

# Cottage Grove Leader

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## 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.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been arrested at Pittsburg.

Chester, Pa., is having trouble with street car men.

Two cruisers and five torpedo boats have left San Francisco for Portland.

A company of militia is to be organized at Honolulu, the first for the islands.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, will go to the democratic national convention as a delegate.

Two Utah mining companies are fighting over a silver mine said to be worth \$1,450,000.

Senator Foraker is favoring Roosevelt for another term, as he dislikes him less than Taft.

A man has just been arrested in Michigan for a murder committed in Colorado 15 years ago.

An ex-member of the United States secret service is in trouble at Flagstaff, Arizona, for trying to extort money.

The troops of the pretender to the Morocco throne have looted all the government buildings and houses of the sultan.

While preparations were in progress for the funeral of a Kansas City man, the supposed corpse sat up and asked for a drink.

Mrs. Harry Thaw has withdrawn her suit for divorce. It is thought this is a move to gain control of any property he may have.

Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt has secured a divorce.

President Fallieres, of France, is visiting King Edward.

A Seattle woman sent her daughter for a doctor and then committed suicide.

W. T. Hamilton, the last living of General Custer's scouts, has just died at Butte, Mont.

The Presbyterian general assembly will seek a closer union of the Presbyterian churches.

Thaw has been declared still insane, but he will try to avoid returning to the Matteawan asylum.

Senator Slayden, of Texas, is opposed to the Seattle fair and says the country is tiring of exhibitions.

There is a desperate effort in congress to pass a currency bill by holding up the public building bill.

Fully a quarter of a million men employed in English shipbuilding yards have accepted a cut in wages.

More than 100 government meat inspectors held a conference in Chicago on the enforcement of the new meat inspection law.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed a law which provides for a penitentiary term for any employer who refuses work to a man because he is a member of a union. Pinkerton detectives are also barred from the state.

Peter Daly, the actor, is dead.

Good progress is being made on the Seattle fair buildings.

The Northern Baptist convention for 1909 will meet in Portland.

A statue of the late Senator Hanna has just been unveiled at Cleveland, Ohio.

Eastern railroads will resist the Interstate Commerce Commission's rates for accounting.

Thousands of people are swarming to the Puget Sound cities to see the Atlantic battleship fleet.

A Hoboken, N. J., justice of the peace says he married Anna Gould and Prince de Sagan before they left for Europe.

The airship White Wing, built by Baldwin, is making successful flights in New York. Baldwin was the inventor of the airship at the Lewis and Clark fair.

A Chicago woman brought back to life after being pronounced dead is sorry she was revived. She says her soul traversed a beautiful country in spirit land.

Crop failures in British East Africa is causing much loss of life among the natives. More than 40,000 deaths have been caused by starvation and the government is feeding 50,000 people.

Bishops in the Methodist general conference passed the lie.

France may have to recognize Mulai Hafid as sultan of Morocco.

The late Governor Sparks, of Nevada, was a great cattle breeder.

Before the battleship fleet leaves for the Orient it will be reorganized.

Inability to get a board of arbitration is continuing the street car strike at Cleveland, Ohio.

Major James F. Melndoe is to succeed Colonel Roessler as government engineer at Portland.

The Presbyterian general assembly wants congress to pass a law making Sunday an absolute day of rest.

Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador to the United States, says critics of his people are hasty and that war rumors are unfounded.

Admiral Evans has called upon the president and received congratulations on the successful trip of the battleship fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The government has started a suit for a dissolution of the New Haven road's merger with the Boston and Maine and New England trolley roads.

In an address before the Bankers' club, of Chicago, Bryan said unless the people were assured their deposits were fully secured the government will have to start banks.

The Mexican government has started proceedings against Martin Jacoby, millionaire and head of a large mercantile house. He is charged with misappropriating between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

### PUBLISH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Taft and Bryan Favor Passage of Such a Law by Congress.

Washington, May 26.—The first big sensation of the presidential campaign came today when William Jennings Bryan sent a telegram to William Howard Taft suggesting that they join in urging congress to pass a bill making compulsory the publication of campaign contributions.

This move by Bryan is looked upon as one of great wisdom by the democratic leaders, who say it shows his sincere determination to conduct his campaign without the aid of great corporate influence.

Bryan's message reads as follows: "Hon. William Howard Taft, secretary of war, Washington: "I beg to suggest that as the leading candidates of our respective parties, we join in asking congress to pass the bill requiring the publication of campaign contributions prior to elections. If you think best we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request."

