

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week. Presented in Condensed Form. Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Nine men were killed at Wilmington, Del., by a pulp mill explosion.

The anthracite coal mine operators declare they will not give in or make any concessions.

Five non-union workmen were shot from ambush at Scranton, Pa. No one was fatally hurt.

Secretary of the Treasury Shag, in a speech at Morrisville, Vt., alleged that he was not opposed to tariff revision in moderation.

Judge Jackson of Parkersburg, W. Va., has released John L. Gehr of Colorado, the last of the miners serving sentences for contempt of court.

Japan will not claim the Midway islands, but will turn them over to the United States. She disclaims any interest further than the protection of Japanese inhabitants.

Vancouver, B. C., is having a sugar war, the best sugar people of Germany having put sugar on the market in competition with the local refinery, and cut the price nearly half a cent.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has just celebrated his 72d birthday.

Patrick Sharp, a striking miner, was shot and killed at Nesquehoning, Pa.

R. Remington, a prominent society man, suicided at Newport, taking the pistol route.

Cholera continues to spread in Manchuria, China, and isolated cases have been reported in Siberia.

Large numbers of Chinese are arriving in Mexico, and the majority will probably find their way into this country.

The New York Ship Building company has placed an order abroad for 80,000 tons of manufactured iron and steel.

Reports from Victoria, B. C., show that the total salmon catch of the northern canneries for the season was only 145,300 cases.

Two hundred carmen, including carpenters, painters, etc., employes at the Union Pacific shops at Omaha, have gone out on a strike.

W. H. Dillard, wanted by United States authorities at San Francisco for issuing 43 fraudulent Chinese certificates, has been caught in Seattle and will be sent below.

An examination is being made into the affairs of the defunct Griffin Liquid Air company of New York, in an effort to locate several hundred thousand dollars worth of stock.

T. S. Sharretta, the treasury expert commissioned to negotiate a tariff treaty with China, reports the same signed.

The run of fall salmon has begun and is very good. The fish caught in Lakers Bay are mostly silversides of exceptionally fine quality.

Baron von Waltherhausen, of Berlin, advocates the erection of a common tariff barrier against the United States by all of Europe.

Arrangements are being made for establishing banks in the Philippines to loan money to farmers, the government to guarantee 3 per cent interest.

Prince Chen Tuen, who has been in this country for several days, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., Sunday and sailed for home Monday on the steamship Empress of Japan.

The body of Mrs. Jessie Tuman was found near Muscatine, Iowa, the head split open with an ax. Her husband was mortally wounded and unconscious. They were killed for their money.

Grand Master Fitzpatrick of the Brotherhood of Trainmen has completed his tour of the anthracite coal regions and has addressed the brotherhood on their duties should the roads attempt to haul non-union coal.

Colonel Hemphill, founder of the Atlanta Constitution, is dead.

The New York Republican state convention will be held at Saratoga Sept. 23.

The threatened strike of miners at San Juan, Colo., has been averted by compromise.

Senator Burrows of Michigan announces that he will fight reciprocity with Cuba on constitutional grounds.

The president has ordered that the list of soldiers dying in the Philippines be telegraphed home every two weeks.

The government of Venezuela has forcibly detained three American vessels for government use in the present rebellion.

The International Typographical union convention at Cincinnati adjourned Saturday after voting \$2,000 to the striking miners.

In the athletic sports at Cliftonville, England, Murray, the Irish champion, defeated Duffy, of Georgetown, the world's champion, in the 100 yard dash. Murray's time was 10 seconds flat.

Pelée in Action Again. Castries, Island of St. Lucia, Aug. 25.—Officers of the steamer Dahome, which has just arrived here, report a severe eruption of Mount Pelée at noon Friday. The eruption was followed by total darkness five miles away from the volcano. It was 20 minutes before it again became light.

To Kill Abdul Hamid. Vienna, Aug. 25.—A newspaper published in Bucharest, Roumania, alleges it has learned that M. Savoroff, ex-leader of the Macedonian revolutionary committee, has organized another committee, the object of which is to effect the assassination of the sultan of Turkey.

