

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.

Judge Dunne denies any promise of immunity to Ruef.

Shonts defends his son-in-law duke and says he will work.

Nebraska Populists again look to Bryan to head their ticket for president.

Hearst may not get a decision on the mayoralty contest before McClellan's term ends.

Anna Gould is determined to marry Prince de Sagan and has quarreled with her family.

Serator Penrose has passed the danger line in his illness and recovery now seems certain.

President Roosevelt has appointed Dr. Hill as ambassador to Germany. Tower has resigned.

It is estimated that Chicago has lost \$5,000,000 through the peculations of the water department.

King Manuel, of Portugal, has decided on many financial reforms and will start them in the royal household.

Admiral Evans has arrived at San Diego enroute to the hot springs to undergo treatment for his rheumatism.

Massachusetts primaries show that the Republicans will have 15 Taft delegates, 11 unattached and 6 uncertain.

The London Times has much praise for President Roosevelt.

Russia will support Italy in the proposed reforms in Macedonia.

Ruef's lawyers have again had his trial postponed on account of technicalities.

The Haytien president is again arresting conspirators against his government.

A line of first class steamers is to be put on between San Francisco and Alaskan points.

A Kansas City lumber company has entered a plea of accepting rebates from railroads and paid a fine of \$13,000.

No more bodies have been recovered from the burning Hanna, Wyo., mine. All entrances have been closed to smother the blaze.

The steamer Pomona, which went on the rocks a short distance north of San Francisco, is fast going to pieces and will be a total wreck. It is still hoped the engines may be saved.

The senate inadvertently printed a report on sealing which attacks the integrity of Vice President Fairbanks and many other prominent men. The document has been withdrawn.

Stanford students want to remove President Jordan.

The German wants Griscom for ambassador instead of Hill.

The National and Mexican Central railroads of Mexico have merged.

There is no material change in the condition of Senato Penrose, of Pennsylvania.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannermann, British premier, is in a very critical condition.

Many Japanese are being caught at San Diego making their way into this country from Mexico.

The auxiliary cruiser Prairie ran aground at League Island navy yard. No damage was done.

The absconding teller and auditor of the Pittsburg Farmers' Deposit National bank are held in \$250,000 bail each.

Twenty Toledo, O., lumbermen have been sentenced to serve six months in jail for violating the city's anti-trust laws.

A Russian anarchist tried to throw a bomb at the police of New York during a riot of unemployed. A companion was killed and he was fatally wounded.

The assassin of W. D. Stevens has pleaded insanity.

Secretary Taft will deliver the Memorial day oration at Grant's tomb, New York.

President Jordan defends the Stanford faculty and denounces the students' movement as a revolt.

Congressman French, of Idaho, prophesies that no immigration measure will pass congress this session.

A score of persons were hurt by a heavy wind in the vicinity of New Boston, Iowa, and Madison, Illinois.

Tramps are causing much trouble on all Pacific coast railroads.

The largest clock in the world will be put on a soap factory at Thomaston, Conn. The dial is 28 feet in diameter.

Pittsburg bankers admit that the paying teller and auditor of the Farmers' Deposit National bank have stolen \$1,105,000 during the past three years.

The British house of commons has passed a bill providing that all clocks be advanced 80 minutes in order to use more daylight by promoting early rising.

PATIENCE IS EXHAUSTED.

Senate Likely to Take Drastic Steps Against Castro.

Washington, April 1.—The long expected correspondence between America and Venezuela respecting pending American claims against the latter country was submitted to the senate yesterday, and is almost certain to create a profound impression. It will be difficult to digest the mass of material which Secretary Root has placed before congress but even a cursory inspection of the documents makes it evident that negotiations have reached a critical phase. The president's realization of the fact is shown by his transmission of the matter to the senate without any comment regarding the correspondence, and especially Secretary Root's strong presentation of the American case, as sufficient instantly to enlist the attention of congress.

