

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.

Japan has stopped all emigration of coolies.

Reef has sued for the money he spent in maintaining his private prison.

The course of Judge Willey, of China, has been upheld and he will not be removed.

Railroads in Missouri have laid off 10,000 men, thus effecting a saving of \$1,500,000 a month.

Commander Sims told the naval committee of many alleged defects in battleship construction, though under gag rule by the senators.

Attorney General Bonaparte has directed that action be commenced against 26 railroads in different parts of the country for violation of the safety appliance law.

Robbers secured nearly \$300,000 from the bank at Chihuahua, Mexico. The border is being watched closely as it is believed an effort will be made to cross into the United States.

The 131,643 acres of land eliminated from the Blue mountain forest reserve in Eastern Oregon will become subject to settlement June 1 and entry and filing July 1. Forty per cent of this land is embraced in pending filings or applications.

The jewels of Pharaoh's queen have been found.

A nun has eloped from an Iowa convent and married.

The Missouri Pacific has closed its shops at Sedalia, Mo.

Two submarine torpedo boats will be sent to the Philippines.

The fight on Harriman's control of the Illinois Central has been resumed.

A California girl is paying her way through the state university by raising bees.

The battleship fleet has started on the last stage of its journey to Magdalen Bay.

Naval officers who have criticized our warships will be given a hearing before the senate committee.

Unknown warships have been sighted off the Hawaiian islands and the people fear they are Japanese.

Kentucky Democrats may avenge themselves for the election of a Republican senator by carrying prohibition.

The railroads are making a strong plea of poverty to the Interstate Commerce commission as a reason for postponing the 9-hour law.

Thomas A. Edison is slightly improved.

Six accomplices of Alito murderer of the Denver priest have been arrested.

Harriman has declared an extra dividend of \$75 per share on O. R. & N. stock.

By an explosion in a mine at San Jose de Sabinas, Mexico, 76 men were killed.

Investigation into the Pennsylvania capitol graft is bringing further graft to light.

The president has asked the Oregon delegation in congress to choose another district attorney.

The bombs thrown at the shah of Persia killed three attendants, but the shah escaped unhurt.

An attempt was made to assassinate the president of Argentina, but the bomb failed to explode.

The Northern Pacific railroad has dropped for the present the idea of reducing pay of its telegraphers.

The British house of commons has passed the woman suffrage bill. The scene of action will now be transferred to the house of lords.

Thomas A. Edison's recovery seems doubtful.

The senate committee may revive the Brownson-Rixey controversy.

Northern Pacific telegraphers have rejected reduction of wages.

Roosevelt has called for a new recommendation for Oregon district attorney.

Heavy buying of merchants from New York wholesalers shows a return of prosperity.

Los Angeles police have arrested four men and a woman who had planned to dynamite a bank.

A tobacco warehouse near Frankfort, Ky., containing 100,000 pounds of tobacco has been burned.

Railroads are pleading with the interstate commerce commission for delay in enforcing the nine hour law.

Charges against Jerome, district attorney for New York, cause many demands to be made for his removal.

Having been left an annuity of \$2,500 a year as long as he remains in college and lives in a college dormitory, W. C. Kemp has contrived to remain at Columbia university, New York, 27 years without graduating.

RAILROADS RETRENCH.

Will Close Small Stations Because of 9-Hour Law.

Washington, March 3.—American railways have made arrangements to comply with the provisions of the "nine hour law." The operation of the law will mean the employment by railroad companies of several thousand additional operators and the closing of a large number of small stations on the principal systems. Discontinuing of railway service at many points, it is thought, will induce at least temporary inconvenience to traveling and shipping public in order to reduce operating expenses, which now seems necessary. The operating officials of the railways believe this is the only way they possibly can meet the situation with which they are confronted.

During the hearing of applications for an extension of the nine-hour law by the Interstate Commerce commission some astonishing statements were made by the operating officials of important railways. A good many lines, owing to a reduction in the revenues and to their inability to command the cash necessary to meet their payrolls, have been forced during the past four months almost to the point of asking for receivers.

With four or five exceptions, no important railroads of the country have indicated an intention to reduce the wages of their employes.

SURPRISE FOR EVANS.

Title of Vice Admiral Likely to Be Awarded Hero.