IDAHO REPUBLICANS.

John T. Morrison for Governor, French for Congress—The Platform.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 23.—The Republican state convention has nominated the following ticket: Representative in Congress—Burton L. French, Latah.

Supreme Justice—J. F. Allshie, of Idaho.

Governor—John T. Morrison, of Canyon.

Lieutenant Governor—James M. Stevens, of Bingham.

Secretary of State—Will H. Gibson, of Fremont.

State Auditor—Theodore Turner, of Bannock.

State Treasurer—H. N. Coffin, of Ada.

Attorney General—John A. Bagley, of Bear Lake.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Mary L. Scott, of Bingham.

Inspector of Mines—Robert Bell, of Custer.

Ralph T. Morgan, of Kootenai, was nominated Judge of the First district; Judge E. C. Steele, of the Second (renominated); Judge George H. Stewart for the Third (renominated); Alfred Budge for the Fifth. No nomination was made for the Fourth, it being left to the central committee. Though there had been a very sharp contest over the principal places, all the nominations were made by acclamation.

Following are the principal things the platform favors:

Revision of the tariff without unreasonable delay; an amendment to the constitution for suppression of trusts; opening of reserve lands more valuable for agricultural than for other purposes; present two-mile limit law for sheep, with slight modifications.

TRUST QUESTION UP.

Hot-Tempered Debate in Trans-Mississippi Congress at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Aug. 23.—The trust question was openly precipitated in the Trans-Mississippi congress at the morning session, when William Henry Eastis of Minneapolis, moved that the address of F. B. Thurber be expunged from the records. Eastis charged Thurber with coming here as an agent of the meat trust, and that his address was an effort to get the trust's side of the case before the public at the expense of the congress, seemingly with its endorsement. The question was hotly debated for an hour. Thurber was sharply criticized both for his present action and for his connection with the senate sugar scandal. Finally the whole matter of trusts was left to the resolutions committee.

Seattle gets the next meeting of the congress.

MENACE TO GOVERNMENT.

Russell Sage Expresses His Opinion Upon "Combination" Movement.

New York, Aug. 23.—In an interview Russell Sage says he does not agree with Mr. Morgan regarding the consolidation and combination of all the great interests. "Combinations of all great industries are a menace to the government," he declares. "They are not only a menace, but they are oppressors of the people. Should an era of combination ensue the American people will certainly revolt against them, and if they do, there will be financial ruin such as the people never dreamed of in the world."

FRANZ SIGEL DEAD.

Noted Figure in Civil War Passes Away at New York City.

New York, Aug. 23.—General Franz Sigel is dead at his home in this city. He was in his 78th year. General Sigel took part in the Baden revolution in 1848 and was one of the notable figures of the American civil war.

President Graves Resigns.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 23.—Frank P. Graves, president of the University of Washington, has tendered his resignation to the board of regents and it has been accepted. He is granted leave of absence on full salary until Jan. 1, 1903, when the resignation becomes effective. The reasons assigned by President Graves for his resignation are a desire to take a post-graduate course in Eastern and European universities, and a feeling that the demands of the university upon his time have overtaxed his strength.

Death of Kang Yu Wei Ordered.

London, Aug. 23.—"From quite a trustworthy authority," comes the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, "I learn that the Dowager Empress has sent so-rep instructions to Wang Chi Chua, the new governor of Kwang Si province, to use every endeavor to compass the death of the reformer, Kang Yu Wei." Continuing, the correspondent says an official telegram from Hankow reports anti-Christian rioting at Chen Chou, and refers to an unconfirmed report that two inland missionaries have been killed.

Will of Mrs. Charles Fair.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—The contents of the will of Mrs. Charles Fair has been made public. The estate approximates \$300,000. It provides an annuity for her mother and legacies of \$10,000 each to her six brothers and sisters. The balance of the estate she bequeaths to her husband. The Fair heirs have offered Mrs. Fair's relatives her entire estate, providing they agree to make no contest for the Fair estate in the future.