All the correspondence and documents were referred to the senate committee on foreign relations. Mr. Root will appear before the committee today, ostensibly to discuss some of the treaties negotiated at The Hague, but it is expected he will take up the Venezuelan affair and suggest some action.

Those members of the committee who have already familiarized themselves with the situation have arranged tentatively a program which consists of three propositions, as follows:

Place a prohibitive tariff on Venezuelan coffee, the exports of which constitute 45 per cent of the entire foreign trade, and 90 per cent of the coffee being taken by the United States.

Exclude all importations of asphalt from Lake Bermudez, the product of which is taken almost entirely by the United States.

Authorize the president to exercise the general power vested in him to take whatever steps he may consider necessary to treat with Venezuela in the future.

JUDGE SAYS HE CAN DECIDE

Thinks He Has Right to Say Whether Rates Are Just.

Kansas City, Mo., April 1.—Judge Smith McPherson, in the Federal court here today, decided that he has full jurisdiction over both the maximum freight and the 2-cent passenger rate cases, in Missouri. In other words, he holds in favor of the railroads and against the state on the question on jurisdiction.

Last year the legislature passed the 2-cent law, and a minimum freight law reducing existing freight rates about 25 per cent. All of the main line railroads in Missouri joined in an application for an injunction last June from the Federal court at Kansas City to prevent the state officials from enforcing the law. Meantime a truce was arranged between the railroads and the attorney general, under which the roads were to put the 2-cent law in force.

The railroads agreed to give the 2-cent law a test for three months, and asked Judge McPherson to give them that much time to see how the law would affect their revenues. For seven months the railroads have sold tickets at 2 cents. Now comes the court with a decision holding that in enjoining the state officers, he is not enjoining the state itself; that he has a perfect right to go into the question of whether the rates fixed by the statutes are remunerative.

MESSAGE BY PRESIDENT.

Far Reaching Legislation Against Anarchists Recommended.

Washington, April 1.—Police and government war on anarchy will receive a great impetus if the present program of President Roosevelt goes through, and there is little room for doubt that it will. The president will send a message to congress urging far reaching legislation.

Under the present Federal law all criminal aliens who have not been in the United States three years may be deported summarily.

It is expected by the department of commerce and labor that there will be wholesale deportations within a short time.

The legislation will be designed to bring within the Federal jurisdiction citizens of the United States who propagate anarchistic theories.

Ruef's Trial Delayed.

San Francisco, April 1.—Abe Ruef again demonstrated his marvelous ability to hold up justice. His trial in the Parkside franchises bribery case did not start. When Ruef was called to the bar today his attorney moved to disqualify Judge Dooling on the ground that he was not qualified to sit in the case, not having been appointed properly. He submitted an affidavit which set out this charge, and further declared that Justice Dooling has proved himself biased and prejudiced. Adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

Electricity to Fire Shots.

London, April 1.—Colonel F. W. Maude, in the April Contemporary Review, describes a gun which is not in existence and which can impart by the application of electricity an initial velocity of 30,000 feet a second to projectiles of all dimension, and which can be practically handled under war conditions and on board ships or in permanent defenses. Projectiles of 2,000 pounds weight lie fairly within these limits, he says.

Organize for Boycott.

Hong Kong, April 1.—The boycott against Japanese goods, instituted as a result of the Tatsu Maru incident, is spreading. Forty firms in Hong Kong announce that they will not sell Japanese goods. All along the West river the boycott is being organized and meetings are being convened to discuss the matter.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SEND PAMPHLETS TO VOTERS

Secretary Benson Has Mailed 25,000 Copies in Four Days.

Salem—In four days 25,000 copies of initiative and referendum pamphlets have been mailed to registered voters in Oregon by Secretary of State Benson. These pamphlets weighed over 4 1/2 tons, filling 105 mail sacks, such as are used for paper mail. The postage was \$750.