"W. J. BRYAN."

Secretary Taft replied to William J. Bryan's telegram, suggesting that they unite in asking congress to pass a bill providing for the publication of campaign contributions, as follows: "William J. Bryan: Your telegram received. On April 30, last, I sent the following letter to Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections: "I sincerely believe that it would greatly tend toward the absence of corruption from politics if all the expenditures for the nominations and elections of all candidates and all contributions received and expenditures made by political committees could be made public, both in respect to state and national politics. For that reason, I strongly favor the passage of the bill now pending."

OKLAHOMA FLOODS RECEDING.

Property Loss Estimated \$10,000,000—Eight Lives Lost.

Guthrie, Okla., May 27.—The sun is shining in Oklahoma today, and the flood waters are fast receding. No additional loss of life is reported, and the homeless are beginning gradually to return to their homes. The death toll remains at eight.

With miles of tracks washed out and bridges damaged or destroyed, the railroads are still demoralized; train service on many lines must remain annulled for several days yet, while on others only a partial service is possible. The damage to crops and railroads can, of course, be only roughly estimated, but a conservative figure places the aggregate at close to \$10,000,000. It marks the costliest disaster ever sustained either in Oklahoma or the Indian Territory or by the new State of Oklahoma.

At Muskogee the Arkansas river continued to rise up to last night, but this morning began gradually to lower. At that point 2,500 consumers are still without gas as a result of the principal main breaking.

In West Guthrie, where more than 500 houses were submerged, the water drained off fast today, and conditions began to assume a normal aspect.

Around Shawnee, Sapulpa, Tulsa, Jenks and other points hundreds of railroad laborers are at work repairing tracks and bridges. At Stigler the Canadian river is expected to complete change of course, and railroad bridges that formerly spanned that stream are rendered useless.

HORRORS INCREASE.

Recent Storm in Texas Cost at Least 100 Lives.

Dallas, Tex., May 27.—As the hours pass the horrors of the flood in this section increase. It is believed the complete list of dead, when compiled, will show at least 100 lives to have been lost. It is estimated that 10,000 people are homeless, having been driven from their homes by the raging waters.

The property loss is estimated to be at least \$25,000,000 over the entire stricken district.

The Trinity river has surpassed all records. Last night it was believed the crest of the flood had been reached here, but more rains in the north have sent the waters down with increased fury and today the floods were greater than yesterday and continually increasing.

Business is suspended, and Mayor Hay has organized a relief and rescue corps, the members of which have been doing most heroic work.

Battleship Michigan Launched.

Camden, N. J., May 27.—The battleship Michigan, the first of all the big gun battleships of the United States' navy, was launched today at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding company in the presence of a distinguished gathering of officials. As the ship left the ways Miss Carol Barnes Newberry, daughter of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry, raised the beribboned bottle of champagne and dashed it against the receding wall of steel, exclaiming, "I christen thee Michigan."

Big Clock Started.

New York, May 27.—When Mayor Witten, of Jersey City, pressed a tiny button he set in motion the mechanism of the largest clock in the world. As the giant minute hand began to move the boats on the river and the factories on land joined in a chorus of whistles. The dial of the clock is visible for miles along the Hudson river. It is 38 feet in diameter, with an area of 1,134 square feet. The minute hand is 30 feet long and weighs a third of a ton, and the weight of the entire clock is close to six tons.

Striking Carmen Return.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 26.—While their brothers on strike were voting today to remain out, 300 striking carmen applied for their old positions and were reinstated. The traffic is now rapidly approaching a normal state, and officials say the usual number of cars will be in operation shortly. The strikers, however, say the company is badly crippled and say they are confident of winning. They have further plans for the campaign.

Scouring Mills to Reopen.

Pendleton.—It was announced a few days ago that the wheels of the Pendleton scouring mills would be started turning about June 1. The uncertain condition of the wool market is responsible for the late start, but it will not shorten the season's run. Several thousand pounds of wool are now on hand and more is arriving daily.

Hearst Wins His Fight.

New York, May 27.—William J. Hearst won an important victory today in his long fight for a recount of the ballot cast in the mayoralty election in 1905, when George B. McClellan was declared elected, and at last the boxes are to be opened.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

INVESTIGATE EXPRESS RATES. CHEAP FUEL IN SIGHT.

State Railroad Commission Has Fancy Figures to Start With.

