

# Eugene Weekly Guard.

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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

The Mississippi flood is still rising and doing great damage.

The senate will be able to dispose of the treaty in a week and adjourn.

John D. Daly, of Benton county, has been chosen surveyor general of Oregon.

Native constabulary continue to run down the troublesome ladrones in Rizal province.

China is organizing a large army. Arms and ammunition are being smuggled in from Germany.

Plans of national irrigation in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona have been adopted.

The Chicago limited, westbound on the Illinois Central, was wrecked at Pomory and five passengers were injured.

Safetyblowers cracked the safes of the local offices of the Standard Oil company at Atlanta, Ga., and secured \$500 in money and \$2,000 in checks.

The King of Siam has asked the New York firm which supplied the fountain at George Gould's country home at Lakewood to make an estimate on the cost of erecting a similar fountain five times as large in the central courtyard of his palace.

Justice Day, of the supreme court, is seriously ill.

The president will call an extra session of congress in October.

Trainmen on all railroads west of Chicago will ask for an advance in wages.

Senators have completed arrangements to ratify both canal and Cuban treaties.

Emperor Francis Joseph has conferred the cross of officer of the Francis Joseph order on George Hitchcock, the American artist.

The safe in the state bank at Kasota, Minn., was blown open by men and \$400 in silver taken. The robbers escaped on a handcar.

John D. Rockefeller has offered to give \$10 to Acadia college, Wolfville, N. S., for every dollar up to \$100,000 raised by the college before January 1, 1908.

Dr. Herbert F. Fiske, principal of the Northwestern academy, Chicago, who was stricken with apoplexy, has had another stroke, and is again in a critical condition.

Glanders is epidemic among horses in New York City. Energetic measures are being taken to stamp out the disease, and orders have been issued for the destruction of all horses that are found to have the glanders.

The Pennsylvania railroad has added \$150,000,000 to its capital stock.

The ladrones in Rizal province have been scattered and the leaders captured.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra have celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 8, the Fast Mail, ran into a landslide near Gasconada, Mo., and the engine was buried in the mud.

A big find of hematite iron ore containing a large percentage of metallic iron and little dross has just been made in the river hills near Wrightsville, Pa.

Henry Roso, the wealthy Cuban planter, who, it is said, gave the greater part of his fortune in aid of the Cuban revolution, is confined in the Bloomingdale asylum for the insane.

Dr. Dosang, Chinese doctor and exalted member of various Chinese secret societies, reputed to be one of the wealthiest men of his race in this country, is dead at his home in Chicago.

William De La Torre, director of the Washburn-Pillsbury mills, Minneapolis, is in Magdeburg, buying machinery for the Briquette works that W. D. Washburn intends to build at Bismarck, N. D.

Ex-Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is confined to his bed in Washington by an attack of a gripple.

No more bodies of those drowned in the ferryboat accident at Spier Falls, N. Y., have been recovered.

The department of agriculture has issued an order quarantining the state of New Hampshire because of the presence of the foot and mouth disease.

## RIVER CONTINUES TO RAISE.

Flood Situation in Mississippi Valley at Danger Point.

Memphis, Tenn., March 14.—There is little change in the river situation tonight, and although the rise today has been slight, the situation is considered grave and the stage of more than 35 feet is still expected. The gauge tonight shows 35.8.

The levee two miles south of Caruthersville is caving badly, and the greatest danger is looked for at this point. The country for 50 miles around Caruthersville is flooded, and railway traffic is suspended. Another weak spot in the levee system apparent now is at Vanhook, Ark., near Greenville, Miss. A "sand boil" appeared there just back of the levee between the horns of a bend in the river west of Lake Chicot. The "boil" was promptly suppressed, but appearances indicate an underground fissure that may prove dangerous.

Private dispatches from Caruthersville say the situation there is practically unchanged, and that the embankment will hold a stage three feet greater than at present.

Captain Lucas, in charge of the First and Second districts, left here today for Helena to personally investigate conditions in the White river district. Supplies and men were also sent there to strengthen the levee. Supplies and men also have been sent to Cat Island, where the rush of the waters through the 17 mile gap in the levee is causing immense damage to Pekin point, where the strengthening work is in progress on the embankments.

