

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.

The "Four hundred" of Newport, R. I., have formed a gambling club.

A Chinese tong war is on in Los Angeles and several Orientals have been killed.

Richard Croker has declined to become a candidate for the English parliament.

Congressman Jones, of Washington, announces that he is a candidate for the senate.

Fire which started in the kitchen of the Schiltz hotel, Omaha, destroyed \$70,000 worth of property.

Heny threatens the indictment of several big men who are influencing witnesses in the bribery cases.

The anthracite coal miners are apparently satisfied, as the board of conciliation has no work before it.

A number of witnesses for Haywood's defense have been arrested for contempt and more arrests are to be made.

A young Italian woman has been found murdered in Chicago and it is believed the deed was done by the Black Hand association.

All interested agree that the climax in the telegraphers' strike is near when other men will join in the strike or else those already out will go back and the trouble be adjusted.

Voliva threatens to build a rival Zion City.

A stringent prohibition law is sure to pass in Georgia.

Stoessel and other defenders of Port Arthur are on trial.

Canada is also having its troubles with the Japanese influx.

Greeks at Roanoke, Va., were badly beaten for hitting an American boy.

Chicago telegraph operators have been notified to be ready for a strike.

The Hague conference will adopt nearly all of the American propositions.

Ambassador Aoki proposes intermarriage to cement the Japanese-American alliance.

The rate law prevents railroads coming to the relief of farmers by giving a special rate on farm implements.

Harriman says the Interstate Commerce commission report is a political document and he is being persecuted personally.

The Interstate Commerce commission has reported the Harriman monopoly illegal and the attorney general will take in a few days on what action to decide.

Stensland, wrecker of the Milwaukee avenue bank, Chicago, has made \$20,000 since in prison by charging fees for releasing mortgages. A movement has been started to pardon the bank wrecker.

The emperor of Korea is said to have abdicated because of pressure from Japan.

Haywood made an exceptionally good witness for himself in his trial at Boise.

Peter Larson, second richest man in the Northwest, is dead at his home in Helena.

Japanese spies have been caught sketching Fort Rosecrans on the California coast.

Leading citizens of Toledo, Ohio, have been sent to the workhouse for organizing an ice trust.

The National Educational association has placed itself on record as favoring higher salaries for teachers.

Fairbanks delivered an address before the Christian Endeavor convention at Seattle. He had an audience of 12,000.

Telegraph operators in New York have been ordered to prepare to strike at a moment's notice. Should they be called out 2,600 men will be affected.

Acting Mayor Charles Boston, of San Francisco, says he told Heny and Burns everything he knew about the grafting officials to secure immunity for himself.

Christian Endeavor people are spending busy days at their convention in Seattle.

Pennsylvania railroads are suing to restrain enforcement of the 2-cent passenger rate law.

The National Teachers' association in convention at Los Angeles has refused to adopt suggested changes in spelling of words.

The Wisconsin legislature has passed a 2-cent passenger rate law which will go into effect August 15.

Admiral Yamamoto, Ambassador Aoki and Admiral Evans all say talk of war with Japan is baseless.

The cruise of the American fleet to the Pacific will be the longest in the history of the American navy.

Mayor Boston, of San Francisco, has moved the office from the location occupied by Schmitz to the city hall.

RUSSIA SEEKING TROUBLE.

Gunboat Violates Rights Accorded to American Vessels.

San Francisco, July 16.—The barkentine S. N. Castle, Captain A. Pedersen, arrived here today from the cod fishing grounds off the coast of Siberia, and reports that the vessel had been boarded by the Russian gunboat Mandjur, her ship's papers taken and warned to stay 30 miles from the shore, under threat of being confiscated and the officers and crew taken to Petropavlovsk in irons.

