

EVENTS OF THE DAY

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in a Condensed Form, Which is Most Likely to Interest Our Many Readers.

Lewis and Clark exposition stock has been increased to \$500,000.

The president will announce his decision in the Schley case in a few days.

Representative Tongue has introduced a new irrigation bill in the house.

A company has been incorporated in California to develop the island of Mindanao, P. I.

Troops have had to be called out in France to preserve order among striking leather workers.

Santos-Dumont's airship burst while he was making a trial, and the inventor had a narrow escape from drowning.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has passed the danger point in his sickness. The president has returned to Washington.

Russia expresses herself well pleased at the Anglo-Japanese alliance, but hopes the United States is not a party to it.

Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, has taken the oath of allegiance as a citizen of the United States.

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THEY FAVOR PANAMA.

Engineers Before the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Alfred Noble, civil engineer and a member of the isthmian canal commission, was before the senate committee on canals. Mr. Noble said it would be necessary to have absolute control of the cities of Panama and Colon in order to control sanitation. He thought the conditions were favorable for yellow fever during most of the year on the isthmus. There is no yellow fever in Nicaragua, as far as he knew.

Mr. Noble said he considered the price of \$40,000,000, asked by the Panama Company for its property, as fair and reasonable. The expense of operating the two lines proposed would be practically in proportion to the lengths

OLEO BILL PASSED.

Disposed of by House Without a Division—War Claims Passed.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The house today passed the oleomargarine bill. There was no division on the final passage, the real test of strength having been made on a motion to recommit, which was defeated by a vote of 34. The proviso to require the inspection and branding of renovated butter, which was adopted in committee of the whole, was retained on an aye and no vote.

As finally passed the bill is somewhat modified from the form in which it was reported from the committee on agriculture. It makes oleomargarine or imitation butter or cheese transported into any state or territory for use, sale or consumption therein, subject to the laws of such states or territories, not

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

The new furniture factory at Corvallis has started operations.

Oregon horses have given better service in the Yukon than any other.

Contractors are at work on the remodeling of the lavatories in the state house.

A gasoline lamp exploded at Adams, causing \$4,000 damage in the fire that resulted.

Only 166 electors have registered in Yamhill county, out of an approximate total of 3,050.

The Republican congressional committee for the First district will meet in Portland February 29.

Volume 39 of the Supreme Court Record will be issued from the state printing office in about a month.

John A. Johns, an Oregon pioneer of 1851, died at the home of his son, south of Salem, aged 81 years.

The increased demand for lumber in Eastern Oregon has caused Baker City mills to enlarge their capacity.

The state printer has an extra force at work getting out the blanks, abstracts, tally sheets, etc., to be used at the coming state election.

The state land board has not yet finally disposed of the application of the Pilot Butte Development Company for a contract to reclaim arid land.

Very little of the 1901 prune crop remains in the hands of the growers in the Willamette valley. Growers who are still holding their crops want 4 1/2 cents per pound.

Asland is to be the western terminus of a new telephone system which is to reach into Eastern Oregon through Klamath and Lake counties and into Modoc county, California.

The heavy rains in Southern Oregon have turned the Rogue river into a raging torrent. Some damage has been done in the lowlands. The water is higher than for 12 years.

The annual school meetings which have heretofore been held on the first Monday in March will this year be held on the third Monday in June. School officers whose terms would, under the old law, expire next month will continue in office until June.

Pendleton has decided to adopt a re-trenchment policy, the first act of which was to let one policeman go.

Asland is investigating the matter of a comprehensive sewer system for the city. An estimate places the cost at \$20,000.

A company is being organized to construct seven telephone lines from Pendleton to the small outlying districts which are not at present supplied.

A petition is being circulated in and around Baker City asking congress to set aside Crater lake and adjacent land sufficient to make a national park.

The price of hops continues to advance steadily. Buyers around Salem are offering 13 1/2 cents per pound, but the growers in most cases refuse to sell at that price.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Quiet. Walla Walla, 63¢; 62 1/2¢; bluestem, 64¢; 64 1/2¢; Valley, 63 1/2¢.