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## NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Session Laws will Soon be Ready for Delivery.—New Mining Corporation—Bad Boys Punished—Mining Men to Fight New Corporation Tax Law—Pendleton Painters Go Into Business.

Six Albany boys have been fined for stoning a Chinaman.

Sheriff Brown and Deputies Hemple and Lachner, of Baker county, are all confined at their homes with smallpox.

Foreman J. E. Godfrey, of the state printing office, says that work is progressing rapidly on the session laws of 1903, and that if nothing unexpected happens the laws will be out by April 1, which is much earlier than usual.

Fifty men are working on the Lewis and Clark fair site. Ten of these are surveyors who are preparing a contour map. Twenty other men are clearing away fallen trees, logs, and dead underbrush, and the rest are planting trees and shrubs and doing nursery work.

The members of the Painter's union, of Pendleton, whom the bosses locked out last week, have formed a corporation and will become combined bosses and union painters. The bosses refused to grant any raise in wages and 20 painters become their own managers.

The Lucky Boy mining company, a corporation, has been organized under the laws of the state, and has succeeded to the ownership of the mining property in the Blue River district heretofore owned by the private partnership consisting of L. Zimmerman, Frank and Fred Sharkey and N. B. Sandish.

Game Warden Quimby is in receipt of a copy of a report the commissioners of fish and game of the state of Maine have just published, showing the amount of money expended by the state for the preservation of game, and also the amount of money brought into that state by outside sportsmen. The local game warden thinks it would be a good thing if Oregon followed a similar plan and appropriated sufficient money for the hiring of deputy wardens to enforce the game laws.

The mining men of Eastern Oregon have decided to invoke the referendum against the Eddy bill, which was enacted by the last legislature. The law which it is the purpose to repeal imposes a tax on all corporations doing business in this state in proportion to the amount of the capital stock. The mining men insist that it will retard the growth and the progress of the mining industry in this state. Petitions are now in course of preparation to be circulated for signatures. It will require over 4,000 names in order to set the referendum machinery in motion.

A creamery association has been organized at Pleasant Hill, Lane county.

The destruction of a large barn on the Theodore Stager farm, two miles from Salem, resulted in a loss of \$6,000. Eight valuable horses were burned. Tramps are supposed to have started the fire.

The fruitgrowers of the vicinity of Medford held a mass meeting there and perfected an organization, which is known as the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' union. They adopted a constitution and by-laws.

For the first time in the past four months Eugene is entirely free of every contagious disease.

The stockmen's convention, held at Medford last Saturday, was attended by 60 of the most prominent cattlemen in Jackson county. Addresses were made by a number of well known speakers. A temporary organization was made. Another meeting will be held March 21 and organize permanently.

The Polk county mohair association met in Dallas last week to transact important business and to set the time of the sale of the pool of the association. The pool at present is the fleeces of about 12,000 goats, and will amount to about 50,000 or 60,000 pounds. The severe winter in the hill districts will cause the clip to be somewhat lighter than usual.

The Loewenberg-Going company last week paid into the state treasury \$1,796.00 on account of convict labor in the prison stove foundry for November and December.

The Portland market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 74@75c; blue stem, 86c; valley, 75@80c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.

Flour—Best grade, \$4.10@4.60; Graham, \$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, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$9@10 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@75c per sack; ordinary, 40@50c per cental; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$2@2.25 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12@13c; young, 11@12c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 15@16c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7@8.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16@17c; Young America, 17@18c; factory prices, 18@19c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@22c; store, 15@18c.

Eggs—15c per dozen.

Hogs—Choice, 23@25c per pound.

Wood—Valley, 12 1/2@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; moirair, 26@28c.

## WILL BEAT RECORD.

Flood in Mississippi Valley Threatens Untold Damage to Property.

New Orleans, March 13.—It is generally admitted by government, state and city authorities that the Mississippi river will in all probability break all records before the present flood begins to recede. The gauge here tonight shows the river to be just one foot below the high water record, and every precaution is being taken to prevent serious damage and to prepare for emergencies.

All the levee lines are being inspected and large forces of men are at work day and night. Though all the authorities admit that a record stage is probable, they maintain that the levee system is higher and stronger than ever before, and that the banks are prepared to withstand the extra strain.

