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COTTAGE GROVE ... OREGON.

WEEK'S DOINGS

the Past Week in Brief and

More serious rioting has occurred at French monasteries.

A great ovation was accorded King Edward on his arrival in Rome

It is reported that Miss Ruth Hanna will be married at Thomasville, Ga., on

Russia denies that she wants to close Manchurian ports and offers concessions to the United States.

Fire destroyed a large part of the woode at W. K. Vanderbilt's country home, "Idle Home," on Long Island.

General Chaffee says the officers ac cused by General Miles have already been tried and their cases disposed of.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and his son of the same name are in constant dread of assassins and are guarded by de-

bicycle company to accept the offer of company. A posse of citizens who were on the

lookout had a running pistol fight with six would-be bank robbers at Frankfort, Ind. The intruders escaped.

Governor Davis, of Arkansas, has signed an act of the legislature making it unlawful for nonresidents to hunt or fish at any season of the year in

Four burglars blew open the safe of Munn & Sons' private bank at Portage, O., and secured \$3,000 in silver and paper money. They made their escape

The New England manufacturers and erectors of structural steel work have withdrawn from the national association recently formed by 56 concerns in various parts of the country.

John D. Rockefelleer has signed the contracts by which the Rockefeller institute of medical research becomes owner of three blocks in New York on which a laboratory is to be built.

Three men blew up the safe in the postoffice at Ferguson, Mo., securing \$120 cash and \$18 in stamps. The oise aroused the citizens, who gave battle to the robbers. No one was hurt.

John Wanamaker's son Rodney has taken out a policy for an additional \$1,000,000 on his life. He carries \$2,-000,000 insurance now, \$500,000 more than his father, but not as much as King Edward of England.

Great Northern trainmen will vote

Turkey is sending a vast army into

Robbers held up a Burlington pas-senger train, robbing the passengers.

The charge against Funston has been found to be unworthy of further in-

The Illinois legislaiture has turned down Speaker Miller and elected anoth-

Religious riots in France have again broken out. Numerous arrests are being made.

President Roosevelt has left Yellow-

tone park for St. Louis to, attend the dedication ceremonies of the exposition. Tom Johnson has declined to b

a candidate for the presidential nomination. He prefers to see Cleveland run. A brilliant meteor was seen to pass

everhead by citizens of Portland Friday It burst while still in view with a loud detenation.

The Russian demand on Chiona is denounced as a breach of faith. The United States, Britain and Japan will protest. China has rejected the de-

Agriculture in East Prussia, as well as the sugar industry and trade, will suffer from the prospective German-Canadian tariff war.

Max Zeitler is about to recut the great seal of the United States, and will be closely shadowed by secret service men while at work in Philadel-

Mrs. Castro, wife of the president of Venezuela, will visit the United States on her return from Paris, probably reaching here during the coming sum

W. A. Shoemaker, representing New York capital, proposes to give Pitts-burg, Pa., filtered water, and pay the city \$500,000 a year for the privilege of operating the water system.

The duke of Loubat has agreed to bear the entire cost of the work of ex-cavating in the island of Delos, the Greek Pompeii. It will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

The revolution in Nicaragua is

The commission from the Lick "ob-

the Gunsight country on the Mexican will soon be restored. The hospitals border of Arizona. Rangers and citi- of the city are filled with the wounded. cens will reinforce the marshal, who is The losses sustained by the government believed to be in close quarters.

NEED A STIR-UP.

Postoffice Officials are Lax in Methods

Washington, April 29 .- It is the concensus of opinion among fair men who have watched the postoffice department of late years, and who are familiar with its officials, that there is much more smoke than fire in that department just now, and that the investigation that has been under way for several weeks will make far less sensational disclosures than have been predicted. Not but what the business metnods of the department will be shown to be lax in many respects, and that remedies will be recommended, for this no one doubts, but it is reasonably certain that very few officials will lose their positions as a result of the charges that have been filed and are being run down. Tyner is, of course, already out, and Assistant Attorney General of the Department Christiancy is suspended at his own request pending investigations.

The postoffice is the biggest and most extensive of all the government departments. It employs more men. and is more generally distributed over the country than any other branch of the governmeont, hence, the chances for fraud, for wrongdoing, and for evils arising from lax methods are greater than in any other department. At the Judge Kilpatrick, of the United same time, with so many employes on States supreme court, in New York, has ordered the receivers of the American varying grades of authority and responsibility, it will be an extremely \$3,000,000 made by the reorganization difficult matter to fasten onto any one man the responsibility for shortcomings that may be found.

