

Washington County News

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Kalief, the assassin of Grand Duke Sergius, has been condemned to death.

Troops fired on railroad strikers in an Italian town, killing and wounding many.

The question of broken neutrality by the Russians has aroused keen interest in Japan.

Contracts have been closed for building an immense steel mill in China. The work will cost close to \$3,000,000.

Portland is now officially recognized as the leading wheat exporting city of the United States. The department of Commerce and Labor accords Portland first place.

The Japanese government has let contracts for the erection of huge steel plants and other necessary machinery for the construction of heavy ordnance. An American firm will do the work.

No women spectators will be allowed at the third trial of Nan Patterson.

The Chicago teamsters' strike against Montgomery, Ward & Co. seems to be losing headway. Riots continue, however.

A young man of Muncie, Indiana, has been fined \$25 and costs for having cigarette papers in his possession. This is the first penalty assessed in Indiana since the anti-cigarette law became effective.

Nevada state health officers report conditions improving at Tonopah, the new mining camp.

The senate committee on interstate commerce has commenced its hearings on railway legislation.

Commissioner Garfield is holding night sessions examining into Standard Oil methods in Kansas.

John A. Benson will have to stand trial in Washington on land fraud charges, the United States supreme court having denied his right to be tried in California.

Chicago teamsters' sympathizers have mobbed the negro drivers for Montgomery, Ward & Co., and other disturbances are daily occurring in connection with the strike.

The supreme court of the United States has decided the case involving the removal of George W. Beavers from Brooklyn to Washington against Beavers, holding him subject to removal.

The preliminary legal battle is on at Portland in connection with the land fraud cases. Hermann, Mitchell, Williamson and the smaller offenders are all in attendance at Judge Bellinger's court. The best legal talent of the state is arrayed against Prosecutor Heney and they will be augmented later by some of the best lawyers of the nation.

Chicago will own the city's car lines within three months.

Carnegie will soon distribute \$12,500,000 among 50 colleges in 17 states.

Minturn, a small Colorado mining town, has been practically wiped out by fire.

Bids have just been opened by the Navy department for the construction of three cruisers.

Indiana's anti-cigarette law is in force and a cigarette cannot be purchased in the state.

Further violence on the part of the strikers has ended peace conferences on the Chicago teamsters' strike.

The revivalists who have just left Portland and gone to Seattle say the latter city is the purer of the two.

Russia accuses British ships of spying on the movements of the Baltic fleet and reporting to the Japanese.

Omaha retailers have had the price of beef raised on them. They are now paying \$15 to \$20 more per carcass than they were two weeks ago.

The Russian army is retreating to Kirin.

A number of Chicago beef trust witnesses have fled to Canada and their wives have been summoned before the grand jury to tell what they know.

Another earthquake in India has wrecked two towns.

The Russian fleet has changed its course and gone eastward to coal.

Bloody disturbances are expected throughout Russia on May day.

The Winnebago Indians, in Nebraska, have protested to Washington, claiming to have been robbed of their lands by agents.

The czar has announced his intention of revising the land laws in order to quiet the peasants.

A commission has been appointed to decide the dispute on international rivers. The waterways in question are the Rio Grande and Colorado on the south and the Milk river on the north.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company will spend \$500,000 on new lines in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming in 1905.

WILL USE HIS TORPEDO FLEET.

Togo Will Not Risk His Big Vessels Against the Russians.

London, April 19.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, expressed the opinion to the Associated Press today that Admiral Togo would not give battle to Admiral Rojestvensky with his entire squadron, but would continue the cautious tactics which has characterized his attacks on the Port Arthur squadron, not because he feared defeat, but owing to his desire to inflict the greatest amount of damage on the Russians with the least possible loss to himself.

While confident of his ability to accomplish the total destruction of the Russian squadron in a big battle, there is danger of Togo losing one or two of his big ships. Therefore, Baron Hayashi believes, Togo will employ his torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, which number more than 100 and are vastly superior to the Russian torpedo boat flotilla, in harassing the Russians while gradually picking off the Russian warships.

He said the coasts of Japan, Corea and Formosa lend themselves to night work with torpedo boats, while the narrow channels will make the maneuvering of large war ships difficult and dangerous.

BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

Steamer Minnesota Crosses Pacific in Very Fast Time.

Seattle, April 19.—The steamship Minnesota, of the Great Northern Steamship company's Seattle-Oriental fleet, and the largest freighter carrier afloat, reached port last night, on her return voyage from the Orient, having broken all trans-Pacific records on her trip across. The Minnesota's time from Yokohama was 13 days, 21 hours and five minutes.