The work of sending out these pamphlets is only one-quarter done, however, for there will be at least 100,000 registered voters in the state, and each must receive a copy. Secretary Benson has five clerks engaged in this work, addressing envelopes, putting in the pamphlets, sealing, etc. They can send out about 5,000 pamphlets a day, and at the present rate will have the work done in 15 days, or by the 11th of April, if the registration lists reach the secretary fast enough.

In order to aid the postal clerks, Mr. Benson is having the pamphlets put into separate sacks for each community, as far as possible, thus saving handling in the postoffice.

PAYS \$25,000 FOR ORCHARD

Dr. F. C. Page, of Medford, Buys 268 Acres in Ashland District.

Ashland—The papers have been drawn at Ashland in what is believed is the biggest orchard sale yet consummated in the history of the Rogue River valley. The property involved is the orchard and farm of County Commissioner Joshua Patterson, located in Talent precinct, four miles north of Ashland. Two hundred and fifty-eight acres was the acreage involved in the deal, 130 acres being young orchard of four and five-year-old apple trees in fine condition, the remainder being farm lands suitable for fruitgrowing, but unplanted to trees. The consideration in the deal was \$52,000.

Cuts Freight Rates.

Salem—The Oregon Railroad commission has rendered its decision in the O. R. & N. distributive rate case, ordering a reduction in rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles. The reduction amounts to 3 cents a hundred on first-class freight to Biggs, 7 cents to Arlington, 13 cents to Pendleton, 18 cents to La Grande and Baker City, and 19 cents to Huntington, with proportionate reductions to other points and on other classes of freight. Rates to The Dalles are already low enough, owing to water competition. All the commissioners concurred in the decision.

Shear Sheep With Machinery.

Arlington—Sheep-shearing will begin at Smythe & Smith's plant, five miles south of here, this week. Sixteen shearing machines will be used, the power being furnished by a six-horse power gasoline engine. Forty thousand sheep will be sheared at this plant this season, and an average of 2,000 head daily is expected. Sheepmen report that the sheep are in good condition, but that pasture is getting scarce. This has been one of the most successful lambing seasons known, but few lambs being lost from any cause.

To Examine Soils.

Klamath Falls—Through the joint efforts of the Klamath Water Users' association and the Klamath chamber of commerce, and the personal requests of citizens of this section, a soil survey of the Klamath basin will be made by a corps of soil experts of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is very urgently desired by the people that the survey be made this summer, and assurances have been received from Secretary Wilson that it will be undertaken as soon as possible.

Seeking Coal Near Dallas.

Dallas—Hon. W. C. Brown will begin the work of drilling for coal on his property in the northern part of this city within a few days. Several good specimens of lignite coal have been found in recent excavations, and the contour of the land at that place indicates the presence of a large deposit. Mr. Brown is convinced that the project will pay, and will lose no time in making the preliminary excavations for sinking a shaft.

Five Killed on Railroads

Salem—The report just issued by the railroad commission shows that in February five persons were killed and 26 injured on the railroads of the state. These are tabulated as follows: Passengers, 3 killed and 23 injured; trainmen, 3 injured, and other employees, 2 killed. The accidents during the month are estimated to have caused a loss in engines, cars and tracks at \$3,600. There was one derailment during the month.

Big Batch of Steelhead Eggs.

Oregon City—Superintendent Henry O'Malley, of the United States bureau of fisheries, reports that prospects are good for a take of 2,000,000 steelhead eggs at the Rogue river station, which he has just inspected. Superintendent O'Malley has just received 100,000 Rainbow trout eggs from the government station at Baird, Cal., and these will be hatched and liberated from Clackamas station.

University Data in Bulletin.

University of Oregon, Eugene—A new bulletin has just been issued from the university office containing a brief historical sketch of the institution, the names of all regents and their terms of service, a similar chart of the officers of administration and instruction and the names, residences and occupations of all the alumni.

MILLS RESUME IN BAKER.

Improvement in the Lumber Market Start Wheels Turning.