Captain Pedersen stated that on June 18 he was cod fishing in the Okhotsk sea, eight miles from the shore, in company with the schooner J. D. Spreckels, the barkentine Fremont and City of Papeete, all from San Francisco, when the Mandjur hove in sight. The commanding officer, said Captain Pedersen, boarded the Castle, seized not only the ship's clearance papers, but all of Captain Pedersen's private papers and his master's commission and certificate. Captain Pedersen remonstrated, declaring that his vessel was outside the three-mile limit, and therefore he was violating no law. The Russian commander, however, stated that no fishing would be allowed within 30 miles of the shore, and gave the S. N. Castle and the other vessels seven days to get beyond the limit.

As a number of the Fremont's crew were on shore at the time, the vessels remained for six days awaiting their return. When on the sixth day the gunboat again appeared on the horizon, the Castle and the J. D. Spreckels sailed for San Francisco, leaving the Fremont and the Papeete. Captain Pedersen will lay the matter before United States Attorney Robt. T. Devlin tomorrow morning and request that it be taken up by the Washington authorities at once. The S. N. Castle belongs to A. B. Pond, of this city.

JAPAN TURNS TABLES.

Los Angeles Workman Insults American Flag and Fares Badly.

Los Angeles, July 16.—T. Yoni, a Japanese employed as a wiper in the Southern Pacific shops in this city, narrowly escaped serious injury at the hands of an enraged mob of American workmen today. Yoni was wiping an engine on which had been placed two small American flags. While wiping the engine, Yoni turned and deliberately spat upon one of the flags. His action was seen by another workman, who immediately pulled Yoni from the engine to the ground, at the same time acquainting the other workmen in the building of Yoni's act. A crowd quickly surrounded Yoni and he was being roughly handled, when he managed to elude his assailants and escaped.

How to Reach Harriman.

Washington, July 16.—The Interstate Commerce commission points out a plain and direct method by which E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, can be placed in prison for merging the Union and Central Pacific railroads. The act of 1874 is pointed out as the present statute under which Mr. Harriman may be criminally reached. The wording of the law is quoted and a decision of the United States Supreme court given as a precedent. There is no recommendation made that proceedings be instituted, as the department of justice is supposed to take action.

High Honor for Root.

Mexico City, July 16.—An unprecedented honor will be bestowed upon American Secretary of State Root and Mrs. Root upon their coming visit to Mexico as guests of the Mexican government. While in the capital, Chapultepec castle, the summer home of the president of the republic, will be thrown open to them. There they will make their residence, which will also be the headquarters of Secretary Root. It was originally stated that the party will consist of Mr. and Mrs. Root, Miss Root and a secretary.

Passenger Trains Crash.

Leavenworth, Kan., July 16.—A Chicago Great Western passenger train, running over the Kansas City Northwestern tracks, is reported to have run into a Burlington train at Bethel, between here and Kansas City, at 1 o'clock this morning, wrecking the sleeper and killing and injuring several passengers. The injured are to be taken to Kansas City for treatment. A wrecking train is now on its way from Kansas City to the scene.

Denies He is Japanese Spy.

Tokio, July 16.—General Terauchi, the minister of war, in an interview today, contradicted the reported arrest of a Japanese spy at San Diego, Cal. He said: "There are no Japanese military officers in America except military attaches. The war office has never instructed any officer or amateur spy to examine American forts."

Five More Japanese Held.

San Antonio, Tex., July 16.—The immigration inspectors at Laredo, on the Mexican border, arrested five more Japanese near Green's station yesterday, making their way into the state through the brush. All will be sent to San Francisco for deportation to Japan.

Corean Plot is Exposed.

Tokio, July 16.—A dispatch from Seoul, Korea, reports the sensational discovery of 24 men, who were concealed in the Seraglio palace, it is supposed with the intention of assassinating some of the emperor's ministers.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

EXCITED OVER COPPER

Ledge Uncovered Accidentally Which Promises Rich Deposits.