An Apple Trust.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—About 25 prominent apple growers of Kansas, Nebraska, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas and Illinois, have held a meeting here for the purpose, it is said, of uniting the commercial apple growers of the United States and Canada into an organization to regulate the price of that fruit.

Automobilists Nearly Lynched.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—Several Belgian automobilists, including a count, while automobiling in the Rhine province, killed an old man and two children. The populace became so enraged they attacked the party, determined to lynch them. The tourists were rescued with difficulty by the police.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of the Past Week—Brief Review of the Growth and Development of Various Industries Throughout Our Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Hillboro is to have a public fruit drying plant.

A \$25,000 hotel and bathhouses are to be erected at once at Hot Lake.

Fire at Pendleton, which started in William Hickey's paint shop, did damage to the amount of \$3,000.

Officers made a raid on an opium joint at Salem and captured two men and the proprietor. All were fined.

Fred Reese, an 18-year old boy, has been arrested at Salem. He is charged with stealing some clothing in Umatilla county.

The Willamette Valley Land Co. has shipped a large box of grasses, grains and fruits to be exhibited at the Nebraska state fair.

The federal authorities promise to lend all assistance possible to break up the practice of "crimping," which has become such an evil all along the coast.

Rural free delivery service has been ordered established, to begin Oct. 1, at Harrisburg, Linn county. There will be two routes, which will serve a population of 910.

Charles Barclay of Oregon City, who went out last year as fourth officer of the transport Lawton, has been assigned to the command of the transport Trenton, running between Philippine forts.

A decision of considerable interest has been received at the United States land office at Oregon City in the case of George L. Derrick against Arthur T. Meyers, involving a tract in section 3, township 9 south, range 8 west. The decision knots out both parties on the ground that the entry conflicts with the Corvallis & Yaquina Bay wagon road grant.

The Rev. J. J. Walter, formerly Methodist bishop of Alaska and recently in the service of the leading Methodist church at Spokane, has been appointed colonization agent of the Great Central railway, projected between Coos Bay and Salt Lake City. He will at once enter upon his duties, which are to arrange the settlement of colonies along the projected line.

Dallas is considering the question of waterworks.

The Salem fruit cannery has closed for the season.

Albany and Linn county will spend \$1,000 in Eastern advertising.

The Third Presbyterian church of Portland was dedicated Sunday.

Grasshoppers in the vicinity of Woodburn have attacked the hop vines.

La Grande is constructing \$25,000, or \$30,000 worth of business buildings.

Miss Maybelle Douglas has been chosen queen of the Portland Elks' carnival.

Clay Gordon of Milton was arrested at Huntington for drawing a check on himself at his home bank and having it cashed at Pendleton.

The Loewenberg-Going company, of Portland, has paid into the state treasury \$1,239.60 for convict labor for May.

Rev. Philo Fuller Phelps of Saffins, Cal., has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Ashland, and will enter upon his pastorate about Oct. 1.

The remains of Harvey A. Hogue, the well known Oregon pioneer and business man who died at Winthrop Beach, Mass., Friday, will be brought to Portland for burial.

Miss Ruth Jackson of Paker City and Miss Angela of Medford killed a bear a few days ago, while out hunting with a brother of Miss Jackson's.

Burglars effected an entrance into the Portland Elks' carnival headquarters on Seventh and Stark streets and robbed the cash box of \$3 in coin and \$4 worth of postage stamps.

Professor Thomas P. Clarke, the newly appointed superintendent of the Oregon school for deaf mutes has arrived at Salem and assumed charge of the institution. Mrs. Clarke will be matron of the school.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 60¢@61¢; blue-stem, 62¢@63¢; valley, 63¢@64¢.

Barley—Feed, \$19.00 per ton.

Flour—Best grades, \$3.05@3.60 per barrel; Graham, \$2.95@3.20.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$16.17 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$18; chop, \$17.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.00@1.05; gray, 95¢@1.00.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7.50@10; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60¢@70¢ per cental; ordinary, 50¢@75¢ per cental, growers prices; sweets, \$2.00 per cental; new potatoes, 50¢@60¢ for Oregon; \$1.00 for California.