Among her passengers were a number of Russian officers and their wives being sent home on parole from Shanghai, whither they were taken at the time of the capture of Port Arthur. There were also a number of American army officers coming from Manila, either on leave or under orders to report at Washington, D. C. Altogether the Minnesota brought 162 passengers, 47 of whom were first-class, and a little more than 7,000 tons of general freight, of which hemp formed the bulk.

MUST HAVE TRIBAL TIES.

What Indian Children Can Have Share in Lands.

Washington, April 19.—Indian Commissioner Leupp today promulgated the order defining what children of Indian parentage are entitled to share in lands and annuities of various Western tribes. Under his instructions all children whose parents are both Indians may share in these benefits, as may all children whose mothers married white men, provided the mother is still a recognized member of the tribe and affiliates with its members. Whenever an Indian woman, after marriage to a white man, has withdrawn and is no longer identified with her tribe, her children are not entitled to lands or annuities allowed that tribe.

NEUTRALITY IN PHILIPPINES.

Admiral Train is Having All Waters Well Patrolled.

Manila, April 19.—Admiral Train, determined to maintain the neutrality of the Philippine waters, will immediately dispatch additional vessels to patrol the Basilan straits, as a result of the reports that both Russian and Japanese vessels have been sighted there. Saturday the United States gunboat Quiros was sent to inspect six Russian colliers which are reported to be lying in the gulf of Lingayen. A gunboat is also scouting for Japanese vessels.

A report has reached here that 16 Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Sumpul point. The cruisers are said to be scouting in force for stray coast ships and colliers of the Russian fleet.

Judge Upholds the Law.

Denver, April 19.—Judge N. Walter Dixon, in the District court today, upheld the constitutionality of the law of 1897 relating to building and loan associations, under which President E. M. Johnson and other officers of the defunct Fidelity Savings association have been indicted on charges of making false reports. The law was attacked by Johnson's attorneys on the ground that the legislative records concerning its passage were incomplete, a leaf apparently having been torn from the journal of the house.

Fifty Boys Were Injured.

Indianapolis, April 19.—No deaths have been added to the list of four boys that lost their lives in the crush of newboys in the stairway of the Masonic building last night, eager to obtain free theater tickets for a performance at the theater. The revised list of the injured shows that no fewer than 50 were more or less injured. Of this number, fully 25 were seriously crushed and the death list may be increased.

Fifty Hurt in Strike Riot.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 19.—Fifty men were hurt in a fight between 60 nonunion men from Pittsburgh and 150 strikers from the Whitaker mill. Clubs, stones, knives and pistols were used, but the nonunion men finally scored in getting into the mill.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Four Boys Killed and Many Injured by Alarm of Fire.

AFTER FREE THEATER TICKETS

Hundreds Were Waiting at Indianapolis Masonic Temple When Panic Struck.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 18.—Frenzied by a false alarm of fire, several hundred eager newboys, struggling to obtain their share of free tickets to a local theater, which were being distributed by a traveling representative of a patent medicine company, stampeded in a narrow stairway in the Masonic Temple tonight, crushing the life out of four boys and seriously injuring several others.

Long before the time approached for the distribution of the tickets, the stairs of the Masonic Temple, at the southwest corner of Washington street and Capitol avenue, were crowded with a pushing, yelling crowd of newboys, each anxious to be first to receive his pass. When the distribution began, the excitement became more intense, and the efforts of several policemen who had been detailed to prevent trouble were unavailing.

It is alleged that one of the boys, in the endeavor to hasten the exit of those who had received their passes, shouted "Fire!" Immediately those at the top of the stairs and almost with superhuman strength began to force their way to the bottom of the stairs.

Shrieks and physical encounters followed for a few seconds, when from some cause those near the top fell headlong on the struggling mass at the bottom. Immediately policemen from the central station, who responded to a riot call, began the work of rescue.

Four of the boys were dead when extricated from their position at the bottom of the stairs. Others, believed to have been fatally crushed, were taken out as fast as they could be disentangled from their frenzied companions, who fought and clung to each other in desperation.

CANNOT LIMIT HOURS.

Supreme Court Declares New York Bakers' Law Unconstitutional.

Washington, April 18.—In an opinion by Justice Peckham, the Supreme court of the United States held to be unconstitutional the New York state law making ten hours a day's work and 60 hours a week's work in bakeries in that state. Justices Harlan, White, Day and Holmes dissented and Justice Harlan declared that no more important decision had been rendered in the last century.

The opinion was handed down in the case of Lockner vs. the state of New York, and was based on the ground that the law interferes with the free exercise of the rights of contract between individuals. The court of appeals of the state upheld the law and affirmed the judgment of the trial court, holding Lockner guilty.