Albany—Mill City, the site of the Curtis Lumber company's big mills on the North Santiam river, has been turned into a mining town. Workmen excavating to replace the company store, which was burned recently, uncovered rich deposits of native and carbonated copper ore. The ledge was traced to a point on the opposite bank of the river and started people prospecting all over the town and on all sides. The ore is reported very rich and great excitement prevails.

The discovery was made at a point directly in the rear of where the burned store stood for years, and it seems marvelous it was not found sooner. The poisonous effects from drinking water at Mill City, which has been noticed many times in the past, is now attributed to the copper deposits in the ground.

Mill City is on the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, 35 miles east of Albany.

Opening Will Cause Rush.

Klamath Falls—The restoration order issued by the secretary of the interior affecting lands in Klamath county will cause a big rush for homesteads on September 28, when the lands will be thrown open to settlement. There are only a few good claims, that is, claims valuable for timber, in the entire district to be restored to entry, and already 50 local residents are making arrangements to rush onto the land and acquire a prior right through squatting on the same and making improvements. While the land is restored to settlement on September 28, it is not open to entry until 30 days later. Consequently the squatter who is on the land first after it is restored to settlement stands the best chance to acquire title to the same. The number of available claims is very limited, and the land seekers are so numerous that many legal entanglements are sure to follow.

North Powder Valley Clip.

North Powder—Sheep shearing and dipping are about over in North Powder valley, and, while hauling and weighing are still under way, it is safe to say not less than 360,000 pounds of wool will be baled at the two shipping points for the Eastern market, Baker City and Pendleton, and estimating at the lowest figures for good and better grades of merino wool, 17 to 18c, not less than \$7,000 will come to North Powder's sheepmen from wool sales alone. Owing to the long-continued cold rains of spring, lambing was below the average. Both lamb and mutton are bringing good prices and are in steady demand. At this time the North Powder valley sheep, with a good bill of health, sheared and dipped, are moving on the trail to the reserves in fine condition.

Dates for Tillamook Fair.

Tillamook—It has been decided to hold the annual street carnival and county fair in this city on August 22, 23 and 24. The fair this year will be on a more extensive scale than last year, with more substantial prizes offered in the stock show, which will be made a special feature of the fair. As there are so many visitors and homeseekers pouring into Tillamook on account of the railroad building into the county, every effort will be put forth by the citizens to make this the best fair ever held in Tillamook.

Milk Condenser for Amity.

Amity—A modern milk condenser plant, complete in every detail, is now assured for this place. At a meeting recently it was decided to incorporate a joint stock company with a capital of \$42,500. Before the meeting closed \$1,400 of the stock had been subscribed. A meeting has been called to complete the organization and in the meantime committees are actively at work raising the balance of the capital stock, with every prospect of success.

Maryland Invites Mr. Smith.

Hood River—Hon. E. L. Smith is the recipient of an invitation from the Maryland State Horticultural society to deliver an address before that body at its annual meeting which will take place this year at Jamestown, Va. In extending the invitation the society states through its secretary that it is desirous of securing Mr. Smith in order that they may be instructed in the Hood River methods of growing and packing fruit.

High Price for Oregon Prunes.

Salem—La Salle Bros., of Albany, have purchased a pool of prunes estimated at 500 tons, at a 3 1/4-cent basis. This means about 3 1/4 cents a pound to the grower, orchard run, for the prunes will probably average 45 to the pound. This is the highest price that has been paid for prunes in this vicinity this year. The prunes are growing in the Rosedale district.

Gebhardt for Fish Commissioner.

Salem—A. E. Gebhardt has been selected by Governor Chamberlain for state fish commissioner. H. E. Bickers, of Pendleton, who was superintendent of the reform school under Governor Geer, will succeed Looney in that place.

Bridge to Replace Ferry.

Engene—The county commissioners have just decided to erect a bridge across the Willamette near the Hyland farm, to take the place of the ferry. The cost will be about \$6,000.

FRUITGROWERS ENCOURAGED

Fine Cherry Crop and Good Prices Bring Prosperity.