MUST KEEP OFFICE HOURS.

Land Decision of Importance Rendered by Secretary of Interior.

Lewiston, Idaho, Aug. 22.—Word has been received from Washington that the secretary of the interior has reversed the commissioner's decision in the case of Robert J. Little vs. John W. Bradbury.

This is the case in which it was alleged that Mr. Bradbury made and filed a timber and stone entry in the local land office after the hour of closing on the 18th day of last January, which was Saturday. Monday morning S. J. McFarland offered scrip application for the same land embraced in Bradbury's entry; the register of the local land office rejected the scrip application as being in conflict with the entry made by Bradbury. From this action McFarland took an appeal to the commissioner, and filed affidavits that Bradbury's application was received after office hours.

The commissioner sustained the action of the register.

Commissioner is Reversed.

An appeal was taken to the secretary of the interior, who now reverses the commissioner and holds that the general circular of July 11, 1899 (page 238) under the head of registers and receivers, directs that: "They will be in attendance at their offices, keeping the same open for the transaction of business from 9 a. m. till 4 p. m. Applications for entry cannot be received by the register or receiver at office hours nor elsewhere than at their offices."

While there is no statute forbidding them so acting, there is no statute authorizing them to act. The regulations for their conduct not in contravention of statute have all the force of law. If it is optional with local officers to receive or decline applications, there is given opportunity for them to exercise favoritism and partiality, which might lead to grave mischief, the injury of many, and give occasion for grave scandals against the integrity of the land department.

The decision is an important one, in that it finally establishes the rule that applications for entry of land cannot be made out of office hours.

SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS.

Upon Their Attitude Depends to a Great Extent That Country's Future.

London, Aug. 22.—Mail advices received from Johannesburg indicate that the negro problem is growing more acute and is causing the authorities infinite worry. To quote the words of one of the foremost African authorities:

"On the question of the natives depends the whole future of the new colonies—whether the Boers will joyfully accept British rule or continue in a state of sullen resentment. Among the immediate dangers native attacks on Boers returning to their farms and attempts of the natives to assault white women are threatening serious conflicts between Boers and blacks. Under the old regime the crude but simple retribution for assaults on women was shooting on sight. Now, however, there is no legislation on the subject and the English authorities are hesitating to enact laws until all parties concerned can voice their opinions. The hesitancy to deal summarily with the natives is causing both Boers and Afrianders intense irritation and encourages the blacks to truculent offensiveness."

"Another phase of the problem is the unwillingness of the blacks to forego their lazy existence in the concentration camps, where thousands were gathered during the war, and far more serious is the fact that a great number of blacks in the country have managed to secure arms. There is, therefore, the anomalous situation of unarmed whites and armed blacks living in proximity on outlying farms. Experienced British colonials strongly favor universal disarmament of the natives and prompt legislation making assaults on women a capital offense."

BOER LEADERS IN HOLLAND.

Kruger Said to Have Upbraided Generals for Giving Up the War.

Utrecht, Holland, Aug. 22.—The Boer generals, Botha, Dewet and Delarey, accompanied by Dr. Leyds and Messrs. Fischer, Wessels, Wolmarans and Reitz and others, have arrived here from the Hague to visit ex-President Kruger and consult with him on the South African situation. Large crowds warmly applauded the Boer. The spectators at the station sang the Boer national anthem.

The conference lasted for three hours. According to some reports it was rather stormy. At the end of an hour and a half the delegates withdrew, leaving generals Botha, Dewet and Delarey, together with Mr. Kruger. Little is publicly known as to what took place, but it is understood that the generals found the ex-president of the Transvaal in no way inclined to acquiesce in British dominion in South Africa and still clinging to the idea of a united South Africa under the Boer flag. Mr. Kruger is even said to have bitterly upbraided the generals for giving up Boer independence. Later in the day the generals returned to the Hague.

A Fever Stricken Ship.

Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 22.—The Peruvian bark Santa Rosa has arrived here and is in quarantine. She was 73 days from Buena Ventura, came into port with her crew down with that worst of all diseases, beri-beri. The horrors of the voyage, shut in with no hope of escape from the horrible fever, can hardly be imagined. Three men died on the voyage and were buried at sea.

Chinese Consul Found Guilty.

Washington, Aug. 22.—A report by a special commissioner, George H. Carter, finding the Chinese consul at Hawaii guilty of the charges made against him of smuggling opium, has been sent here from Honolulu. He claimed it was brought in under consular privileges. The consul, Yang Wei Pi, has gone to China to visit and will probably not return.

Death of German War Minister.

Dresden, Aug. 22.—War Minister Plagge is dead at Hosterwitz.

USE COAST TIMBER

OUR FOREST KINGS WILL BE USED IN ISTHMIAN CANAL.

Will Mean a Great Deal to the Lumber Interests of Oregon and Washington. Besides Providing Cargoes for Many Ships—Atlantic Ships Will Carry the Larger Part of General Supplies.

New York, Aug. 25.—Referring to the fact that the construction of the Panama canal will necessitate the transportation of hundreds of cargoes of construction material, food supplies for workmen, etc., the Journal of Commerce says:

Panama and Colon are foreign ports, and there is nothing, therefore, to prevent foreign shipowners from competing at low rates for carrying material. It is said by a representative of the Panama canal interests that the material required in the construction of the canal will certainly exceed \$10,000,000, in addition to the food supplies. This material will consist very largely of cement, granite, lumber and machinery. The lumber will undoubtedly come largely from Oregon and Washington, and will not be a matter of much concern to shipowners on the Atlantic ocean, as it will be carried by the ships of the Pacific, but in the case of cement, stone and machinery, the items will be of great importance, and communications have already been sent to the government at Washington with a view of seeing if some way cannot be decided upon whereby this enormous carrying movement can be confined to American ships.

RURAL DELIVERY.

Oregon in the Lead in Number of Routes. Now Having Forty-Six.

Washington, Aug. 25.—On Sept. 1, there will be 48 rural free delivery routes in operation in Oregon, 37 in Washington and 12 in Idaho. Eleven applications from Oregon have been adversely acted upon, while 66 applications are now awaiting consideration.

There have been nine adverse reports in Washington, and 30 applications are now awaiting consideration. Idaho has 17 requests yet to be considered.

Rural free delivery will be inaugurated at Ontario, Or., on Oct. 1. Delay in establishing this route has been due to the inability of the department to secure consent for the discontinuance of the postoffice at Arcadia, and the star route supplying the same.

ANTI-TRUST RESOLUTIONS.

Trans-Mississippi Congress on Record for More Stringent Laws.

St. Paul, Aug. 25.—The Trans-Mississippi congress, before adjournment, passed the following resolutions regarding trusts:

"Whereas, the trust system has been and is a menace to our Republican institutions; and

"Whereas, if allowed to continue to form combinations in restraint of trade and the elimination of competition, the wealth of the entire country will be concentrated in the hands of few; and

"Whereas, the said combinations are calculated to destroy the ambition of the youth of the country, it being well understood that the ambition and hope of the young men of this country have made it great, therefore be it

Resolved by this congress, that the president of the United States be urged to use all the power vested in his office to end that the growing power and influence of the trusts may be destroyed, and be it further

Resolved, that if, in the wisdom of the national congress, the laws now on the statute books are insufficient to suppress this growing evil, that other more stringent and efficient laws be speedily enacted."

CHOLERA IN PHILIPPINES.

Health Authorities Attribute Its Spread to Eating of Raw Shellfish.

Washington, Aug. 25.—In their report to the war department, the health authorities of Manila attribute the spread of cholera largely to the eating of raw shell fish. The number of deaths in the archipelago has already passed the ten thousand mark.

Forest Reserve in Alaska.

