discovered a heavy timber stuck fast to the hull on the port side of the keel, where it had adhered to the rough plating while the vessel was on the ways and had not been released in launching. A failure to discover the timber, it is said, would have resulted in the buckling or crumpling of the keel and lower frames when the vessel settled on the blocks.

Several days previous to the launching of the Connecticut last fall divers were sent down to examine the ways and found a large spike placed where it would have pierced the hull, had it not been found. Later, an official investigation disclosed holes bored in one of the plates.

LOW GRADES FOR SANTA FE

Will Spend Ten Millions on New Road Through Mountains.

Chicago, April 13.—The Record-Herald says: Official announcement is made that the Santa Fe has decided to build a \$10,000,000 cut-off to the Pacific coast with a view to getting rid of the mountain grades which now are encountered in the trans-continental travel. Orders have been given for the purchase of all the material necessary, and work will begin in 30 days. The work will be pushed to completion rapidly, and the new transcontinental low-grade line will be ready for opening within a year or 15 months.

The Western end of the cut-off will be at Belen, N. M., 27 miles south of Albuquerque, on the El Paso line, and the Eastern will be at Texico, 250 miles away on the Pecos valley lines of the Santa Fe. The new road will cross the Sierra Nevada mountains at Aho Pass, at an elevation of 6,491 feet, but at a maximum grade east-bound of 1¼ per cent and west-bound of 6-10ths of 1 per cent. The line will cross the Santa Fe Central near Willard and the El Paso & Northwestern at Llano, N. M.

Ready to Fight Once More.

Paris, April 14.—Captain Rode telegraphs to the Matin that he has been the guest of Kaulbars, commander of the second Manchurian army at the Russian front. The captain's observations showed that the Russian army had been reinforced and is prepared to renew the battle. The troops maneuver daily in battle formation. The Japanese cavalry advance guard, the dispatch adds, is barely 10 miles away, and frequent cavalry skirmishes take place. The prisoners captured have sabre cuts on their heads, showing hand-to-hand skirmishes.

Flood Damages Arizona Railroad.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 14.—For two or three days it has been raining heavily in Arizona. Early this morning 300 feet of the pile structure built to repair the Phoenix & Eastern railway bridge over Salt river at Tempe was washed away. Salt river is still high tonight and some fear is expressed for the Maricopa & Phoenix railway bridge at Tempe. Reports from the Roosevelt dam site is that the river is higher than at any time this year and is fully as high at the Arizona canal dam as at any previous time.

Invite Taft to Australia.

Manila, April 14.—Governor General Northcote, of the commonwealth of Australia, will, it is understood, invite Secretary of War Taft and party to visit Australia during the party's forthcoming visit to the Philippines. The commonwealth of Australia will defray the entire expense, it is said. The American chamber of commerce of Manila is preparing to entertain Mr. Taft and party on an extensive scale during their stay in Manila.

Submarines at Vladivostok.

Tokio, April 14.—It is reported here that the Russians at Vladivostok are conducting experiments with six submarine vessels, and that these vessels are all of foreign manufacture, and include French, British and American types.

TO HEAR ALL SIDES

Senate Committee Will Consider Railroad Rates.

NEW BILL IS TO BE PREPARED

Two Months Will Be Devoted to Hearing Testimony of Experts on Question.

Washington, April 15.—Railroad rate legislation and kindred topics will again be brought prominently to the attention of the public with the meetings here, beginning Monday, of the senate committee on interstate commerce, which will assemble for the purpose of ventilating the subject in a manner more thorough than any heretofore on record. The meeting will be held in the committee's rooms at the capitol and will be public. Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, will preside. The Republican members are Cullom, Illinois; Aldrich, Rhode Island; Kean, New Jersey; Dilliver, Iowa; Foraker, Ohio; Clapp, Minnesota; and Millard, Nebraska. The Democrats are Tillman, South Carolina; McLaurin, Mississippi; Carmack, Tennessee; Foster, Louisiana; and Newlands, Nevada.

As a basis of consideration, the Esch-Townsend bill, passed by the house at the last session, will be expected to serve. The committee had the measure before it many days before the adjournment of the last congress and was urged to put it on its passage. Arguments were advanced, however, protesting against hasty action because of the alleged radical character of this measure, and the importance of the interests involved. Chairman Elkins and Senator Foraker were among those who advocated delay, and the committee, near the close of the session, after much time had been devoted to hearings, reported to the senate a resolution authorizing it to continue the hearings during the recess. This authority was granted and Monday's meeting will be the initial meeting under that authority.

Although the house committee on interstate commerce, which evolved the Esch bill, took sufficient testimony to fill several large volumes, and although the senate committee was not idle in that regard, the investigation of the subject now imminent promises to be most exhaustive. Both sides, in fact many sides, of the case will be heard.

BUTCHERS DENOUNCE PACKERS

New York Trade Up in Arms About Advance in Beef.

New York, April 15.—Prices of all kinds of meat have begun to rise in New York because of a reported increase cost to dealers of about 2 cents a pound. This advance in dressed beef by the packers means a corresponding increase of from 4 to 6 cents per pound at retail on the average grade of sirloin steaks, porterhouse steaks and prime ribs of roast beef.

Retail dealers say they received notice of the first advance ten days ago, but postponed an advance to their customers. However, on receiving notice of a further raise next week it was found necessary to make a change in retail prices.

Meetings of the Retail Butchers' and Meat Dealers' Protective association will be held in all boroughs to take action. The Brooklyn branch of the association already has met and discussed the situation. Several retailers bitterly denounced the packers, who were alleged to be taking concerted action. It was declared that while the advance of wholesale prices was attributed to falling off in supplies of cattle at the Chicago stock yards, no such falling off had taken place, and that the raising of prices was entirely unjustified.

Preparing for Long Siege.

Tokio, April 15.—It is reported here that the Russians are continually reinforcing the garrison at Vladivostok and that the work of strengthening the fortress is constantly progressing. It is said that the plans of the Russians contemplate a garrison numbering 100,000 men, with 500 guns. Many additional batteries, redoubts, barriers, and pits are in course of construction and enormous stores of ammunition are being accumulated. The Russians, it is said, have equipped their fortress to withstand a siege.

Standard Asks the Impossible.

Topeka, Kan., April 15.—The Standard Oil company has filed in the Supreme court a motion "to make more definite and certain" the petition in the suit filed by Attorney General Coleman to oust the Standard company from the state. It will be absolutely impossible to comply with a motion of this kind, the attorney general says, but the Standard says it is necessary to obtain this information in order to properly defend itself.

Ten Million Dollars for Good Roads.

Albany, N. Y., April 15.—The proposed constitutional amendment authorizing a state issue of \$10,000,000 for building good roads under the state aid law passed the assembly today. Having passed the legislature last year, the proposition will now be submitted to the popular vote at the November election.