Albany—Five tons of Royal Ann cherries were grown this season on a two-acre orchard owned by Cyrus H. Walker, near this city. Walker has contracted to sell the entire crop at 5 cents per pound, realizing an income of \$500 on the two acres. This is but one instance of the remarkably large cherry yield in this vicinity and the exportation of cherries now in progress from Albany will mean quite an item financially for this city.

In past years the two acres of Royal Ann trees in the Walker orchard have yielded about two tons annually. This year made the trees very profitable, but a yield of five tons, with the present price, makes cherry growing a most noticeable profit yielding industry.

A great many cherries are being shipped from Albany now. The Royal Ann variety are being sent to the canneries at Salem and Puyallup, Wash. Republican, Kentish and Bing cherries are being sent direct to the Portland, Seattle and Astoria markets. A good many cherries are being shipped from this city to the various points along the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. Black Republican cherries are now ripe and being marketed with the other varieties. Royal Ann cherries are bringing 5 cents per pound everywhere, and the other varieties 4 cents.

All cherries yielded bountifully this year in this part of the state. There are only five or six commercial cherry orchards in this vicinity, but every farm house has its orchard and almost every yard in Albany its Kentish or Black Republican tree. The demand for cherries has also been stronger this year than ever before and all cherries fit for marketing will be sold. The yield and demand this season have demonstrated the feasibility of the commercial growing of cherries in this vicinity and this year's experience will probably lead to greater things here in this industry.

Land Office Active.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received a letter from the commissioner of the general land office containing a certified copy of approval list No. 13, containing 14,292.96 acres of school indemnity selections of the state of Oregon in the La Grande land district. "I desire to congratulate the present officials for their promptness in this matter," said the governor, "which is in marked contrast with the dilatory methods of their predecessors."

Big Sawmill Burns.

Cascade Locks—The entire plant of the Wind River Lumber company at this place, including lumber in pile, is burned to the ground, involving a loss of over \$150,000, and throwing out of employment 125 men. Fire broke out in the boiler room of the planer, and there being a high wind it rapidly spread to the sawmill and in 15 minutes every structure between the railroad and the river was enveloped in flames. No one was injured.

Wild Blackberries Plentiful.

Albany—Wild blackberries are very plentiful in all parts of Linn county now, and hundreds of gallons are being picked. The berries are more abundant this year than for many years, the vines in the woods being completely filled with berries.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 88c; 89c; valley, 86c; red, 84c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28; gray, nominal.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$23; cracked, \$29, per ton.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.
Butter—Creamery, 25@27 1/2c per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 15c per pound; spring chickens, 17@18c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 11@12c; dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, 10c; ducks, 8@9c.
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 24@25c per dozen.
Fruits—Cherries, 8c@10c per pound; apples, 75c@81c per box; storage Spitznberg, \$3.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$2.50@3.50 per crate; peaches, 85c@81c per crate; raspberries, \$1.25@1.50; blackberries, 8c@12 1/2c per pound; loganberries, \$1.25 per crate.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$2 per sack; carrots, \$2.50 per sack; beets, \$2.50 per sack; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 7@10c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2c per pound; celery, \$1 per dozen; cucumbers, 50c@61c per box; corn, 35c@50c per dozen; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, 3 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50@3 per crate.
Potatoes—New, 2c per pound.
Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@5 3/4c per pound.
Beef—Dressed bulls, 3 1/2@4c per pound; cows, 6@6 1/2c; country steers, 6 1/2@7c.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8@9c per pound; ordinary, 6@7c; spring lambs, 9@9 1/2c per pound.
Pork—Dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound.
Hops—6@7 1/2c per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@22 per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair, extra, 29@30c.

JAPAN READY FOR WAR.

Would Attack United States on South With Big Army.

