

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form

The Taft commission has arrived at Ho Ho. Both reopened peace negotiations with the British.

Aguinado will not be released until he secures Tino's surrender. The war department is advised of the coming of a Cuban committee.

The United States will have cutters in Behring sea for protection of seals. The transport Rawlins caught fire at Brooklyn, was filled with water and sank.

Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, says the reports are not true that natives of that island are starving. Attorney General Blackburn holds that the Oregon law requires fishermen to secure two licenses.

An explosion in the Santa Cruz, Cal., powder works caused the death of one man and the serious injury of another. The cause of the accident is unknown.

A new process for making armor plate has been discovered whereby manufacturers may be able to furnish first-class material to the government for \$150 per ton.

Three gold ingots, worth \$27,750, were stolen from the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse during her passage from New York to Cherbourg.

No clue to the perpetrators. One of a band of roving gypsies, near Monaca, Ill., sold two girls of whom he was guardian, to another man of the same band for \$800.

The girls objected to the sale, and a riot was almost caused. Admiral Sampson receives \$3330 prize money.

J. P. Morgan organizes a department store trust. The American claim for Chinese indemnity amounts to \$25,000,000.

Lord Kitchener reports the capture of Petersburg, the Boer capital. The Russian fleet returned to the French coast and saluted Loubet.

Four large Alaska transportation companies have been merged into two. The Negroes proposed to start a rebellion, but could not secure a following.

Fear of punishment of Chinese officials caused the rebellion in northern provinces. The anniversary of the surrender of Appomattox was celebrated by the Hamilton Club of Chicago.

Aguinado has signed the peace manifesto, advising his followers to accept American sovereignty. G. W. Colvig, of Grants Pass, Or., has been appointed United States consul at Barranquilla, Colombia.

Washington democratic official's action in discharging G. A. R. men is said to be violation of state law. P. C. Knox, of Philadelphia, was sworn in as United States attorney general to succeed Attorney General Griggs.

One insurgent colonel, 13 officers, 83 men and 92 rifles surrendered to Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Goodsell in Zamboanga province. A magnificent equestrian statue of General John A. Logan was unveiled in Washington in the presence of an immense assemblage.

The war department will cease to operate transports to Cuban ports, and has advertised for bids from private concerns for performing the service. It is officially stated that since the rebellion in the Philippines began 50,000 natives have been killed, 7667 rifles captured or surrendered and 63,142 rounds of ammunition seized.

The Dean of Canterbury is seriously ill. Sandico, the Filipino general, surrendered. Aguinado will be removed to another prison.

Chinese troops in Mongolia and Shin Si have rebelled. The Chinese court is preparing for a removal from Peking. The indemnity negotiations are likely to be long drawn out.

A naval school will be established at Newport for petty officers. A plot to assassinate the president of France has been discovered. Cecil Rhodes has entirely recovered and is now in good health.

A Mississippi woman shot and killed her husband during a family quarrel. Over 1500 arrests have been made at Odessa during the past few days. It is rumored in Brussels that General Botha will renew peace negotiations.

Seth Jaynes, a Klondike miner, made the trip from Dawson to Seattle in 19 days. The "Edinburgh Castle" public house, situated in the Strand, London, is to be hauled down, and the London county council has to pay £22,500 as compensation.

Probably the smallest monarch in the world reigns over the Hindu vassal state of Bhopal, and governs a people of more than a million souls. This dwarf is a woman, Dhilli-Begum, by name, but although she is about 50 years old, she does not appear larger than a child of 10.

Many varieties of colored marbles are found on the mountains surrounding Carrara, in Italy. Two varieties of blue, dove-colored marble, known as "Bardiglio" and "Pavonazzo," are well known in the United States, the latter especially being largely used, and commanding a high price.

Street trees, properly planted and cared for, work a remarkable change in the value of residential property. Any one with doubts on this subject should look into the history of Washington, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Buffalo and other cities where a comprehensive system of street planting has been carried into effect.

COMBINE FORMED.

Four Alaska Transportation Companies Now in Two.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The details of the combination of a number of Alaska commercial and transportation companies, which has been pending for several weeks, have been completed. The Alaskan Commercial Company, the Alaska Exploration Company, the Seattle-Yukon Transportation Company and the Empire Transportation Company have been merged into two corporations—the Northern Navigation Company, with a capital of \$3,250,000, and the Northern Commercial Company, with a capital of \$7,000,000.