Baker City—One of the largest industries in Baker City that was affected by the recent panic is soon to begin operations again and will give employment to several hundred men. The South Baker Lumber mills have been idle for the last few months, but the wheels will be set turning as soon as enough logs can be brought down to insure a steady run. At the time of closing down, the Oregon Lumber company had a large supply of finished lumber in the yards, and owing to the lessened demand for lumber there has been no necessity to run the mill.

The Stoddard Brothers Lumber company has been running its mill in this city all winter, turning out about 40,000 feet of finished lumber each day. The mill of the Oregon Lumber company at Austin has been running steadily all winter, turning out a like amount of the finished product. Lumber conditions are beginning to improve noticeably.

Learn to Farm at School.

Albany—Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Albany public schools will devote their spare time this spring to growing vegetables and flowers. They will engage in practical work in connection with the new study of agriculture now required in the seventh and eighth grades of the public schools of the state and will be stimulated to active efforts by a series of prizes offered through the arrangements of Superintendent A. M. Sanders, of the local public schools.

Trains Soon to Klamath.

Klamath Falls—That the California Northwestern is to be completed to Klamath Falls this year is evidenced by the rapid progress being made in construction and tracklaying. By the first of April the track will be finished to Dorris, and already two camps have been established between Dorris and the Klamath river, where the grade across the swamp lands will be finished for a stretch of 8,000 feet by the middle of April.

Boosting State Fair.

Salem—F. A. Welch, secretary of the state board of agriculture, is rushing preparations for the state fair, to be held here in September. Postal cards advertising the fair have been sent broadcast over the United States, and it is probable that a greater influx of visitors than ever before will attend this year. Clatsop, Columbia, Lane and Clackamas counties have already sent notifications that they want large sections reserved for their exhibits.

Governor Invited to Seattle.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received a communication from the Seattle chamber of commerce urging him to come to that city in June and welcome the fleet upon its arrival there. Governor Chamberlain has expressed himself as being desirous of complying with the request, but states that it seems at present as if he would be unable to do so, owing to a number of important matters coming up at that time.

Baking Powder Plant at Portland.

Portland—Portland is to be made the manufacturing and distributing point for the Northwestern territory of the Hunt's Perfect Baking Powder company, of Minneapolis. The plant will be built during the summer. William C. Rigg, of Minneapolis, vice president of the company, is at the Hotel Portland, and is making all arrangements to locate a branch of the concern here.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 83@84c; bluestem, 85@86c; valley, 83@84c; red, 81@82c. Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; rolled, \$28@30 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@28 per ton. Corn—Whole, \$33.50; cracked, \$34.50. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13. Fruits—Apples, \$1@3.50 per box, according to quality; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel. Vegetables—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 8@10c pound; beans, 20c pound; cabbage, 1 1/2@1 3/4c pound; cauliflower, \$2; celery, \$4.50@5 per crate; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 15c pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, \$2.50 per crate; spinach, 85c crate; sprouts, 10c per pound, squash, 16@1 1/2c pound. Onions—Oregon, \$4@4.25 per hundred. Potatoes—50@60c per hundred, delivered Portland. Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 14@15c per pound; mixed chickens, 12@13c; spring chickens, 16@20c; turkeys, live, 18@17c; dressed, choice, 16@20c; geese, live, 8@10c; ducks, 16@17c; pigeons, 75c@81c; squabs, \$1.50@2. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 16c per dozen. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6 1/4c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7@7 1/2c; packers, 5@6 1/4c. Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4@5c per pound; olds, 1@1 1/2c per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 12@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 16@18c, according to quality; mohair, choice, 25c per pound. Casaca's Bark—3c per pound.

MESSANGER IS KILLED.

Robbers Then Loot Express Safes of Valuables.

Newton, Kan., March 31.—A. D. Bailey, an express messenger of the Wells-Fargo company, was killed by an unknown person on Santa Fe train No. 115, between Florence and Newton, early Sunday morning. The murder was very brutal, with robbery as the object. Both the local and the through safes were ransacked and at least \$1,000 in money and some jewelry taken. The amount the robbers secured is not known.