Mexico City, July 15.—Nine thousand veteran Japanese soldiers are now in Northwestern Mexico. They are stationed at points in the states of Sonora, Sinaloa and Chihuahua. Each group is commanded by skilled commanders, who saw service in the Russo-Japanese war. Thirty thousand Japanese, the vast majority of whom are veterans of the Russian campaigns, are in the southwestern section of the United States and Lower California. Three Japanese generals who held high rank in the Russo-Japanese war have been in Mexico for three months. They dress like Mexican rancheros and are ostentatiously buying land.

The Trans-Oceanic Immigration company, whose vice president is T. Hinata, a member of the Japanese parliament, is subsidized by the Japanese government to bring Japanese soldiers to Mexico. They have been coming into Mexico at the rate of 800 per month, landing at Salina Cruz, Manzanillo and other Pacific ports.

In case of war, the plan is for the Japanese fleet to sail up the Gulf of California, capture the port of Guaymas, and use the state of Sonora as a base of operations in a campaign against the United States. This plan will practically duplicate the operations against Russia, in which Japan seized Corea at the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war.

Japan, in her war against the United States, will despoil Mexican territory, which has no navy, just as she did that of Corea in the war with Russia.

Foreign diplomats here, and especially those of Europe, are watching the developments with interest and astonishment because of the inadequate American secret service officials, who seem not to be thoroughly informed of Japan's operations in Mexico.

This story is absolutely correct in every detail.

TIRED OF BEING GOVERNOR

Judge Wickersham Creates Sensation by Speech on Alaska.

Seattle, Wash., July 15.—Federal Judge James Wickersham, of Alaska, speaking before the State Bar association, created a sensation by declaring that he was tired of acting as the government of Alaska, and that the bar of the state must whip the congressional delegation into line to grant some power to the people of Alaska.

His speech overshadowed that of Vice President Fairbanks in importance, for he insisted that the only authority of any kind in Alaska is that of the judiciary and the governor is a mere figurehead with only authority to appoint a private secretary and notaries public.

He denounced Seattle for quiet enjoyment a \$20,000,000 annual trade with Alaska and refusing to aid Alaskans in getting a system of government.

The Bar association banquet lasted until 1 a. m. Mr. Fairbanks, Governor Mead, Congressman Humphreys, Senator Piles and others speaking in response to toasts.

FREIGHT CAR POOL BREAKS.

Big Roads Abandon Project Which Does Not Succeed.

Chicago, July 15.—The American railway clearing house, which for eight months has been trying to perfect a pool of all freight cars in the country, is in process of disintegration, according to the Inter-Ocean. The Chicago & Alton railroad, which was one of the strongest advocates of the car pooling scheme at the outset, will withdraw. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has already withdrawn, and many of the big roads in the East and West have determined to abandon the project.

The organization has failed in its prime object, to insure each road having on its own rails all the time the number of cars owned by it. It has failed to do this because it had no power to penalize the roads for disobeying the mandates, beyond the imposition of the established rate of rental per diem.

Schmitz' Appeal is Sham.

San Francisco, July 15.—Mayor Schmitz suffered another defeat this morning when his application to compel Judge Dunne to set a date for settling the bills of exceptions in the case in which he was convicted of extortion was not granted. C. W. Cobb, representing the prosecution, declared that the petition was a sham and a pretense. The petition charges that Judge Dunne was biased, and that he is purposely hindering the perfection of the appeal in order to keep Schmitz in the county jail.

Good Will Towards Koreans.

The Hague, July 15.—It was officially stated today that Joseph H. Choate, speaking to the Korean delegates at The Hague yesterday, merely said that America had always felt good will toward Koreans, but he manifested no opinion about the present condition of that country, and only expressed the belief that no action can be taken here, adding that if the Koreans desire to make representations to the United States it must be to the government.

Europe Has Summer Shivers.

Berlin, July 15.—Unseasonable cold prevails throughout Middle Europe. Temperatures as low as 41 degrees have been reported in Southern Bavaria, and it is reported that snow is falling in the Vosges mountains.