The service will benefit from the investigiation, no doubt, for its moral influence is good, and serves as a warning to all employes that the postmaster general is after wrongdoers, and is ready to prosecute all he can find.

WORK GANG RUN DOWN.

Ten Greeks and One American Killed in Kansas Smash-Up.

Buffalo, Kan., April 29. - A north bound Missouri Pacific stock train crashed into the rear end of a work train just north of this town at 7 o'clock last evening and 11 men were killed and 25 injured, 10 of the latter seriously and four fatally. All were men to a crew. These men are paid 7 Greeks except one. The cause of the and 8 cents a head for shearing stock wreck is given as misreading of orders.

The worktrain consisted of flatcars and a caboose, all filled with laborers. The men on the flatcars escaped by jumping, but hardly a man in the caboose escaped. The work train was backing into town for the night and running at a good speed. The heavy freight engine did not leave the track, but plowed the work train off the track, leaving little of it except the car wheels and kindling wood. Doctors of Buffalo, assisted by townspeople, did heroic work among the injured until the wrecking train from Neodesha and a corps of half a dozen physicians arrived. The dead and injured were taken to Coffeyville, the latter to be temporarily cared for at the hospital there. The scene of the wreck for several hours looked like a battlefield by the dazzling light of the burning debris, with dead men strewn about on the ground, where they lay after being taken from the wretk.

for the wreck was placed on the conductor and engineer of the construction train. The freight, which was a regular train, was on time and had the right of way.

OBJECTS TO TWO THINGS.

Affecting Our Interests.

Pekin, April 29 .- Minister Conger grand secretary, protesting against two board of trustees by Architect C. C. recently been reduced by the transfer dropped from view, and the struggle since, in my opinion, allest features of Russia's proposed Manchur. Lewis, of Portland, the first of next of one guard to the shops. ian agreement, which are considered particularly antagonistic to American interests. The note objects to China promising not to open more towns to foreign trade, because negotiations are proceeding in connection with the American commercial treaty for the opening of Mukden and Taku Shan, and it objects to promising that the foreign employes in China shall be only Russians.

The United States withholds expression regarding the other demands, but is prepared to insist on her treaty rights if infractions incur.

threatening the Island of Luzon. The bad outbreak in the Cameroons apparently is spreading northward. The construction Cayagan valley is infected and it is last fall. feared the recrudescence will extend all over the islands. ' Past epidemics have generally lasted three years. There have been 101 cases of bubonic plague, mostly among the patives and Chinese, in Manila since January, and the plague is apparently gaining ground.

Vasquez is Downed:

Santo Domingo, April 29.— As a re-sult of the fighting between govern-ment forces and revolutionists here yesterday the government has abandoned The commission from the Lick observatory which is to establish observa-tions in Chile has arrived at Santiago. San Carlos and Guida, and these suburbs are now occupied by the reb-elg, who became possessed of the am-Judge Booth gave no reason for his de-Two Indians were killed in a fight munition, rifles and cannon left by the between outlaws and a pose on the government forces. The fighting of lookout for smugglers, headed by Deputy United States Marshal Utling, in unition here, and it is hoped that peace

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

MARION COUNTY CROPS.

look is Very Favorable.

Crops in Marion county are in good condition as a general thing, and there is nothing yet to discourage the farmer. It would be better for everything, however, should there be a heavy, warm locators with scrip are waiting for the rain, which would have a two-fold beneficial effect - it would supply the ne- the timber. cessary moisture now demanded in many places, and it would bring the snow out of the Cascades, thus insuring warm spring weather, which it is to wield considerable influence in the proverbial cannot be had until Table affairs of Lake county in the future. Rock and the lower ridges of the mountains are bare of their white coats.

Fruit is coming on in good shape, the crop, but it is too early to feel safe yet. The weather most dangerous to fruit in as there is a good road at all seasons this country is that which brings the cold, beating, sleety rains late in April, when the pollen is in the blossom, to grass has yet started and sheepmen are be washed cut by those rains, leaving anxious, as the lambing season is at the blossom lifeless for fruitmaking hand, and there is no grass, and nights three months.

There is always a good crop are very cold. Heavy losses have been are very cold. of fruit when that class of rains comes before the blossoming is far advanced or when the warm spring arrives without much rain at all.

The hop crop is at that point where there is merely speculation as to the re-As usual, much is heard of missing hills, damaged vines, and a heavy shortage in prospect for this year, but past experience has shown that in many years when similar predictions were made, the yield turned out reasonably

Sheep Shearing in Umatilla.