Barley—Feed, \$19@20; brewing, \$20@21 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.10@1.25; gray, \$1.05@1.15.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.80@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.50@2.80.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$20.50; clover, \$17.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; chop, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50¢@1.25 per cwt; ordinary, 70¢@85¢ per cwt; growers' prices; sweets, \$1.75@2 per cwt.

Butter—Creamery, 25¢@27 1/2¢; dairy, 18¢@20¢; store, 11¢@13¢.

Eggs—20¢@21 1/2¢ for fresh Oregon. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13¢@13 1/2¢; Young America, 14¢@15¢; factory prices, 10¢@11 1/2¢ less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2@2.50; hens, \$4@4.25 per dozen, 9¢@10¢ per pound; springs, 10¢ per pound, \$3@3.50 per dozen; ducks, \$6.50@7.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11¢@12 1/2¢; dressed, 14¢@15¢ per pound.

Mutton—Gross, 4¢ per pound; dressed, 7¢@7 1/2¢ per pound. Hogs—Gross, 5 1/2¢; dressed, 6 1/2¢@7¢ per pound.

Veal—8 1/2¢@9¢ per pound, dressed. Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/2¢@4¢; steers, 4¢@4 1/2¢; dressed, 6 1/2¢@7 1/2¢ per pound. Hops—11¢@12 1/2¢ per pound.

Wool—Nominal. Valley, 12¢@15¢; eastern Oregon, 8¢@12 1/2¢; mohair, 21¢@27 1/2¢ per pound.

BERTHA IS WRECKED.

Alaskan Steamer Ashore on Harold Island—All On Board Make Land.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 13.—Another steamship has been added to the long list of wrecks along the Alaskan shores. The Cottage City, arriving tonight, brings news of the wreck of the Alaskan Commercial Company's steamer Bertha, on Harold island, near the entrance of Fitchburg sound, north of Queen Charlotte sound. The Bertha sailed from Seattle for Valdes last Friday, having 41 passengers, among whom were 12 members of the United States army signal corps, bound for Valdes, while others were bound for interior points.

All went well with the Bertha until Saturday night, when the weather set in thick, and Sunday morning at 12:30 the vessel struck on Harold island. All the passengers were in bed, and the shock caused great confusion and a stampede was made for the upper deck. Captain Johansen and the officers of the ship restored order in a short time, and on investigation it was found that the vessel was in such close proximity to the shore that the gangplank would reach an elevated rock. The passengers at once walked ashore, and later bedding and baggage were landed, and a camp was made on barren rocks.

On the approach of daylight the work of lightening the vessel was commenced by landing horses and other freight. A kedge anchor was put out, and the vessel hauled into deep water with the aid of the donkey engine, but as soon as deep water was struck she began to sink. The vessel was swung on the beach. She has lost her keel, and there is a large hole in her bottom forward engine room, and it is believed she will be a total loss.

CAPTURE COLOMBIAN GUNBOAT. Libertador Puts Her Out of Service and Takes Aboard Her Crew.

Willemstad, Curacao, Feb. 14.—Today the following report of an engagement between the Libertador and the Crespo, a Colombian government gunboat, was obtained:

On Board the Libertador, Off Cumarebo, Venezuela, Feb. 9.—We left the vicinity of Curacao at 4 o'clock this morning, going southward. We were informed by a schooner that the Venezuelan warships were off La Vila de Coro, and we headed south at full speed. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon we met the steamer Crespo before Cumarebo, and she immediately prepared for the fight. To our summons to surrender, which was accompanied by a blank cannon shot, the Crespo replied by opening fire on us, to which the Libertador answered by directing the fire of her heavy guns and rapid fire guns on the Crespo. The latter kept up firing for a time, but her shells did not strike us, while our shells inflicted serious damage on her. After half an hour's fighting the Crespo hoisted the white flag and surrendered unconditionally. The commander of the Crespo and all her crew were then transferred on board the Libertador, and the Crespo, rendered completely useless, was abandoned on the coast.

EVERY DEMAND GRANTED. Northern Pacific Switchmen Win Their Strike—First Victory for Men Since 1894.