The most unfortunate condition at present is the continuance of the rainy weather. This is having the effect of softening the levees and all Louisiana is praying for a return of sunshine. Six hundred men are at work today at various points sacking weak points and raising the line of embankments. Thousands of sacks of sand are being distributed along the river. The engineers report the levees between South Port and Carrollton in excellent condition. The United States engineer officials have promised their cooperation with the authorities in carrying on the fight against the flood. All the levee boards of the state may be in continuous session and every foot of levee on the river is under surveillance of armed guards.

OTHER DEADBEAT NATIONS.

Baltain May Next Collect from Guatemala and Costa Rica.

New York, March 13.—English investors in Spanish-American loans and enterprises are now looking for a sequel to the Venezuelan affair in some other part of the Western hemisphere, says the Tribune's representative in London. The only other countries where defaults of interest and repudiation of financial obligations are flagrant are Costa Rica and Guatemala. The external debt of Costa Rica was scaled down to lower rates of interest, but the defaults have occurred on both the interest and the sinking fund. Guatemala's debt was also rearranged for 4 per cent, but the interest has not been paid.

These countries are exposing themselves to foreign coercion in the interest of European creditors. It is not probable that England will join Germany in another naval campaign against either republic, since the British investors in the two main Venezuelan loans complain that the effect of the alliance has been to establish preference for inferior German claims and to create a prejudice against the legitimate claims of bondholders.

PLACED IN NAVY'S CARE.

Midway Islands Will Be Protected from Roving Japanese Sailors.

Washington, March 13.—The president by executive order has turned the Midway Islands over to the navy department. This was done at the instance of the Pacific cable company, which has asked for the protection of its property on the islands. Roving Japanese sailors are in the habit of landing on the islands for the purpose of sea food and for game. It is probable that the navy will establish a small station on the islands and American warships will make a practice of touching there much more frequently than they have done in the past. The islands are two in number, Sand Island, having 633 acres, and Eastern Island, 245 acres. There is a harbor affording about 18 feet of water. The islands are deemed essential to the operation of the Pacific cable, which will touch there on its western route from Hawaii.

Red Tape in the Way.

New York, March 13.—The statement that the postoffice department has acceded to Marconi's request for telegraph communication through Fairmount with the wireless station at Poldhu is understood to be substantially true, says a London dispatch to the Tribune. The concession, however, does not improve much the prospects of an early establishment of a commercial wireless system between England and America. Marconi has not been able to persuade the postmaster general to allow messages destined for transmission across the ocean by wireless system to be handled in as cable messages at any telegraph office in the United Kingdom.

Lighthouse on Mile Rock.

San Francisco, March 13.—Under the direction of Captain Valentine, of the United States engineer corps, a force of men has gone to Mile Rock, at the entrance to the Golden Gate, and begun the work of preparing for the erection of a lighthouse on the jagged peak. Since the days of the discovery of this bay Mile Rock has been regarded as one of the most dangerous obstructions to navigation on this part of the coast. The construction of a lighthouse will not only remove the element of danger, but serve as a guide.

Chamberlain Sick but Hopeful.

New York, March 13.—Mr. Chamberlain, who has arrived at Madeira, was received there with much ceremony, according to the Tribune's London correspondent. He has suffered severely from his old enemy, gout, during the passage. A Daily Mail representative says that the colonial secretary is personally satisfied with the results of his voyage. The Cape situation is at least as satisfactory as he expected, and he is still hopeful of the future, provided the Dutch promises of loyalty and conciliation are kept.

Wireless Telegraph Between Forts.

New York, March 13.—Preliminary tests of a wireless telegraph system between the harbor forts were made today under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Dunwoody, chief signal officer of the United States army, and in future the wireless telegraph will be used regularly for communicating between Fort Wadsworth, on Staten Island, and Fort Hancock, at Sandy Hook, across about 15 miles of the lower bay.

Drowned in a Mine.

Iron Mountain, Mich., March 16.—Four men are known to have lost their lives and four others are missing today the result of an accident in the Millie mine. The men were drowned by a rush of water which flooded the north level of a cross-cut in the mine. The accident was caused by the men working through the wall of their level into another level, which had been flooded, the water seeping through the break and overwhelming the miners.