Washington, Aug. 25.—President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation creating the Alexander archipelago forest reserve in the extreme southeastern Alaska. The reserve comprises the Prince of Wales, Chichagof, Kupreanof, Kulu and Zarembo islands, together with numerous adjacent small islands lying to the seaward of those named. The islands are heavily timbered. As the islands have not been surveyed, their area is unknown.

The New Shamrock.

London, Aug. 25.—The Associated Press learns that, according to present arrangements, contracts for the building of Shamrock III will be signed next week. The contract will provide for the early launching of the next challenger for the America's cup, thus giving more time for tuning than enjoyed by previous competitors.

German Admiral Resigns.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Admiral von Diederichs has resigned his post as chief of staff of the navy. He has been succeeded by Vice-Admiral Buresel. Admiral von Diederichs is the officer who was in command of the German Squadron in Manila Bay at the time Dewey was operating against the Spaniards.

Welsh Poets Prices on Local.

New York, Aug. 25.—A local coal journal says that the Welsh coal operators agree to deliver their product at the wharves in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore at from \$5 to \$6.68 per ton, according to grade.

Taft Welcomed at Manila.

Manila, Aug. 25.—Governor Taft reached here at daylight on the United States gunboat General Alva, from Singapore, Straits Settlements. He was welcomed with an enthusiastic popular demonstration.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Convention Whose Object is to Help the West Meets in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Aug. 21.—The Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress is now in session here. President John Henry Smith of Salt Lake City, called the convention to order. There are representatives present from the entire Western section of the country. In outlining the work of the congress for the present session President Smith said:

"The object of the Trans-Mississippi Congress is to crystallize the opinions of the Western country in regard to the matters of national legislation and to bring them before congress in such a way as to effect the greatest good. So far as I know there is no particular topic for discussion, other than what may be brought up in individual delegations."

"An effort will be made to bring about at this session a consideration of the difficulties of the West. There is now a mining congress, a livestock congress, an irrigation congress, a good roads congress, all operating in harmony, but separately. The idea that better results could be obtained from a concentration of these, is becoming more and more widespread, and it will receive careful consideration at the present session."

Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Smith and Governor Van Sant, and the convention then took up the work of organization.

JAILED FOR CONTEMPT.

Peter Power, of Northern Pacific Merger Fame, Detained in Ludlow Street.

New York, Aug. 21.—Peter Power, who is complainant in the case against the Northern Pacific, and who fled to Canada to escape a 30-day sentence for contempt of court, has returned to New York, accompanied by his counsel. He immediately repaired to the United States marshal's office, where he was taken into custody and later on confined in the Ludlow street jail. His counsel attempted to prevent the commitment of his client by producing an order from the referee of the Northern Pacific case to attend the hearing to which Judge Lacombe's order to confine him for contempt.

SUBSTITUTE FOR COAL.

New Yorkers Experimenting on Peat from the New Jersey Lowlands.

New York, Aug. 21.—Successful tests have just been made of the turf or bog of the New Jersey lowlands around West New York to ascertain whether it can be used as a substitute for coal as fuel for the winter season. Some large samples were dug up and taken to a blacksmith shop. It was found to burn readily on the forge after it had once become dry. It turned to a ruddy glow and seemed to hold its fire well.

There is an almost unlimited supply of this turf, or "Jersey peat," as they are beginning to call it in the vicinity of West New York.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Arrangements Being Made to Hold One in Portland Next October.

Portland, Aug. 21.—At a meeting of the chamber of commerce arrangements were made with James W. Abbott, special representative of the department of agriculture, to hold a good roads convention in this city sometime during the week ending Oct. 18. If possible, the good roads train will be brought to Portland, so that a practical as well as a theoretical demonstration of the best methods of roadmaking can be illustrated to those interested.

OFFER TO STRIKERS.

Canadian Government Would Give a Farm to Each Family.

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 21.—The Canadian government has instructed its homesteading agent to proceed to the anthracite coal region and offer inducements to 30,000 or more strikers and their families to form a colony and settle in Canada on land to be donated by the government. Work will be provided for the men until they can prepare their land for crops.

OBEYED THE ORDER