The following official announcement has been made: "The principal transportation and trading companies doing business on the Yukon have been in conference, the original purpose being to arrive at some understanding whereby reasonable transportation rates might be maintained and a remedy found for the evils resulting from conflicts caused by divided interests. As this discussion progressed, the scheme enlarged upon itself so that it was finally found that the best results could be obtained only by a unity of their interests. The Yukon, St. Edisto, Behring sea and Port Clarence districts. As a result of this decision, two new companies have been incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey, and the assets and business of the following companies have been transferred to the new corporations: Alaska Commercial Company, Alaska Exploration Company, Seattle-Yukon Transportation Company, Empire Transportation Company.

"The Northern Navigation Company will take over all the assets of the above companies which are connected with the transportation in that country, and will be handled as a separate corporation doing a purely transportation business. It is capitalized at \$3,250,000.

"The Northern Commercial Company, capitalized at \$7,000,000, will take over all the plants and stocks of merchandise now under the control of the above-mentioned companies in the territory described.

"The new companies expect to reduce the price of supplies; to avoid in future any possible shortage of necessities in the North, and to make its legitimate profit in the reduction of expenses, which the conditions of late years have made abnormally large.

"The principal offices of the new companies will be at San Francisco, Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver. "The officers of the companies have not been selected as yet, but will be chosen at the first meeting of the board of directors."

PROTECTION OF SEALS. United States Will Have Cutters in Behring Sea.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Behring sea seal grounds will be patrolled by revenue cutters this summer, as in past seasons, in cooperation with British warships, which have taken a hand in this special duty for the past two seasons. The treasury department, which has direct supervision in such cases, flatters itself that in the course of the last five years there has been less illegal seal fishing in Alaskan waters than before, especially during that period when the question of jurisdiction was in dispute between the United States and Canada.

Since an agreement has been reached, the two governments have entered into a hearty cooperation, which established a sufficient patrol to stamp out the unlawful practice. This season the United States will have five revenue cutters in Behring sea, which will be aided by several of the smaller British gunboats. The cutters to be assigned to this duty are the Bear, Thetis, Manning, Grant and Rush. It is to be understood, of course, that their entire time will be devoted to the protection of seals, but while on other duty in Alaskan waters, they will look out for seal protection. The Bear will go to the Point Barrow region, where seals will remain throughout the open season, and the Rush will be stationed at Sitka, for duty particularly in the Southern Alaskan waters. The several cutters are expected to start for Alaska between the 1st and 20th of May, next.

NEW PROCESS DISCOVERED. Armor Plate May Now be Furnished Cheap.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A special to the Herald says: Armor plate for naval vessels may be sold to the government for only \$150 a ton, and 150 manufacturers may make a fair profit at that price. An experimental plate, manufactured by an entirely new process, has recently been shipped from Pittsburgh to the naval ordnance proving ground at Indian Head to be subjected to the regulation ballistic test. Upon the result of this test will depend further experiments which may result in the adoption by the government of this new armor instead of that which the navy department is now paying at the rate of \$453 a ton.

If the new armor is a success and can be sold for \$150 a ton it will mean saving to the government of \$305 on each ton of armor. On a battleship of the Alabama class, carrying 2,600 tons of armor, this would mean a clear saving to the government of \$793,000.

Prevented Hold-up. Omaha, Neb., April 12.—Deputy United States Marshal Hans, who is also special agent for the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, yesterday shot and killed David O. Lase, near Ainsworth, Neb., while the latter was resisting arrest. The railroad officials authorized the statement today that the mission of Detective Hans to Ainsworth was to prevent a well-planned train hold-up. The man killed is said to have been the terror of Brown county.

Raisins to be Cheap. Fresno, Cal., April 12.—The new directors of the Raisin Growers' Association have taken hold of the problem presented by having over 1000 car loads of last year's raisins on hand with a possible market for only a third of the amount before the new crop comes in. Under the circumstances the directors have resolved to cut the price temporarily to three cents a pound for selling purposes, allowing the retailer to sell one-pound cartons for 10 cents, with the distinct understanding that such sales are to be solely for the purpose of advertising California raisins.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Hudson—A \$10,000 sawmill is to be established near the mouth of Rock creek just north of Hudson.