The law involved in the case is section 110 of the New York state labor law, prescribing the hours of labor in bakeries in the state. Lockner is a baker in the city of Utica and was found guilty of permitting an employe to work in his bakery more than 60 hours in a week, and fined \$50. The judgment was affirmed by the New York Appellate courts.

Senator Thurston is Retained.

Sioux City, Ia., April 18.—John M. Thurston, ex-United States senator from Nebraska, has been retained to press claims for indemnity on account of the massacre of several Americans by Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mex., January 19. The claims will aggregate \$450,000, \$100,000 each for the four men killed, J. K. McKenzie and Dr. Robert McCoy, of Chicago; Walter Stubinger, of Kewanee, Ill., and M. H. Call, of Sioux City, and \$25,000 each for the terrible experience of the two survivors.

Hoodoo Boat May Be Accepted.

Washington, April 18.—The report of the naval board which conducted the recent trial of the Goldsborough in Puget sound has been received at the Navy department. In substance it shows that although the speed is not altogether satisfactory, due probably to the natural deterioration of the machinery since its installation, about five years ago, the vessel is structurally sound and otherwise in good condition. The disposition of the naval authorities is to accept her.

Death Rate is Decreasing.

Chicago, April 18.—In closing his 10 years of service as commissioner of health for the city of Chicago, Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds presents in his annual report significant data showing the decrease of the death rate in the city. During the 10 years from 1885 to 1894, inclusive, the yearly average of death rate was 20.02 in every 1,000 of population. During the succeeding 10 years the rate decreased to 15.1 in every 1,000 of population.

American Missionary Slain.

Shanghai, April 18.—A native Christian who has arrived here reports that a band of Chunchuses have murdered an American missionary named Kennedy at Kungongnsien, near Hangchau. He could give no particulars of the alleged crime.

SHONTS IS TO BE CHIEF.

Secretary Taft Says He Will Work With Panama Commission.

New York, April 18.—Secretary of War Taft, who is here to attend the annual meeting of the directors of the Panama railroad company in this city tomorrow, had this to say tonight on the affairs of the railroad company:

"The meeting will result in a complete reorganization of the company. The government is now in control of the stock. It is absolutely essential for the United States to control the affairs of the company in the work of constructing the canal. We desire the affairs of the road conducted in harmony with the commission which will have charge of the general construction work.

"With this end in view, the directors of the Panama railroad company at the meeting will elect Theodore P. Shonts, the new chairman of the Panama canal commission, president of the Panama railroad company.

"With Mr. Shonts at the head of the company it is certain that its affairs will be conducted most satisfactorily. His experience as a practical railroad man will enable him to operate the railroad just as the Panama canal commission may desire while the work of the construction is in progress. The entire official board of the company will be comprised of either members of the commission or men who are interested in the work of constructing the canal.

"By official board I mean the officers and directors of the company. "We expect to have this road in readiness at the time the work of the canal construction begins and managed in a manner so as to facilitate this great work."

RUMORS WITHOUT REAL NEWS.

Correspondents Guess at Many Things Beyond Their Vision.

London, April 18.—There is as yet no news of a great naval battle in the Far East, or of the whereabouts of the rival fleets. The Hongkong correspondent of the Daily Mail sends a rumor of a small engagement, but there is no confirmation of this report.

Details regarding the Russian ships in Kanrah bay, Cochinchina, are too meagre to be instructive. According to the Daily Mail's Singapore correspondent, the North German Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich saw several battleships and six cruisers in the bay, but the dispatches to other newspapers are not so precise. The Daily Telegraph's Singapore correspondent, like the Associated Press, merely reports "eighteen vessels," and adds that the captain of the Prinz Heinrich states that possibly more warships were inside the harbor, but that they were invisible from the offing.

The presence of the Russian squadron off the Annam coast is raising keen interest here, in view of the possibility of their infringing Chinese neutrality and of the likelihood of Rojestvensky having had to split his squadron. The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs that China has instructed the governor of the southern provinces to maintain strict neutrality in view of the possibility of Russian ships sheltering there.

WHEELS BLOCKED IN ITALY.

Railway Strike May Extend to Other Forms of Industry.

Rome, April 18.—Every railway line throughout Italy is tied up this morning as a result of the strike among the employes, who are dissatisfied with wages and hours of labor. The strike is expected to spread to all of the large industries in the several cities, and before it is ended bloodshed is likely to result.

The strike started in Naples, and a few minutes afterward the heads of labor unions wired to every subordinate organization telling them to notify their members to stop work at midnight. The order was literally obeyed and not a wheel is turning this morning, although the officials of the roads allege they will have them in operation before the end of the day.