The dead body of Messenger Bailey was found at 4 o'clock Sunday morning when the train reached Newton. It was stretched on the floor of the car, the head beaten to a pulp and lying in a pool of blood. The back of the skull was crushed and the end of the car where it was lying was spattered with blood. The blood spatters reached to the ceiling.

There was no evidence of any struggle, the indications pointing to the commission of the murder while the messenger was asleep, before he could offer resistance. Bailey was seen alive at Strong City. At Peabody someone opened the car door just enough to throw out a package of waybills and then closed it quickly.

The custom of the messenger has been to go to sleep soon after leaving Florence and it is possible that he did this Sunday night. After being struck while sleeping, and rendered unconscious, his body rolled to the floor, and the robber, after beating him on the head, covered it with the dead man's coat. One blow was struck at the man's face with some sharp instrument, apparently a hatchet, which broke the jaw bone. From the dead man's pockets the keys were removed and the safes ransacked. Then the keys were put back into Bailey's overcoat, the coat folded and put in his grip, where it was found later.

ORDER RATES CUT.

Commission Finds O. R. & N. Tolls Are Excessive.

Portland, March 31.—It is understood the Oregon Railroad commission will sustain the complaint of the Portland chamber of commerce against the O. R. & N. company and will issue an order this week requiring a material reduction in class rates over the main and branch lines of that road throughout the state.

The extent to which existing tariffs will be affected by the ruling of the commission cannot be learned, but the effect may be to disturb transcontinental rates and, probably, to require an adjustment all along the line in the interest both of the railroad and the shipper. If the decision of the commission is attacked by the Harriman interests it will be assailed undoubtedly on the ground that its enforcement would necessitate not only a wholesale revision by the railroad of its tariffs but would seriously disturb interstate business.

It is expected that the findings of the commission will be made the basis of litigation on the part of the railroad company positively to test the powers of the railroad commission which, under the act by which it was created, is authorized to fix rates. The members of the commission were cautious and thorough in their investigation of the complaint of excessive freight charges. It is said the commissioners feel confident that their findings will be found to be fair and reasonable and such as cannot be considered an arbitrary exercise of the authority with which they are clothed.

Closely Guard Adams.

Telluride, Colo., March 31.—As the result of the attempt to murder General Bulkeley Wells, general manager of the Smuggler-Union mines and mills at Pandora, Sheriff Fitzpatrick is taking precautions to guard the jail in which Steve Adams, charged with the assassination of Arthur L. Collins, General Wells' predecessor, is confined. The feeling against Adams is becoming more bitter from day to day.

Feeling against Adams has also been engendered, it is said, because of the fact that during the past two weeks fully a score or more of miners and others who were deported during strike days have returned to the district.

Many Days to Reach Bodies.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 31.—A special to the Herald from Hanna, Wyo., says: Seventy-one men are known to have lost their lives in Mine No. 1 of the Union Pacific Coal company, although 54 names are obtainable. Seventy-one coffins have been rushed to Hanna. The recovery party is working heroically, but the bodies will possibly not be reached for several days, as it will be necessary to close the west slope and smother the fires below the tenth level and then draw off the large quantities of gas.

Exiles Purchase Grave

Paris, March 31.—The body of the late Gregory Gerschunin, the Russian terrorist leader, who died recently in Switzerland, was buried today in Montparnasse cemetery in a grave purchased by Russian exiles in Paris. Four thousand persons followed the hearse. The procession was headed by a car carrying a mass of huge wreaths tied with red ribbons, which were sent by American Socialist organizations, who were represented by Anna Strunsky.

Another Plot Discovered.

Port Au Prince, March 31.—A fresh conspiracy against the government has been discovered in this city. The leader of the plot, General Larraque, who was arrested on March 14 on suspicion of conspiring against the president and who was released with four others on March 24, took refuge this afternoon in the French legation.