Missoula, Mont., Feb. 15.—The Northern Pacific switchmen's strike in the yards here was called off late this afternoon. Superintendent Russell at 6 o'clock called a conference with the 3 committee of the switchmen. The meeting lasted until 6:30 o'clock this evening, but what passed has been kept a secret, except the fact that every concession asked by the striking switchmen was granted by the railway company. All the strikers have been reinstated by the company, with no deduction from their pay for the time lost while on the strike.

Tonight two crews are working in the yards, and the congestion which has prevailed for the past few days is being rapidly relieved.

The switchmen declare this is the first victory for the men since the fatal strike of 1894.

Passenger Train Ditched. Fremont, O., Feb. 5.—Westbound passenger train No. 405, the Pittsburg and Detroit flyer, struck a broken rail this morning between Helena and Millersville, and left the track. The train, composed of engine, baggage car, smoker, passenger coach and two sleepers, was derailed and several coaches wrecked. Three persons were seriously injured. Many others were struck by flying splinters and jarred, but their injuries are slight. The baggage and mail cars landed in a field and were demolished. Other cars were badly damaged. Both sleepers are upside down in a ditch.

St. Louis Fair Appropriation. Washington, Feb. 15.—The officials of the government board of the St. Louis exposition and a number of St. Louis men identified with that enterprise were today before the house committee on expositions in relation to the amount required for the government exhibit. Congress has heretofore appropriated \$250,000 as part of the amount for the exhibit itself has been left open. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture J. F. Brigham, head of the government board, and his associates, calculate on \$800,000 for the exhibit. They also desire a building to cost \$450,000.

A Naval Engagement. Panama, Feb. 15.—The Colombian government fleet left Panama yesterday, met the insurgent warship Padilla off Agua Dulce, at 4 p. m., and fought her for one hour. The government gunboat Boyaca was struck and slightly damaged. The Padilla was hit three times and sought protection from the insurgents' guns ashore.

Town Destroyed by Earthquake. London, Feb. 17.—A News dispatch from St. Petersburg announces that the large town of Shamaka, Trans-Caucasia, has been destroyed by an earthquake. Only a few houses in Shamaka are standing. Many lives were lost.

Four Hundred Families Homeless. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17.—The town of South Mills, N. C., near the Dismal swamp, was practically destroyed by fire. Four hundred families are reported homeless. A rough estimate places the loss at \$120,000.

Did Not Provide Fire Escapes. St. Louis, Feb. 13.—J. W. Gillham, proprietor of the Empire hotel, which was burned a few mornings ago, was this afternoon held responsible for the death of the 11 persons who lost their lives as the result of the fire. His responsibility lay in his neglect to furnish fire escapes and life lines, as provided for by statute. Police Sergeant Hall, who was present when the fire was raging, testified that not a life would have been lost had there been fire escapes on the building.

Big Publishers Assign. Boston, Feb. 13.—Small, Maynard & Co., publishers of this city, have made an assignment. No statement of assets and liabilities is given.

Queen of the Navy. New York, Feb. 14.—The battleship Illinois, which today dropped anchor off Tompkinsville after its final trial run from Newport News to New York, has proved herself the queen of the navy. In every test she has surpassed the Alabama, the Oregon, and even her sister ship, the Oregon. The tests were rigorous and fully demonstrated her officers say her superiority over other vessels of her class of which the country can boast. Her maintained speed was 15.7 knots.

Klondike Mines Railway. Seattle, Feb. 14.—The North American Trading & Transportation Company has been awarded the contract to supply 35,000 railway ties for the Klondike Mines Railway, the construction of which from Dawson to Grand Forks, a distance of 12 miles, is soon to begin. This news is given in recent advices from Dawson. Manager Hawkins is now in this city. The railway will be a belt line, when completed, and will tap a rich territory.

John Hill, a planter at West Baton Rouge, La., has given to the Louisiana State University \$25,000 for the erection of an alumni building and library.

Ten thousand dollars have been contributed to the national fund for a McKinley memorial by the working men of Homestead, Pa.

England's imports of iron and steel are increasing, while the exports are falling off. British trade papers are alarmed.

As a consequence of artificial propagation the yield of cod in the coastal waters between Maine and New Jersey has in 10 years increased 50 per cent.