Cable Cove—Work has been resumed at the Goldmine, in Cable Cove district. Two shifts are employed.

Grants Pass—Prospects are favorable for the resumption of active work on the Pacific pine needle factory at Grants Pass.

Paisley—The Lake County Telephone & Telegraph Company is the name of a new company just organized at Paisley.

Cooz City—The shaft at the Cooz City mine is now down over 300 feet, and it is expected that the water in the next 100 feet.

Cooz County—Work has stopped in one of the tunnels in the Beaver hill mine, Cooz county, pending installation of new machinery.

Baker City—The Bonanza mine, in Baker county, is making preparations to install considerable new machinery. Some of the buildings will be re-modeled.

Arlington—The Arlington Warehouse Company has made the purchase of about 7000 sacks of wheat stored on the Heppner branch at Arlington, and certain portions of it have been sent to the postmaster general for his information.

Grants Pass—The Grants Pass Water, Light & Power Company has received 700 feet of seventeen-inch steel pipe, for an extension to a point above the city, where the water is now taken out of the river.

Union—The Oregon Sugar Company will have 300 acres in sugar beets near Union this season. During the thinning and spacing time boys and girls will be employed to do most of the work. Six dollars an acre will be paid for this work. It is said good wages can be made.

Galls Creek—Operations have been resumed at Kuhl & Co.'s quartz mine, in Galls creek district.

Weston—This town will issue \$5000 worth of bonds to raise money to improve its water supply.

Eugene—Boy tramps are reported as being more numerous in Eugene than ever before known.

Grants Pass—Work has commenced on the Grants Pass-Williams telephone line, and will soon be in operation.

Baker City—During March, 98 coyote scalps were turned in at Baker City at the office of the county clerk.

Wendling—Smallpox is very prevalent at this place, and county authorities have been appealed to. So far it is only in a mild form.

Corvallis—Benton county has issued a call for all warrants outstanding up to August 10, 1900, and same will be paid upon presentation.

Brownsville—There are now two brass bands in Brownsville. A new one has just been organized, known as the Brownsville Independent band.

Glendale—There have been 41 cases of smallpox in and about this place, but no deaths as yet. Several cases are now in a very critical condition.

Athena—A man arrived at Athena on a new bicycle and was immediately arrested by request of Pendleton authorities. He had stolen the wheel from a store at that place.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat—Walla Walla, 56 1/2 @ 57c; Valley nominal; bluestem, 53c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2 70 @ 3 40 per barrel; Graham, \$2 60; Oats—white, \$1 25 per cental; gray, \$1 20 @ 1 22 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$1 50 @ 1 7; brewing, \$1 50 @ 1 7 per ton; Millstuffs—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21 50; shorts, \$17 50; chop, \$17 @ 50; Oregon wild hay, \$6 @ 7 per ton.

Hops—12 @ 14c per pound; 1899 crop, 6 @ 7c. Wool—Valley, 13 @ 14c; Eastern Oregon, 9 @ 12c; mohair, 20 @ 21c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20 @ 22 1/2c; dairy, 15 @ 18c; store, 10 @ 12 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 13 @ 13 1/2c per dozen. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3 50 @ 5 1/2c; hens, 15 @ 16c; ducks, \$4 @ 5 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10 @ 12c; dressed, 13 @ 14c per pound.

Chickens—Full cream, twins, 13 @ 13 1/2c; Young America, 13 1/2 @ 14c per pound.

Potatoes—50 @ 60c per sack. Mutton—Lamb, 10 @ 11c per pound; ewe, \$4 50 @ 5; wethers, \$5; ewes, \$4 @ 5 per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5 75 @ 6; light, \$4 75 @ 5; dressed, 7 @ 8c per pound; lean large, 7 @ 7 1/2c per pound; small, \$4 @ 5 per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$5 @ 5 1/2; cows and heifers, \$4 50 @ 4 75; dressed beef, 7 @ 8 1/2c per pound.

In 1800 Sweden had a population of 2,320,000. April 12.—Deputy United States Marshal Hans, who is also special agent for the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, yesterday shot and killed David O. Lase, near Ainsworth, Neb., while the latter was resisting arrest.