ROADS ARE BLOCKED

Blizzard and Snow Ties Up Middle West Traffic.

TEMPERATURE GETS NEAR ZERO

From Manitoba Through Minnesota and West to Montana, Gale Carries Clouds of Snow.

St. Paul, April 2.—A terrific gale is blowing here today and is bearing a cold wave down from the Northwest, according to the United States weather bureau. The cold wave will cause a drop in temperature to about 10 degrees above zero.

Very low temperature prevailed today at most places in Manitoba and territories. It was two degrees below zero at Medicine Hat today and four below at Prince Albert.

A dispatch from Grand Forks, N. D., says:

"A heavy snowstorm, accompanied by wind, caused delay to trains in North Dakota today. The east bound Oriental limited of the Great Northern arrived four hours late and reported that the storm raged all the way from Great Falls, Mont. All trains from the East were from half an hour to two hours late this morning.

The snow is drifting and it is believed traffic will be tied up west of Grand Forks. About a foot of snow has fallen here in the last 24 hours. It is reported that the Soo line from Ardoek west to Kenmare is badly tied up."

In the Grip of a Blizzard.

Crookston, Minn., April 24.—The entire Red river valley has been since last night in the grip of the worst blizzard of the winter.

PORTLAND'S ROSE CARNIVAL

Great Preparations Being Made for Floral Event.

Portland, Or., April 2.—This week the management of the Portland Rose festival, which will give a \$50,000 celebration during the first six days of June, inaugurated a campaign of publicity throughout all sections of the country. The campaign consists of the sending out by mail of 250,000 beautifully colored and artistic advertising "inserts," in which plan all the wholesale and retail houses, hotels, restaurants, public schools, drug stores, etc., have been enlisted. Great demand has been made for these attractive inserts already and they will be sent out regularly until the festival opens June 1.

One of the fine features of the big jubilee will be the grand water carnival to be held one evening during the week. Every individual, firm or corporation that owns a pleasure or business craft that plies in the waters of the Northwest has been invited to enter some craft in the magnificent decorative and illuminated aquatic pageant.

Capt. J. C. Speier, harbor master of this port, chairman of the water carnival committee, has been in communication with many associations along the streams and rivers of this section that are interested in water sports and most of them have assured him that they will be glad to participate in that event. Quite a number of towns and cities of Oregon, outside of Portland, have come to the front to help make the festival a huge success. Some have appropriated as high as \$500 and \$600 to defray the expense of building a fine decorated and illuminated float for the splendid night parade "The Spirit of the Golden West."

Work on these floats is already under way and new committees are being heard from every few days. The time is short, so the management urges those towns that desire to take part in the demonstration to communicate with the festival management at once.

Commercial bodies from all parts of California will come here for two or three days of the festival. A special business men's excursion under the auspices of the California state board of trade, which will embrace organizations from all the leading cities of that commonwealth, has already been arranged for.

All Anxious to See Fleet.

Melbourne, April 2.—Alfred Deakin, prime minister of Australia, has received a cable message announcing that the American battleship fleet, which will be divided into two squadrons of eight warships each, will arrive here September 1. The fleet will arrive at Sydney September 13. The armored cruisers, however, will not visit Australian waters. Mr. Deakin has cabled Washington that it is the desire of other Australian states that the fleet should visit Hobart, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane.

Shut Down on Japanese.

Vancouver, B. C., April 2.—When the number of Japanese entitled to admission to Canada during any one year, which is 400, is reached, the Federal authorities have the assurance of the Japanese government that the issue of transports for Canada will be stopped and there will be no more arrivals during the remainder of the year. Advice to this effect have been received by Dr. Mcnro, Dominion immigration agent in Vancouver.

Buffalo Bill Breaks Down.

Chicago, April 2.—Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is seriously ill here at the Stratford hotel, suffering from a general nervous breakdown.