Mrs. Susan Porter, aged 65, the original of Sunshine in Mary J. Holmes' famous novel of Kentucky life, "Tempest and Sunshine," died at Versailles, Ky.

M. Campbell has been arrested in Noble county, Oklahoma, for cutting timber on school lands. The federal authorities intend to vigorously prosecute such cases.

RAISED TO \$500,000

CAPITAL STOCK OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK INCREASED.

There Are to Be Twenty-Five Directors—Ten Will Be Named Later, in Addition to the Present Fifteen—By-Laws Patented After St. Louis Fair's Are Adopted.

Portland, Feb. 15.—Authorized stock for the Lewis and Clark celebration was last night increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000 by resolution of the stockholders, and a full code of by-laws, patterned after those of the St. Louis fair, was adopted. The number of directors was fixed at 25. The present 15 are not disturbed, but the additional 10 cannot be chosen except at a meeting of the stockholders, called for that purpose. The intention is to select those 10 from the subscribers of the additional stock, and that cannot be done until the additional subscriptions shall have been made.

About \$175,000 of the capital stock of the corporation was represented at last night's meeting, while only \$140,750 was necessary for a quorum. Consideration of the by-laws was the first business to engage attention.

The by-laws were adopted without dissent.

Mr. Mallory offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the judgment of the stockholders of this corporation, its capital stock ought to be increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000, and

"Resolved, further, That the said capital stock be and the same is hereby increased to and is hereby fixed at \$500,000."

Mr. Killingsworth was in favor of increasing the capital to \$1,000,000 instead of \$500,000, but several expressed opinions against having the corporation filled with either water or wind, deeming it better to increase the capital again, if it should be found advisable, rather than put figures so high now that they would frighten people or cause the public to lose interest. The resolution as offered by Mr. Mallory carried unanimously.

MINDANAO GOVERNOR RESIGNS. Military Officers Would Not Recognize His Authority.

Manila, Feb. 12.—The governor of the town of Cayagan, in the province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, has resigned, declaring that the military authorities there do not recognize his authority in refusing to receive his writs of habeas corpus. Some months ago many of the leading officials of Misamis province were arrested because they tendered a banquet to an insurgent colonel, and because it was proved that they had also contributed funds to the insurgent cause. At that time General Davis, commanding at Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, requested that the province be transferred from civil to military control. The military authorities in Misamis refused to allow the prisoners to be represented by a lawyer sent by the civil commission from Manila for that purpose, holding the arrested officials as prisoners of war. Lately General Chaffee instructed General Davis to release the prisoners in question, and notified the civil authorities when and where they could arrest them. But the fact that their offense was committed before the passage of the law of sedition makes further action in the matter improbable. General Chaffee deeming it inadvisable that civilians should be tried by a military commission.

Senor Lerma, the newly elected governor of Bataan province, fled after his election when he was called upon to account for \$4,000 of insurgent funds. He is still missing.

REPUBLICANS MEET. State Central and Second Congressional Committees Fix Date of Convention.

Portland, Feb. 11.—The Republican state central committee and Second district Republican congressional committee met Saturday in the Chamber of Commerce building and fixed April 1 as the date for the meeting of the congressional convention and April 2 for the state convention. Both committees declared in favor of a reapportionment of representation in the conventions based on the average vote for presidential electors at the last national election. Considerable discussion preceded the adoption of the motion in the state central committee, two amendments being offered. One was to fix the basis on the vote cast for supreme judge at the last state election, and the other for a continuance of the present apportionment, which is based on the vote cast for T. T. Geer four years ago. In the congressional committee there was no discussion whatever, and the vote in favor of the reapportionment was unanimous. Contrary to expectation there was no opposition to the plan of setting the date for the congressional convention a day previous to that named for the state convention.

Both conventions will be held in Portland, no other cities asking to be designated. The state central committee recommended that the primaries be held March 22, and the county conventions on March 29.

Raided by Outlaws. Alamogordo, N. M., Feb. 11.—News has been received here of a raid on the store of the Pew Mercantile Company, at Fort Sumner, by a gang of outlaws supposed to be the same that recently robbed a bank and pay case at Santa Rosa. One of the employees of the store was killed and \$400 in cash taken. The gang is headed for the Capitan mountains and is being pursued by a sheriff's posse.