Salem, Or., May 26.—An investigation has been started by the railroad commission regarding express rates enforced by the Wells, Fargo and the Pacific express companies in Oregon. Some startling revelations have been brought to light that will likely demand the attention of the commission in the near future.

Comparisons have been made showing the relative charges on lines in Oregon and the charges in other states for similar distances and for the same class of goods. From Portland to Siskiyou, a distance of 385 miles, the Wells-Fargo express company charges a merchandise rate of \$2.75 for 100 pounds, while for the same distance in Missouri a rate has been established by the Missouri railroad commission, which is now in force, of \$2 for 100 pounds. The merchandise rate in Texas for a similar distance is \$2.05.

The rates charged by the Pacific express company are even more exorbitant according to the figures given out by the railroad commission. The Pacific express company operates out of Portland and over the R. & N. for 440 miles over the O. R. & N. from Portland to Huntington, the general merchandise rate for 100 pounds is \$4. For 358 miles, or the same distance for which the Wells-Fargo charges \$2.75 in Western Oregon, the Pacific express company in Eastern Oregon charges \$3.75.

Compared with similar distances in Missouri and Texas, the rates of the Pacific express company are extreme. For 440 miles the general merchandise rate is \$2.10 and in Texas it is \$2.30. In both these states the rates have been fixed by railroad commissions and have been accepted by the express companies and are now in force. The rates given for the same classes of goods in every instance.

OREGON WOOL GOOD.

Secretary Smythe Praises Compulsory Dipping Law.

Portland.—Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the Oregon Woolgrowers association, passed through Portland recently on his way to Salem, where he represents the third district of Oregon at the annual meeting of the state sheep commission. Mr. Smythe says the wool clip this year is as large as usual, and that the wool is of exceptionally fine quality.

At this session of the sheep commission the eastern Oregon men intend to take some radical action to prevent further encroachments of Washington shepherds in the Wenaha forest reserve. Mr. Smythe, who is extensively engaged in sheepraising himself, is emphatic in praise of the compulsory dipping law passed at the last session of the legislature. He says Oregon sheep are now practically free from disease of every kind, and the wool is of a much higher grade than in former years.

The administration at Washington has favored the woolgrowers in the Evergreen State, to the detriment of Oregon stockmen. Just what action will be taken Mr. Smythe was not prepared to say, but he thinks the commission will make recommendations that the forestry department at the national capital will not dare to overlook.

Complete Elgin-Joseph Line.

In the Portland mail from the East to General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. company, he has received the long-expected instructions from New York to proceed with construction of the Elgin-Joseph branch. About \$200,000 of the last session's appropriation has been provided. From 300 to 400 men will be put on at once. For the last two months the authorization from Mr. Harriman for this work has been expected daily. As soon as the effects of last year's money stringency began to wane Mr. O'Brien made application for the necessary funds to complete the road to Joseph.

Sheep Dying in Eastern Oregon.

Baker City.—Dr. W. H. Lytle passed through Baker City a few days ago on his way to Skull Springs, where he goes to look after his interests at that place. It seems that a number of sheep at Skull Springs and in the vicinity of Vale and Ontario have been dying, and it is Dr. Lytle's purpose to see if something cannot be done. The sheep this season are going to bring a better price than for many past years. It seems that this trouble is the first that has been reported this year. The clip is to be very heavy.

Nevada's Governor an Oregonian.

Ontario.—Den S. Dickerson, who is now Governor of Nevada, vice John Sparks, deceased, is a Malheur county boy, aged 32 years. His parents reside on a farm five miles west of Vale. He left this section seven years ago for Nevada and joined the Miners Union in White Pine County, and when the union asked recognition on the state ticket he was named as the tenant-governor. He served in the Philippine war, enlisting in Portland.

Daily Snowstorms at Buckeys.

Sumpter.—Superintendent W. H. Gleason, of the Buckeys mine, in the Craeker Creek district, reports operation at the property in full blast. Crosscutting for the main ledge from the drift is in progress, and it is expected to encounter the vein in a short while. There is much snow in the vicinity of this mine and it is a hard matter to get supplies in at present. Continued snow storms prevail almost daily at that altitude.

Auto to Carry Tourists.

Klamath Falls.—Captain J. M. McIntyre, of the Melatry Transportation company, has purchased an 11-passenger automobile, and will put it on the line between Dorris and this city. A crew of men is now working on the road between Dorris and Keno, getting it in shape for automobile service, and it is expected that the run can be made in two hours from end of rail to this city.

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### MARK PACKAGES IN FULL.