All the station clerks and office employes have been ordered to report to the station masters to aid in moving trains.

Opened by the President.

New York, April 18.—With President Roosevelt as the chief guest and leading educators from all sections of the United States among the speakers, the next general session of the National Educational association, which will be held in Ashbury Park, and Ocean Grove, N. J., next July, promises to be the most notable in the association's history. The meetings will begin Monday, July 3, and continue five days. An elaborate program has been completed. President Roosevelt will deliver the principal address of the meeting.

Tunnel Secure from Strikers.

Chicago, April 18.—Labor leaders will hold a conference tomorrow with Mayor Edward F. Dunne, who said tonight that he had hopes of an early settlement of the teamsters' strike against Montgomery, Ward & Co. The coal teamsters today decided to refuse to haul coal to the Montgomery Ward building. It is learned tonight that the Chicago Tunnel company is rushing work on a connection with Montgomery Ward & Co.'s basement.

Grand Trunk Station Burned.

Durant, Mich., April 18.—Fire tonight destroyed the Grand Trunk union station here, in which are located the general offices of the road division west of Port Huron. The building was new and was valued at \$125,000.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

STRIKE IN THE MONUMENTAL.

New Discovery Made in a Well Known Old Mine.

Granite—A strike has just been made in the old Monumental mine, near here, that bids fair to cause no little excitement and prove of great value to the mining interests of Eastern Oregon. It was made in a winze being sunk from the lower level of the mine. The winze is now down 100 feet and for some time Manager Allen has had a crew drifting from the bottom. The new discovery shows a vein 20 feet wide. On the hanging-wall side of the ledge is two feet of solid quartz, heavily charged with antimonal ruby silver, characteristic of the deposits of silver ore formerly found in this old mine, while on the opposite side of the vein is a strong seam of gold ore carrying three ounces of gold per ton. The silver ore runs not less than 500 ounces per ton. Between these two rich shoots the entire vein is of a good milling grade. This discovery was made at a depth of about 600 feet below the apex of the Monumental ledge.

For the past four years the property has been owned by the Portland Mining & Reduction company, of which C. J. Allen, of Portland, is manager.

Logging Engine for Curtiss Road.

Albany—An immense logging engine for use on the new logging road of the Curtis Lumber company, in the Cascade mountains near Mill City, has arrived in Albany and will be put in operation on the road this spring. The engine comes from the Lima Locomotive works, in Ohio, and is the first of its size and kind to be put into use in the lumber business in Oregon. It is of a type calculated to do very heavy, rather than speedy, work, and marks the beginning of a new epoch in the lumbering industry in Linn county.

Will Have Special Car.

Independence—The Independence Improvement league is making arrangements for a special car to take its members to Portland to attend the State league convention April 26. The Lewis and Clark club will be asked to decorate the car, and the "Blue Ribbon" county will be well represented by enthusiastic members of the league. The league is taking up the matter of beautifying the town, and a large committee of both ladies and gentlemen will be appointed to look after this work.

Rogue River Fruit Unharmed.

Medford—The recent light frosts in the Rogue river valley have done comparatively no harm; in fact, have been a benefit by thinning out the fruit somewhat on overloaded trees, and the best apple and pear crop ever raised in the valley is now practically assured. With the exception of some apple orchards which were allowed to overbear last year, and in consequence which could not set fruit buds for the present season, the fruit bloom was never better locally than now.

Heading Off the Standard Oil.

Astoria—The city attorney has been instructed by the public property committee to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the next meeting of the council forbidding the storage of crude oil or other explosives in larger quantities than 100 gallons at any one place inside the city limits. The reason for presenting this ordinance is the announced intention of the Standard Oil company to erect a large storage tank on its property near the foot of Sixth street.

New Opera House for Silverton.

Silverton—Work has begun on the foundation of the new opera house. The building will occupy a half block, and will be 216x140 feet and two stories high. The opera house will be on the lower floor, and will be 60x90 feet. On the second floor will be a dance hall 60 feet square and two lodge rooms. Besides the opera house there will be three stores on the lower floor. The building will be ready for use by July 1.

Fish Cannot Get Over Dam.

Pendleton—Complaints are coming from residents on the Walla Walla river that trout are unable to get over the Northwestern Gas & Electric company's dam across the river and that above the dam there is very little fishing. The dam is seven feet high and is not fitted with fish ladders. Those who have visited that locality say that fish are constantly seen leaping in their endeavor to scale the obstruction.

Gives Roseburg a Chance.