IS GUEST OF ASTORIA

Vice President Given a Rousing Welcome in City by Sea.

DISPELS THE "ICEBERG" STORY

Whole City Turns Out to Greet Him—Warship Adds Official Salute Banquet at Seaside.

Astoria, Or., July 16.—Nineteen times the boom of the guns of the cruiser Charleston broke the stillness of the air at noon yesterday announcing the arrival of the train bearing Vice President Fairbanks, who was Astoria's honored guest. As the vice president stepped from the train the cruiser's band played a martial air, the blue coated marines brought their guns to present arms and the crowd broke into cheers while dozens of whistles on steamers, mills and canneries joined in harsh but loud acclaim.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the procession formed and headed by a platoon of police, the Charleston's band and the cruiser's full complement of marines and bluejackets and followed by the vice president and the other guests of the city in automobiles proceeded to the Van Dusen field, where Mr. Fairbanks addressed a crowd of several thousand people who had gathered to hear him.

Mayor Wise welcomed the distinguished visitor in a few well chosen words and then Senator Fulton in his usual happy manner introduced the guest of the day. Mr. Fairbanks' speech was purely of an impromptu nature, but he is a pleasing talker and his numerous witticisms and local allusions aroused the enthusiasm of the audience and dispelled the idea that he is an "iceberg," as so often depicted.

He spoke of the great and unequal prosperity of the country, of the wonderful opportunities to be found in the West, and prophesied that the prosperity of America as a nation was but just beginning.

Following Mr. Fairbanks, short speeches were made by Governor Chamberlain, Senator Mulkey and Congressman Ellis, when an informal reception was held and the public was given an opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of their distinguished guest.

At 6:30 in the evening a special train bearing Vice President Fairbanks and party left for Seaside where a banquet was held.

BRAVE SOLDIERS BURNED.

Terrible Powder Explosion on Battleship Georgia.

Boston, July 16.—With six of her officers and crew dead and 14 others either dying or suffering from terrible burns received in an explosion of powder in the after superimposed turret, the battleship Georgia steamed slowly up Boston harbor from the target practice grounds in Cape Cod bay late yesterday and landed the dead and injured men at the Charleston navy yard.

With the arrival of the Georgia there became known the details of the most terrible naval accident that has ever taken place along the coast of New England. The accident occurred shortly before noon yesterday while the Georgia's crew was at target practice off Barnstable in Cape Cod bay. In some manner as yet unexplained two bags of powder became ignited and in the terrible flash that followed the entire turret crew, consisting of three officers and 18 men, was engulfed in fire and received horrible burns, one officer and five men dying before the ship reached port and another before midnight.

The explosion occurred in the after superimposed turret, but the men, under command of Lieutenant Caspar Goodrich, son of Rear Admiral Goodrich, commandant of the New York navy yard, and Midshipmen Faulkner Goldthwaite and James T. Cruise, were operating the eight-inch guns.

Jailed for Contempt.

San Francisco, July 16.—The first serious blow to the bribery graft prosecution was struck by the Louis Glass defense in open court yesterday through Emile J. Zimmer, second vice president and director of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, who first refused to be sworn afterward accepted the oath, answered two or three questions, then refused to testify further. He was, by Judge Lawler, committed for contempt to the county jail "for a term of five days and until the question is answered."

Reds Denounce Cabinet.

Montpelier, France, July 16.—Marching workmen and their sympathizers, singing anarchistic airs, stopped to night in front of the barracks and acclaimed the soldiers, who were invited to join the procession and demonstration. The troops were confined, however, and were not allowed to mingle with the celebrators, who were not disorderly. At a mass meeting the workmen condemned the government and expressed sympathy with Southern France.

Try to Blow Up Leishman.

Constantinople, July 16.—A bomb exploded last night in front of the summer quarters of the American embassy at Yeni Keui, a suburb of this city. Four persons were slightly injured. Otherwise no damage as done. The authors of the outrage have not been traced.