Railroads Put Additional Burdens on Small Shippers.

Chicago, May 26.—Besides determining to increase freight rates 10 per cent, the railroads in the "official classification" territory have agreed to add considerably to the burdens of the shippers of package freight. At the same meeting at which the rate increases were decided upon, the representatives of more than 400 railroads agreed that after July 1 they will not receive for shipment any packages in less than carload lots which are not marked plainly with the name of the consignee, the station and state of consignment, the station, city and state of destination.

It is estimated that this action will save the railroads in the territory east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River to the seaboard, at least \$2,000,000 annually in loss and damage claims. On the other hand, it will cost the shippers of package freight probably as much, or even more, to perform the actual work required in marking the shipments as prescribed by the railroads. It is also stated by the shippers that it will make impossible any secrecy regarding the identity of the customers of any business houses.

On the contrary, any business house may, after the new rules go into effect, station men at railroad warehouses and learn in detail all about the shipments of competitors, to whom shipped and in what amounts. That this will have a tremendous effect upon this class of business is confidently asserted.

It has been the custom of the shippers to mark their packages with an initial or some hieroglyphic, the key to which is to be found on the bill of lading. It was the theory that this would save the time and labor of the shipper and throw a certain amount of secrecy around the conduct of his business.

WHOLE STATE STORM SWEEP.

Texas Suffers Untold Damage From Wind and Rain.

Austin, Texas, May 26.—A terrific wind and rain storm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetables, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years.

In numerous places houses were unroofed and small villages and hamlets in many instances were inundated by the terrific rainfall which, in the space of four hours, reached seven inches in many sections. Austin was in the path of the worst of the storm, and for hours the streets were impassable for either man or beast, electric light and telephone connections were disabled beyond immediate repair and many houses were unroofed.

The agricultural sections of Central and Southern Texas have been immeasurably damaged, according to reports received here, badly demoralized wire service occasioning slow and unsatisfactory reports from many sections that are known to have suffered from the storm.

OKLAHOMA TIED COMPLETELY.

Muskogee is in Sorry Plight Without Heat or Light.

Muskogee, Okla., May 26.—Not a railroad in Oklahoma is in operation, as a result of the heavy rains and cloudbursts that have occurred in various parts of the state during the past three days. The last road to suspend operations was the Missouri-Kansas & Texas, which was forced to quit at noon Sunday, when the bridge on the main line at Enola went down.

To add to the disaster, the main applying natural gas to the Indian Territory part of the state was carried away with the Clarksville bridge late Sunday, and the supply of gas for Muskogee and several other cities in the southeast part of the state has been entirely cut off. Officials of the gas company say it will be a week before repairs can be made so that the gas supply can again be carried.

As natural gas is used for light and heat, business will be suspended. Elevators have been forced to stop running, and hotels and restaurants have practically been put out of business.

Scale is Agreed Upon.

Kansas City, May 26.—After more than six weeks of negotiations, the last details which have been standing in the way of signing the final agreement between the miners and operators of Kansas City, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas coal fields were settled Sunday to the satisfaction of both sides.

Monday morning a joint meeting of the operators and miners was to be held, when the signatures of the proper officials were to be affixed to the scale and the agreement and the action ratified.

Vehicle Falls Down Mountain.

San Jose, Cal., May 26.—Twenty-one students, half the graduating class of the Santa Clara High School, were carried 200 feet down a mountain side when a carry-all toppled from the Mount Hamilton road at midnight Saturday night. The vehicle broke up when it started in its descent and most of the young people slid in safety down the mountain side in the cover of the vehicle. News of the accident reached this city early Sunday and a physician and nurses were dispatched to the scene in an automobile.

West Guthrie Under Water.

Guthrie, Okla., May 26.—All West Guthrie is inundated with from seven to ten feet of water rushing through the streets. Train service on all roads is suspended. The water is at a standstill because of miles of rails being under water and dozens of bridges impassable. No attempt is being made to operate trains east and west from Guthrie, while the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe south of Guthrie is impassable at Seward, between here and Oklahoma City.

Sentence Four to Death.

St. Petersburg, Fla., May 26.—The court-martial of eleven revolutionists, including four women, which began a few days ago, has resulted in the sentencing of four of the accused to death and six to periods of penal servitude. One was acquitted.

## GANG USE DYNAMITE

Ruef's Confederates Wreck Oakland Houses of Gallagher.

WOULD INTIMIDATE STAR WITNESS.