Favorable Report on Pension Bill. Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate committee on pensions has authorized a favorable report of the bill introduced by Senator Jones of Arkansas, increasing the pensions of Mexican war veterans.

Georgia Town Destroyed. Elberton, Ga., Feb. 12.—Fire last early today destroyed nearly all of the business section of this city, doing \$1,000,000 damage estimated at \$100,000.



JOSEPH R. WHITNEY.

A well known Oregon newspaper man and editor of the Daily and Weekly Herald, of Albany. He is a candidate for the nomination for State Printer on the Republican ticket. He was born in Marion County, is a graduate of the University of Oregon, and has been engaged in the newspaper business for nearly 20 years.

withstanding that it may be introduced in original packages, and imposes a tax of 10 cents a pound on oleomargarine made in imitation of "butter of any shade of yellow." When not made in such imitation, the tax is reduced to one-fourth of 1 cent per pound. The second section is intended to prevent dealers, hotel proprietors, restaurants and boarding house keepers from coloring the uncolored article, by making any person who colors the product and then sells or furnishes it to others a manufacturer within the meaning of the act. Penalties for violation of the act are a fine of not less than \$30 nor more than \$500, and imprisonment for not less than 30 days or more than six months.

Colombia Wants a Canal. If the United States Does Not Build It, Europeans May.

Monterey, Mex., Feb. 14.—Colombia stands ready to duplicate any concessions Nicaragua is willing to make. There need be no question about the report of the commission recommending the Nicaragua route was made, he then would have been in favor of adopting the Panama route.

Colombia is willing to give the United States full control of the territory through which the canal passes. It wants the canal built, and in the event the United States sees fit to accept the Nicaragua route, the government of Colombia will take steps to interest European powers in the construction of the Panama canal.

These declarations were made tonight by General Rafael Reyes, Colombian delegate to the Pan-American congress, and in all probability the future president of Colombia, who is among the visiting Pan-American delegates who are at present the guests of this city.

General Reyes stated that he had not fully decided, but intimated that he would return to Colombia within the next few weeks and take the presidency.

Japanese Will Be Driven Out. Florence, Colo., Feb. 14.—Fifteen hundred white coal miners met in mass meeting at the Chandler mines today to discuss the importation of 28 Japanese by the Victor Fuel Company, to work in the Chandler mines. It was the sense of the meeting as expressed by all the speakers, that the Japanese should be urged to leave the district, and if they will not go voluntarily, that forcible measures should be used against them.

Captured Thirty Bolomen. Manila, Feb. 15.—Captain William Swain, of the First infantry, in an engagement with insurgents at Paranas, Samar, recently captured 30 bolomen and 4 riflemen. There were no American casualties. The enemy's loss is not known. It has been learned that two hours before the fight, Lukban, the insurgent leader, was with the natives engaged by Captain Swain's command.

Passports for Islanders. Washington, Feb. 14.—The position of persons residing in Porto Rico and other insular possessions of the United States in not being citizens of the United States, although owing allegiance to the government, led to favorable action today by the house committee on foreign affairs on a bill framed by Attorney General Knox, allowing passports to be issued to such persons the same as citizens. The present laws restrict passports to United States citizens.

Steamship Lines plying between America and England have reached an agreement and advanced freight rates. A material increase in carrying charges for grain, flour and provisions is made.

Professor Charles W. Pearson, of Northwestern university in Chicago, in a proposed book, "The Carpenter Prophet," rejects virgin birth, divinity of Christ, miracles in general and the ascension.

Herbert Bickness was sent to jail at Fort Wayne, Ind., for contempt of court. He persisted in calling on his wife, who is suing for divorce.

Peter Quinn, aged 35, who inherited a fortune from his father, squandered it in high living and has just died in New York, a homeless wanderer.

Professor M. L. Washburn, of the Oregon state university, has been elected to succeed the late Otto Loggus as state entomologist of Minnesota.

A farmer and wife, living near New York, received a legacy of \$5,000 from a man whom, as a hungry wanderer, they befriended 16 years ago.

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Young Theodore Roosevelt, while very sick, is not considered dangerous.

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