Twenty sheep shearers have arrived in Umatilla county from different parts of the country, and will commece work at once. This number will be considdays, as three crews are employed in the section around Pilot Rock during the history of Baker county, since it the shearing season, which lasts about Usually there are about 12 60 days. sheep and 15 and 25 cents for pure-bred ewes and bucks. Some of the men average \$10 per day. Sheep will not be sent to the mountains as early this year as last, as there is no scarcity of

Big Timber Land Deal.

One of the biggest timber deals transacted in Southern Oregon for some time was the recent transfer of some 42,000 acres of timber land on the Upper Rogne W. H. Strobridge. He has taken the tract on the Upper Rogue under bond, the price named being \$25 an acre, for 24,000 acres of the tract, and \$20 per acre for the remainder. total price is \$960,000. This belt of timber is one of the finest in the southern part of the state.

School Bond Issue Defeated.

By a vote of 185 to 82 the taxpayers the Pendleton school district defeated the proposition of issuing \$25,000 The foreigners were nearly, all mar-bonds to erect a new eight-room school ried and had large families in the old house. The question at issue was not sc much the money, but the location of At the office of General Superintend-ent Gould, in Kansas City, the blame board had selected.

Run of Small Fish Good.

The run of fish still continues good at Astoria for this season of the year. and further up the river a number of large fish are being caught.

Building at Reform School.

new industrial school building which is on wall, but it will be more thoroughly now point to a fight to a finish between other papers were taken the to be erected at the state reform school tion of weapons by that means. The and the striking messengers. The has sent a note to Prince Ching, the The plans will be submitted to the number of day guards on the wall has striking messengers have, in a measure, week, and the board will immediately advertise for bids.

Snow Deep in Cascades.

R. N. Hoover, the well-known shingle manufacturer of Detroit, says that snow in the Cascade mountains is deeper now than it has been before at this season in the past eight years. Should the weather turn warm suddenly so as to melf the snow rapidly, he believes the Willamette river will be high this

Denied a Franchise.

The Baker City council has refused to grant a franchise to the Oregon Ida-Central railroad company for a Manila, April 29.—Cholerags again right of way and terminal facilities to enter that city." This is the proposed Seven Devils road, a company for the construction of which was organized

At the Penitentiary.

Superintendent C. W. James, of the Oregon State Penitentiary, has filed his \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6@6.50. first report with the Secretary of State, for the quarter ending March 31, 1903. The earnings and receipts of the prison the quarter aggregates a total of \$4,435.11, and the expenses \$7,063.32.

Crook County Judge Resigns. County Judge W. A. Booth, of Crook county, has tendered his resignation to Governor Chamberlain. The resignation is to take effect May 1.

sire to relinquish the office.

No Hop Pests in Polk, Examination has been made of numrous yards in Polk county and they all show a healthy growth, with no pests on the vines. The cold weather has not put yards back in that county. dressed, 8 8 8 %c.

FLOCK TO LAKE COUNTY.

Warm Rain Needed, Otherwise the Out- Large Number of Men Walting for Snow to Melt in Order to Locate.

> Timber men continue to arrive at Lakeview by every stage and from every direction, and the Lakeview land office is working to its full capacity. Several snow to disappear, so they can get into

Silver Lake promises to be the timber cruiser's headquarters this year, and with its two newspapers is expected

The extension of the railroad from Shaniko,to Deschutes promises to divert all the trade north of Goose Lake Valfrom San Francisco to Portland, load of blossoms indicating a plentiful and give passengers a shorter and better route via stage to the railroad, of the year from Lakeview to the Deschutes, and no mountains to cross.

The season is very backward. No grass has yet started and sheepmen are sustained in the last two weeks, and if the weather does not get warmer in a few days, the losses will be heavier than ever before.

A few sheepmen have commenced shearing wethers, but many fear to attempt it yet, although it is far past the usual time to begin.

Hanging of Armstrong. An examination of the law governing the execution of death sentences, which was passed by the last legislature, reveals the fact that Armstrong, the murderer of Minnie Ensminger, at Baker City, will have to be executed in that judgment of the lower court, when the case comes up on appeal in May. it will be the first legal execution in was organized, over 40 years ago. In the early days there was a lynching at spearmen on all sides. Auburn, then the county seat, on which occasion a Chinaman was hung for murder.

Giff to University.