Ex-President of Board of Supervisors Had Just Closed a \$25,000 Deal—Second Outrage.

Oakland, Cal., May 28.—Three large dwelling houses, built by James L. Gallagher, ex-president of the board of supervisors and the prosecution's star witness in the bribery-graft case, at Perkins and Belmont streets, this city, were wrecked by dynamite tonight shortly before midnight. The houses were not yet occupied.

A heavy charge of dynamite, placed in the kitchen of the largest of the three houses, threw the building off its foundations and almost completely wrecked it. The houses were shattered, while many windows in the neighborhood were broken by the shock.

John Rollins, a watchman employed by the contractor building the houses for Gallagher, was sitting in a small shack near the houses at the time, and was thrown to the ground. He said to Captain of Detectives Peterson that he was through the three buildings shortly before the explosion occurred.

It is said that Gallagher was negotiating a deal today for the sale of the houses for \$25,000. Several weeks ago Gallagher's home in Oakland was blown up and badly wrecked at night while he and his wife and several friends were in the house and narrowly escaped serious injury.

FORT WORTH FEARS WORST.

Trinity River Rises Again and Conditions Are Serious.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 28.—With the waters of the Trinity river still near the summit of the banks another great volume of water began pouring from the west fork of that stream toward this city late last night. Early today the river is rising at a rate of six inches an hour, and with such conditions as already prevail, the outcome when the crest of this second rush of waters reaches this city cannot be foretold.

That considerable additional property loss and suffering will result is considered certain.

A serious situation has developed here in regard to the city water supply. The mains are filled with black, muddy water, unfit for drinking even after being boiled. The city authorities declare it may be a week before they can restore the normal water supply. Meanwhile, those who can afford it are buying water from private artesian wells, and those who cannot are drinking the water that comes out of the mains.

Thirteen men, women and children were caught in the overflow in the Denton river. Their condition became so precarious that they were forced to hold the children upon their shoulders to keep them from drowning. They stood in water almost up to their necks for ten hours until rescued.

NORTH CAROLINA DRY.

Prohibition Sweeps State From End to End in Elections.

Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—North Carolina was carried for state-wide prohibition Tuesday by a majority estimated at 40,000 to 42,000 on reports received up to midnight.

The prohibition ticket carried 78 out of the 98 counties by overwhelming majorities. The prohibition ticket has carried 5,600. This calculation is partly based upon estimates and the prohibition ticket says that it is possible for the prohibition majority to reach 50,000. The election passed off very quietly, no disturbances of any importance being reported.

The total vote cast in the state was about 175,000.

Every large town in the state except Wilmington and Durham went prohibition.

Under the regulations of the prohibition bill submitted to the people there will be no manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state after January, 1909.

Ocean Water for Tropical Fish.

New York, May 28.—Tropical fish in the New York aquarium are soon to have the privilege of swimming in pure ocean water of the same brand as that in which they were accustomed to disport themselves when in their free and untrammelled state instead of in the more or less polluted water now run into their tanks from New York bay.

Many of the choicest fish were taken in tropical water and for their benefit a storage tank has been erected in Battery Park, which will be filled with sea water brought as ballast by steamships.

Refugees Swept Away.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 28.—A special from Collier, Okla., near the Texas line, says that 14 persons who had taken refuge on an island formed between the new and old channels of Red river, were drowned late today, when the flood waters covered the place where they had taken refuge. Although weighted down with a train of ballast, the "Katy" railroad bridge went out at 9 o'clock last night. The river is over three miles wide and is cutting a new channel around the town.

Royalty Can't Pay Bills.

Lisbon, May 28.—The royal household of Portugal is being besieged by creditors and the newspapers of Lisbon are filled with libel suits, brought by royalty. The courts already have awarded a butcher \$210 and costs, the amount of an unpaid meat bill against Dowager Queen Maria Pia and the Duke of Oporto. The situation arises out of the fact that the royal family has not received a single penny from the state since King Carlos and his son were assassinated four months ago.

More Plague Appears.

Willemsstad, Curacao, May 28.—The report that the Port of La Guayra would be reopened in the immediate future is considered here to be premature, as it is unofficially stated that another case of bubonic plague has occurred there since the issuance of President Castro's decree.

### FAVORS BIG FLEET.

Great Lesson Taught by Cruise, Says Admiral Evans.

Washington, May 25.—Admiral Evans, in an interview with W. S. Meriwether, told of the results of the cruise of the Pacific and its benefits and the future policy and prospects of the American navy.