## PAY TWICE IN 1904

NEW OREGON LAW MAKES TAXES PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 31.

Goes into Effect Next Year—Assessors Begin Work on First Monday in January—Annual Levy by County Courts Will Be Made at September Term—Other Changes.

Salem, Oregon, March 16.—Taxpayers in Oregon will pay taxes twice in 1904. They will pay the taxes levied on the tax roll of 1903 and also the taxes levied upon the roll of 1904. This is due to a change in the law by which taxes are to be paid in the fall of the same year the assessment is made. In order to effect this change it was necessary to make the taxes payable three months earlier or nine months later. The collection of taxes is already three months later than it should be, so the legislature decided to make the taxes payable in the preceding fall rather than in the succeeding fall.

Under the present law the assessment is made after the first Monday in March, the assessment roll being filed in September, the levy thereon made the following January and the taxes collected by the first Monday in April. Thus the taxes on the assessment of 1902 are not paid until 1903.

The new law provides that the assessors shall on the first Monday of January procure blank assessment rolls and proceed forthwith to make his assessment, and return the roll by the first Monday in July, showing all the property owned in his county on the first Monday in January. Section 360 of the code has been amended so as to provide that the county board of equalization shall sit on the first Monday of July, instead of on the last Monday of August, as heretofore. Section 3082 was amended so as to limit the time for correcting the assessment rolls by the board of equalization of the county court to 20 days.

Under the new law county courts must make the annual tax levy in September following the assessment. In order that the county courts may have information as to the amount required, it is provided that the state board of apportionment shall make its estimate of state expenses in July, instead of in January, as at present. Cities and school districts must notify the county clerk of the annual tax levies by the first day of September, instead of by the first day of February, as under the old law. This gives the county courts full information for the levying of taxes at the September term of court.

All taxes are payable by the 31st day of December of the same year, section 3106 of the code having been amended so as to make that provision. All taxes not paid by the 31st day of December become delinquent on that day; provided, however, that if one-half of the taxes due on any parcel of land are paid by the 31st of December, the property-owner may have until the following first Monday in April, and if the remainder is not then paid, it becomes delinquent, and, besides the penalty, interest at the rate of 12 per cent will be charged on such remainder from the 31st day of December. On all delinquent taxes interest is to be charged at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the date of the delinquency, and if the taxes remain delinquent 30 days, a penalty of 5 per cent will be added. On all taxes paid on or before the 31st day of December, a rebate of 2 per cent will be allowed. Under the present law the rebate is 3 per cent. On the first Monday in February the sheriff must begin the collection of delinquent taxes by levying upon personal property, and on the first Monday in April close the delinquent roll and return it to the county court.

County treasurers are required to pay one-half the state taxes by January 15, and the other half by July 15, but the provisions of this act do not apply to any taxes heretofore levied. Delinquent sales are to take place by October 1.

The new law shortens the entire time for making an assessment and collecting the taxes one month.

Taxpayers will pay their 1903 taxes in March, 1904, and their 1904 taxes in December, 1904.

Status of Isle of Pines.

Havana, March 16.—Minister Squiers has returned here from a four days' visit to the Isle of Pines, during which he made one of the reasons the American residents have for urging United States sovereignty over the island. He will report to Washington on the situation. He found the Americans to be extremely anxious for American sovereignty, as they purchased land and stock in the four American land companies there in the full belief that the United States would assume sovereignty over the Isle of Pines.

Chinese Rebels Still Gaining.

Victoria, March 16.—The steamer Trossa, which arrived last night, brought news of further engagements between the Chinese government forces and the Kwangsi rebels, in which the imperial troops were defeated with loss. Some high officials being among the slain. The governor of Hunan has telegraphed to the Chinese government to the effect that the rebellion has reached a most dangerous state, and he requests the government to mobilize troops in other provinces as a precaution against emergencies.

Bridges Wrecked by Ice.

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—The flood situation in Nebraska tonight is even worse than 24 hours ago. The wrecking by an ice gorge of the main line bridge of the Rock Island across the Platte river at Rock Island and the bridge of the Missouri Pacific near Louisville has still further demoralized the railroad traffic. The Rock Island is still running trains between here and Omaha over the Burlington tracks, and the Union Pacific utilizes the same line for an outlet from Omaha westward.