The university of Oregon is again the recipient of the generosity of one of its ardent supporters. Thomas Howell, of Oregon City, has donated his entire herbarium collection, consisting of over 10,000 species. Dr. Harry Lane, of Portland, recently donated his collection of Oregon toadstools to the local university. Also through the depart-ment of agriculture the university has just received a collection of the fungi of commercial importance.

Fruit Safe at St. Helens.

Orchardists at St. Helens claim that the prospect for a good fruit crop is excellent. The cold weather preand the conditions are favorable for a good yield.

Thirty-one Seining Grounds. As near as can be learned, there will be 31 seining grounds operated on the Columbia River during the coming season, a much larger number than ever before, but as yet none of them has been started.

Some Prison Improvements.

penitentiary, is making a number of improvements intended to better the sections. condition of the prison and make it more secure. Probably no changes will be made in the construction of the pris-

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@71c; bine stem, 75@78c; valley, 75@76c. Barley-Feed, \$21.50 per ton; brew

ing, \$23. Flour-Best grade, \$3.95@4.25; grah

am, \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs - Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$ 24; shorts, \$19.50@20, chop, \$18.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray. \$1.12%@1.15 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$13@13.50; clover, \$10@11; chest, \$11@12 per ton.

Potatoes- Best Burbanks, 50c per sack; ordinary, 25@40c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@ 3.50 per cental,

Poultry- Chickens, mixed, 11@12c; joung, 13@14e; bens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, Cheese-Full cream, twins, 16 1/2@

17c; Young America, 17 @ 17 %c; factory prices, 1@1%c less. Butter - Fancy creamery, 22c pound; extras, 21c; dairy, 20@22%c; store, 16@18c.

Eggs-16@17c per dozen.

Hops-Choice, 18@20c per pound. Wool-Valley, 12%@15c; Easte Oregon, 8@14%c; mohair, 35@36c.

Mutton - Gross, 7@7 1/2 per pound; dressed, 8@9c. Lambs -

dressed,8@8%c.

FRAUD IN LAND ENTRIES.

Reports on Suspension Show Them General in Coast States.

Washington, April 28 .- The secretary of the interior is beginning to receive reports on the suspension of timber and stone land entries in Catlifornia, Oregon and Washington, and so far as they go they confirm the order of suspension which was made last fall. There is a thorough conviction on the part of the officials of the interior department that many, if not most, of the entries under the timber act which were made in the Pacific Coast states during the year 1902 were made in the interest of syndicates, and the protests received since the issuance of the order strengthen this conviction. Since then not a single entry under the law in the states covered by the order has been allowed to go to patent without a thor-

ough investigation. There are many special agents in that field, and the new law permitting the compulsory attendance of witnesses in connection with land entry investigations is expected to prove of great assistance to them in establishing the validity or lack of validity of such en-In one state alone last year there was

an increase in the entries amounting to about 140,000 acres in the course of by General Miles

THEIR REVENUE IS AWFUL.

British Rout Mad Mullah and Slay 2,000

Aden, Arabia, April 28.—Brigadier General Manning, after an engagement with the Mad Mullah's forces, has relieved Colonel Cobbe, near Gamburru, Somaliland, 45 miles west of Galadi. About 2,000 of the Mullah's men were killed. The British loss is not known.

The few details obtainable of the disaster to Colonel Plunkett's detachment city, if the supreme court confirms the April 17 show the Mullah's forces consisted of 2,000 horsemen and 10,000 spearmen. They surrounded Colonel erably increased within a week or ten the sentence of the court is carried out Plunkett's force in the open, and the Somalis, after a heavy rifle fire, charged repeatedly with their borsemen and detachment held out until its ammunition was exhausted and then charged with the bayonet, but it was ultimately overwhelmed by weight of numbers.

The British force fought until all of its officers and 170 men were killed. Most of the handful of men who reached the camp were wounded. Somali's losses are reported to have been enormous. The Mullah's forces are reported to aggregate from 3,000 to 4,000 mounted men, and about 80,000 spearmen.

JAPANESE SPIES ARE MANY.

Fully Prepared to Blow Up Railroad which Russia is Fortifying.

Victoria, April 27 .- Travelers who have arrived here recently from North China, including well-posted army officers, have told of how spies of Japan were at work in Manchuria, and of Japanese engineers disguised as laborers or commercial men, who had caches of explosives stored at various places along the Russian railway, ready to blow up the line if war is declared between Japan and Russia as a result of the contretemps over Manchuria.

Russia is also reported to have been making warlike preparations, for Japanese papers received by the Empress of China tell of how, far from evacuat-Superintendent James, of the state ing Manchuria, the Russians have been fortifying their garrisons in differrent

Will Fight to a Finish.