"What, in your opinion," he was asked, "is the most vital question affecting the navy today?"

"The shortage of officers and men, particularly officers," Admiral Evans replied. "We have not a battleship in commission today with a sufficient number of officers properly to look out for her battery. Those who are excellent, but they are so overworked that they are giving way under the strain. Men can be trained for duties on shipboard, as has just been shown in the cruise of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific, but not so with officers."

"In case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities, we would find ourselves seriously handicapped from this cause."

The Admiral was then asked what was the chief lesson to be drawn from the cruise of the battleship fleet.

"There are two," he replied. "First, the absolute necessity for two fleets, one on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific; second, that we took the fleet to sea with one-third of the men untrained and arrived at the Pacific entrance to the Straits of Magellan and Magdalena Bay absolutely in condition to go into an engagement."

"What should be our future naval strength, and how distributed?"

"Forty-eight battleships with the necessary trimmings of torpedo boats, marines and auxiliaries. They should be distributed—24 on the Pacific and 24 on the Atlantic."

FIRE ON OLD VESSEL.

Sensational Naval Experiment Will be Tried by Navy.

Washington, May 25.—The most sensational naval experiment ever attempted by this country will take place today in Chesapeake Bay, when the monitor Florida will be submitted to bombardment by big guns and torpedoes to demonstrate the effect of modern projectiles upon the internal fittings and the structure of the fighting craft of the American navy.

The Florida is so constructed and fitted internally in such a way as to have practically no strength of resistance as the latest type of American battleship.

At first it was proposed to put live sheep in the turret of the monitor, but this plan has been abandoned because it is believed the death of the animals would prove little as to the probability of loss of human life under similar circumstances. The plan to test the ability of the modern ship of war to withstand the heavy firing of the latest type of guns has come out of the tentacles of official circles and is looked upon as a matter of great importance by foreign officials at the embassies here.

PACIFIC MAIL IS PASSIVE.

Would Not be Benefited by Proposed Subsidy Clause.

San Francisco, May 25.—The progress of the postoffice appropriation bill, now in its last stages before Congress, is being watched with much interest in this city, especially with regard to the ocean mail subsidy amendment, agreed to by the conferees, but rejected by the House, which has asked for another conference on the measure. The proposed increased compensation to steamship lines directly affects the companies running vessels from this port to China, Japan, Australia and the Philippines.

When asked what would be the result should the subsidy amendment be retained in the bill, F. S. Samuels, manager of the Oceanic Steamship Company, said:

"Whether we will resume running vessels to Australia and carry the mails cannot be determined for a time. Australia and New Zealand have made other contracts for carrying the mails since we discontinued, and we do not know at present whether we could get that business again."

Adolph J. Frey, assistant to the vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Company, the Japanese and Chinese lines, said there was little prospect of the Pacific Mail availing itself of any increased allowance, chiefly because of the difficulty of securing crews composed largely of Americans, as the law would require, at a rate of wages permitting of any profit.

Germans Angry at Frenchmen.

Berlin, May 25.—Denouncing Paris clubs as mere gambling resorts and clubmen as card sharps and black-legs, the German court and press are declaring today that it is easy enough to see why Teuton members are unwelcome—they have something better to do with their time than to spend it at a gaming table. But the comment by members of the Cercle de L'Union that Germans are regardless of French club custom, the black-bolling of Ambassadorial Attache Hortsmann might have been permitted to pass as a personal matter.

Full of Scotch Whiskey.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 25.—Scotch whiskey administered in good sized doses to Harry Thaw just before he took the stand in the recent habeas corpus proceedings brought to effect his release from Matteawan asylum is now held responsible for his poor showing as a witness in his own behalf. Amos T. Baker, acting superintendent, is authority for the statement that large quantities of the whiskey were smuggled into the asylum and given to Thaw.

Sparks' Secretary Dead.

Carson, Nev., May 25.—W. R. Davis, private secretary to the late Governor Sparks, died at his home in this city Saturday of stomach trouble. Davis was better known as "Riley" Davis. Sparks since he first took office. He was a resident of Dayton, Nev. Here he held a number of important positions. Through the death of the late Governor and his secretary, business in the state and federal buildings is at a standstill.

Franz Josef in Serious Condition.

Vienna, May 25.—Emperor Franz Josef has caught a fresh cold and general audiences have been suspended. The court physicians say they do not consider his majesty's condition alarming, but there is much uneasiness concerning him, owing to his age and continued ill health.