Sentries are Fired On.

Colorado Springs, March 12.—Sentries at three points were fired on this evening by unknown parties. At one point an attempt was made to enter the sentry lines and the sentry on guard came near being hit. Other sentries stationed around the three mills were fired upon at midnight. From flashes from the sentries and the shooting were located on the hills surrounding the reduction plants.

Still Believe a Woman Did It.

Buffalo, March 12.—The police cling to the theory that a woman, and one from outside the house, killed Burdick. The examination of sewers and sluice boxes in the vicinity of the Burdick home failed to reveal any weapon that could have been used by the murderer. The police are also working to ascertain all that actually occurred in the house, both before and after the murder that night.

## WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Canadian Pacific Strike Spreading From Vancouver Eastward.

Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—Although it seemed probable a few days ago that a settlement was about to be effected between the striking employees and the Canadian Pacific railway, all negotiations were broken off today. The strikers say that it will be a battle to the finish. The United Brotherhood of railway employees says that the apparent willingness of the company to arbitrate for a settlement was merely a ruse to gain sufficient time in which to recruit substitutes for the striking men. There is no question of wages or working hours in the matter.

Supporting the cause of the strikers, all members of their organization along the line have been today called out, Calgary, Winnipeg and Fort William being particularly interested.

The company, on the other hand, has received another carload of Eastern men, and now has 120 substitutes, with which it will endeavor to carry on general business. These men are quartered in box cars on the wharves, entrance to the wharves being guarded day and night by Canadian Pacific special policemen. The following notice addressed to shippers and all others concerned is published:

"This company is now prepared to accept all goods offered for shipment. The same can be delivered either at our local sheds or our wharf warehouses."

The strikers are receiving funds from unions throughout British Columbia and from Portland, Seattle and other places.

From the head office of the company at Montreal is coming William Whyte, assistant to the president, who will try to settle the strike.

CALL FOR TROOPS.

May Result from Strike Riots at Toledo—War Among Teamsters.

Toledo, O., March 12.—After four successive attacks had been made on nonunion teamsters by striking union men, a member of the Toledo cartage association declared that he would make application to Governor Nash tomorrow to call out the state militia to protect the association's men and interests.

Today has been one of the most exciting in the city's history, nor is the excitement abated by the strikers' declaration that a general strike will be called and that no Toledo freight will be handled by teamsters in any part of the county.

The trouble began at noon when a mob of 400 strikers and sympathizers followed a truck through the principal business streets, endeavoring to knock and pull from his place a nonunion driver. The mob attempted to do violence to Manager Turner, of the Moreton truck company. Both men were saved from serious injury, however, by the police. Later the police gave notice that any further provocation given the strikers would be the fault of the employers and that they would not interfere hereafter.

Later an attempt was made to throw a nonunion driver into the river, but the man was saved by the police. Not half an hour later another nonunion truck driver was torn from a truck in front of the Moreton truck company's office and at the muzzle of a revolver was compelled to run for his life. A similar fate befell a nonunion teamster within a block of the police station.

PLAJUE OF WATER.

All Rivers in Middle West and South are Booming—All Industry Stopped.

St. Louis, March 12.—The Mississippi river and all its tributaries are above or near the flood stage and continued rain through their vast watershed threatens a flood hardly paralleled in the history of the Middle West and South. The Ohio and all its tributaries, after receding for a few days, are again rising, and the lowlands are flooded at many points. The ice in the streams which empty into the Missouri from the west has broken up and carried many bridges with it. The area covered by the floods will extend from the foothills of the Alleghenies on the east to those of the Rockies on the west and from the great lakes to the gulf.

At several points the Mississippi has already overflowed its banks or threatens to break the levees and is still rising rapidly.

The worst damage, so far, has been done in Nebraska, where the wreck of bridges has stopped traffic on all railroads running west except the Burlington.

From all directions come reports of people fleeing from flooded bottom lands to the hills or seeking refuge in the upper stories of their houses, and of factories rendered idle by the floods advancing to their boiler rooms.

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