Eugene—The local directors have decided that the Second Southern Oregon District fair shall not be held in Eugene this year and Roseburg has been given the privilege of giving it there. It was thought that the interest taken in the Lewis and Clark exposition by Eugene people would detract from the success of a district fair, so the matter of holding it here this year was given up.

Orange Boxes for California.

Marshfield—General Manager Valagin, of the Coos Bay Furniture factory at North Bend, announces that he has made a contract with Southern California shippers to manufacture 3,000,000 orange boxes, and that his factory will be kept running night and day for a year. He is installing this week his own sawmill, which will cut 50,000 feet of spruce lumber daily.

DEBTORS MUST GIVE UP HALF.

After May 18 One-Half Their Wages May Be Taken by Creditors.

Salem—Oregon merchants will have a good remedy against many of their bad debtors after May 18, when the act of the last legislature regarding the exemption of wages from execution will go into effect. This act amends the law by making one-half the earnings of the debtor subject to execution proceedings if the debt be for family expenses. Prior to 1903 all the earnings of a debtor for 30 days next preceding the service of an attachment, execution or garnishment were exempt if the earnings were needed for the support of a family. Under that law men with considerable monthly incomes would escape the payment of their debts. The legislature of 1903 amended the law by limiting the amount of earnings exempt to \$75, but leaving the law otherwise the same. As there are comparatively few men working for wages who receive over \$75 a month, this law still enabled men to avoid debts which they should be compelled to pay, and the legislature of 1905 amended the section still further by adding this clause: "Except when the debt is incurred for family expenses furnished within six months of the date of the service of such attachment, execution or garnishment, 50 per cent of such earnings shall be subject to such attachment, execution or garnishment."

As construed by the courts, the term "family expenses" includes such items as provisions, fuel, rent, furniture, wearing apparel, pianos, organs, jewelry, medical attendance, etc.

Oregon Days at the Fair.

Portland—Oregon days, as set apart by the Lewis and Clark fair management are as follows: June 5, Monday—Salem, Dallas; June 6, Tuesday—Baker City, Sumpter; June 7, Wednesday—Pendleton, Hepper; June 8, Thursday—The Dalles, Prineville, Moro; June 9, Friday—Oregon City, McMinnville; June 10, Saturday—Astoria, Hillsboro; June 12, Monday—Albany, Corvallis; June 13, Tuesday—LaGrande, Union; June 14, Wednesday—Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville; June 15, Thursday—Grants Pass; June 16, Friday—Roseburg; June 17, Saturday—Eugene, Cottage Grove.

Specialty of Fine Chickens.

Milton—W. C. Hopson, manager of the Milton Fruitgrowers' union, is raising chickens on a large scale on his farm four miles up on the Walla Walla river. He has four large incubators and four brooders. Mr. Hopson is making a specialty of raising fine chickens, keeping several varieties of pure bred fowls. At present he is hatching Rhode Island Reds and is marketing the tiny chickens at \$3 per dozen, with a ready market for all he hatches. A number of other residents of the vicinity of both Milton and Freewater are purchasing incubators and engaging in the poultry business.

Arranging Clackamas' School Display.

Oregon City—Having been assured by a member of the executive committee of the Clackamas county Lewis and Clark exhibit that the necessary funds for installing the educational exhibit will be forthcoming, the members of the educational committee in this county met at the courthouse to arrange and classify this department of the Clackamas county display. This feature of the exhibit will comprise all kinds of papers and drawings, together with some manual work, and will be to the credit of the schools.

Cancel Deeds if Fraudulent.

Salem—In reply to questions submitted by Governor Chamberlain, Atorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion holding in substance that the state land board has authority to cancel all deeds and certificates to school lands wherein fraud appears on record, but that it is not within the power of the board to take arbitrary action in the matter. In other words, fraud must be alleged and proven before the board has authority to cancel certificates of sales.

Wasco Land Brings \$45.

The Dalles—One of the best land sales ever made in Wasco county has just been closed. It was the sale of 725 acres of wheat land adjacent to the town of Dufur, which brought the owner, A. J. Dufur, \$33,625, or \$45 an acre. The purchasers were Johnston Bros., the well known merchants and land owners of Dufur. It is all fine wheat land, and last year 46 bushels of wheat to the acre were harvested off the entire tract.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86@87c per bushel; bluestem, 92@94c; valley, 88c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 23s@25c per ton; gray, 27@28.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18 1/2c per dozen; Butter—Fancy creamery, 18@20c.
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, \$1@1.15; common, 80@90c.
Apples—Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25.
Hops—Choice 1904, 23 1/2@25c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 20@22c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15@18c; mohair, choice, 31@32c per pound.