Butte, Mont., April 28.—Indications The and the striking messengers. The now is over the recognition of the union, which organization the Western Union officials announce will not be matter be referred to the Unite recognized or treated with under any consideration. It is stated that the Western Union is willing to grant the jury, as decided in our red scale of wages asked by the boys, or to employ them on a commission basis.

Alaska's Wireless System.

New York, April 28.—Engineer Richard Plund and Assistant Engineer Herbert C. Welby, of the Marconi wireless telegraph company, left New York today for Alaska, to complete the installation there of a series of wireless telegraph stations for the United States signal service. The apparatus originally sent to Alaska in charge of Stanley Cook, of the company at Fort Gisbon, will be returned and the new apparatus substituted.

Half Million from Britain.

London, April 28 .- The first meeting of the royal commissioners for the St. Louis exposition will take place at Mariborough house today under the fire which destroyed the total presidency of the prince of Wales. Little, however, is expected to be done Chile. Eighteen blocks of until Secretary Watson returns from burned, including the banks, America, whither he expects to start next week, to arrange details for a site and complete other details. Parlia- houses. ment, it is expected, will appropriate at least \$500,000.

ment states that Governor Grant, of fatally, Leyte province, has been summoned to early today. The men Manila to answer complaints that have at the cupola preparatory been made against him, and that have at the cupola preparation went to the Philippines as a captain in the Twentynisth principle. in the Twenty-ninth volunteer infantry. jectile being shot into the co

MILES' REPO

General Tells War Departs Doings in Philipping

REPEATS FORMER TALES OF O

And Also Makes Clany New Disc Report Has Been Withheld's Time as Being Confident

Washington, April 29.-The partment has made public the of the report of General Ma refers to misconduct of ode soldiers in the Philippines. Roct has received several report, some of them ha sons in Boston, who stated the tains much matter that never brought out in the invest. The secretary has held that ports were confidential in one officer making them might be make such comments as but as it was learned that Miles had no objection to the cation of the report, it has been public with a brief commen eral Davis, judge advocate ger has charge of all matters perathe subjects referred to in this by General Miles are the real tour of inspection in the Par last autumn and winter.

General Miles' report on his pine observations is dated Feta 1903, and is addressed to the of war. In brief, it states: That the people complained administration of the water of that one man was burned

that they were concentrated and suffered great indignities. That 600 people were come one small building and some were suffocated.

He tells again the story of the of the guides in Cebu, of which Glenn has been acquitted by one He says three men in Same subjected to the water cure.

He states that Major Glen party known as "Genn's bright moved from place to place to statements by torture. He bas annulled all military which seem to encourage creek He condemns the sale of ra military authorities to the sain In reply to General Mile's

Adjutant General Davis and cases of alleged cruelty have be jects of investigation and that sales were a military necessary.

SUCCESSOR TO TYNER

Charles H. Robb, of Vermon, Vacant Office.

Washington, April 29.-Chr Robb, assistant attorney for partment of justice, has been assistant attorney general for office to fill the place vacated

N. Tyner, who was dismiss Robb has assumed the new p Mr. Robb, who is from Ven on leave of absence from the ment of justice, to which he sile as soon as the investigation of office is closed, and the posts eral has time to choose a pe

sistant attorney general. Postmaster General Payne is ed Mr. Christiancy an in of absence.

The charges recently formula the Central labor union, of the against the mail equipment have been filed. Mr. Payne today forwarded !

ney General Knox additional tion regarding the abstraction from the assistant attorney office by Mrs. Tyner last we his letter of transmission hes "I am unable to concit

submitted and returned. In of the government were the presented tend to show a will lation of law, I recomm attorney for this district, with tions to submit the case to

Counterfeiters Caught at h Berlin, April 29 .- S ers have been errested in Posen. The men counterfel coins, the coupons of govern and foreign coine, including the United States. have had American connect rect inquiry at the court at information and details their American connection reply that the court could n the query for several days, P amination of the prisonners.

Two-Thirds of Town H New York, April 29.-Tee persons are destitute and a the foothills near Pisagua, it schools, prisons, cable and barracks and More than two-third port is in ruins.

Five Burned with Molten Oregon, S@14%c; monair, 30@30c.

Beef — Gross, cows, 31/24c per pound; steers, 41/25c; dressed, 7%c. Washington, April 28. — Unofficial piosion of moiton metal his property burned, two of them horribly burned, two of them Lancaster, Pa., April 29.