The house of commons when Queen Victoria came to the throne. It is Earl Fitzwilliam, who when Viscount Milton, was elected a few months before William IV died. At the Diamond jubilee there were several survivors of pre-Victorian parliaments.

London consumes eleven tons of salt daily. At a small village near Namur a discovery has been made of 966 pieces of Roman money in a perfect state of preservation, belonging to the third and fourth centuries, and bearing signs of no fewer than fifteen different emperors and empresses.

The government has created some large forest reserves in Northern Arizona, and promulgated regulations for their regulation, with a view to preserve their spoil and to preserve them from fire. The principal lumber mills of Arizona are situated at Flagstaff and Williams, in Coconino county.

FIELD GUN TESTS.

Will Be Made at Sandy Hook Next Month.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Preparations are making for quite an extensive and important test of field guns at Sandy Hook some time in May. At present the army is not well equipped with field guns, compared with other nations, and the war department wishes to obtain the very best guns possible for the equipment of this important branch of the service. The tests will be under the direction of the board of ordnance and fortifications. The board not only will test such guns as may be presented by manufacturers and inventors, but it is expected that the new gun modeled on the plan of the French field gun and constructed under the direction of the board of ordnance and fortifications will be obtained by an army officer who was sent abroad last summer, and who claimed to have secured complete details of this gun, which artillery experts have asserted is the best in the world. The mechanism of this gun has been concealed and its secret carefully guarded by the French government. The report that the United States army had obtained the plans of the French gun caused considerable comment at the time it was made public, and since then the procedure of the department with reference to the gun has been strictly confidential. The French government has not guarded more carefully the mechanism of its gun than the board of ordnance has the making of the new field gun which is to be tested in May.

POSTAL SERVICE IN PHILIPPINES.

Auditor Lawshee Found a Poor System of Bookkeeping.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—A letter from A. Lawshee, auditor of the Philippines, has been received at the war department, and certain portions of it have been sent to the postmaster general for his information.

The report shows that the methods of keeping accounts, which are not approved by Mr. Lawshee, and which have not been in accordance with the forms prescribed. Mr. Lawshee has sent to the Philippines, and is at the present time in the Philippines, and these are going over the accounts. It is said at the department that there is no intimation of any fraud, but a system of bookkeeping which lacks the business methods necessary to secure the best results.

"The accounts as filed here," said Postmaster General Smith, "are certainly not satisfactory. As to irregularities, there is absolutely no irregular foundation for such a story. Not long ago one of the most experienced inspectors reported from his inspection of the accounts in the Philippines, and he made a thorough inspection of every detail of the work there. His report paid a high tribute to the condition of affairs. There was no report from the hand of some surplus showing that I only wish the service in the United States could make."

THE STOLEN GOLD BARS.

Steamer Officials Say They Were Taken in New York.

BREMEN, April 13.—In support of their belief that the gold bars reported missing from the specie room of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse were stolen in New York and Cherbourg were stolen at New York, the officials of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company point out that the specie room of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was locked up at the time the gold bars were reported missing.

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McKINLEY ON WHEELS.

Tour to Be Made by President and His Cabinet.

Washington Correspondence. President McKinley's tour to the Pacific coast and then eastward to Buffalo, whence the return to Washington will be made, will be one of splendor. The train upon which he will travel will be most gorgeous and costly.

President McKinley will travel across the continent surrounded by his cabinet, with the exception of Secretary Gage, who remains in Washington. It is proposed to transact important business while en route. The cabinet officers will keep in close touch with the heads of bureaus of the respective departments. The president will transact all of the vast routine which the chief executive must look after while in Washington. A corps of expert telegraph operators, representing the two big telegraph companies, will accompany the train to handle official messages, and every telegraph station along the lines of the railroads which are to be traversed will be subject to their orders to the exclusion of all other business. Cabinet meetings are to be held on Tuesdays and Fridays, just as they are now held in Washington. The questions pertaining to domestic and foreign policy will be discussed by cipher dispatches from all over the world will be laid before the president, experts from the state department being in attendance to reduce them to English. The conclusions reached by the cabinet will be conveyed to the acting heads of the departments in this city, and will be disseminated to all those concerned.

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