Washington, March 3.—In a quiet way naval officers in Washington are endeavoring to arrange an agreeable surprise for Admiral Evans when the battleship fleet under his command sails through the Golden Gate, completing the Pacific cruise. It is proposed to greet the rear admiral with a commission as vice admiral of the American navy. Of course, the success of this undertaking depends upon congress, but the president has done his part in making a proper recommendation to that body for the re-establishment of that naval grade, and it is not doubted that congress can be induced to act upon the recommendation in season to insure the issue of Admiral Evans' commission, so that he may bear the title of vice admiral for the few months that intervene between his arrival at San Francisco and his retirement from active service.

The naval argument in support of the proposed re-establishment of the grade of vice admiral is strongly reinforced by a comparison made at the Navy department between the British home fleet engaged in the maneuvers of last fall and the splendid battleship fleet commanded by Rear Admiral Evans. The British fleet, composed of 26 battleships, 15 armored cruisers, nine protected cruisers and 57 torpedo craft, was commanded by one admiral, three vice admirals, seven rear admirals and one commodore.

SILVER THAW IN CHICAGO.

Temperature Rises in Nick of Time to Save Big Damage.

Chicago, March 3.—Record breaking destruction of telegraph and telephone property was averted today by a narrow margin. Sleet that covered wires and poles 25 to 50 miles, north and west and south of Chicago, and 100 to 150 miles east, was melted during the day by a rise of temperature just in the nick of time. Ice coated lines, sagging heavily, had already begun to snap to pieces or topple to the ground long lines of glistering overweighted poles.

The worst damage was east of this city and west of Fort Wayne. Trunk system on the Lake Shore and Michigan Central railways suffered particularly. In one instance a stretch of nearly a mile of poles bearing dozens of important circuits to New York and other Eastern cities, went down in a tangled mass of wreckage. With the mercury ascending a trifle, the miles of sleet disappeared almost as if by magic. Tonight the telegraph officials had restored the facilities to a basis adequate for the usual traffic and hoped to be able to care for brokerage and other business tomorrow without delay.

Tampa Swept by Fire.

Tampa, Fla., March 3.—The entire extreme northern section of this city was destroyed by fire, which broke out in a boarding house Sunday and raged uninterrupted for four hours. The area burned over covers 55 acres or 18 1/2 city blocks; 308 buildings were destroyed with a total loss estimated at \$600,000, and one woman is dead from excitement. The burned section included four large and one smaller cigar factory and numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding houses and over 200 dwellings, occupied by cigarmakers.

Mr. Wu Talks Straight.

San Francisco, March 3.—At a banquet given today in honor of Chinese Minister Wu Ting Fang, by the Chinese merchants of San Francisco, Minister Wu is reported to have given utterance to some significant remarks, the tenor of which was that the exclusion of the Chinese laborers from the United States is a fixed fact, and those who make attempts to oppose the exclusion laws or to violate them are acting ill-advisedly for their own interests.

Pittsburg Fears Flood

Pittsburg, March 3.—A warm rain has been falling here and at the head waters of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers all day. Both streams are rising, and small creeks are already beyond their banks. It is expected the danger line of 22 feet will be passed unless there is an early change in the temperature and weather.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FARMERS HOLD THEIR WHEAT

Growers of Baker County Expect to Get High Prices.

Baker City—One of the strongest combines among the farmers around Baker City is now in existence and it is practically impossible to secure grain of any kind. Heretofore they have always been anxious and ready to sell but at the present time it is almost impossible for the local dealers to supply the demand of the people in Baker City who have stock to keep.

The cause of this combine among the farmers of this section of the country is the building of the Eagle Valley railroad, which will employ a large number of teams in the spring and the farmers are holding their grain in anticipation of the great demand and the high prices when active operations begin. The building of the Snake River Railroad will also create a strong market for grain and many of the ranchers expect to sell to the contractors on the Snake. With the two railroads building they are almost sure to obtain a high price for their grain and to make money by holding it.

PROFESSORS EXTRAVAGANT.

Petitions Submit Arguments Against Increase for University.

Salem—Extravagance and misrepresentations are charges against the State university in argument against the raising of the annual appropriation from \$47,500 to \$123,000, filed with the secretary of state.

The following statement suggests motives stronger than "extravagance." The enrollment has increased but 23 per cent, while increased appropriations of 300 per cent are requested; that tables submitted by alumni are "pretended" and false; that where the students at the university cost the state \$150 per year, the common schools receive but \$8 per pupil. The argument states "the university has shown bad faith in pushing this bill; university professors with large salaries have extravagant ideas."

Work is Expedited.

Klamath Falls—The reclamation service is advertising for bids for the construction of the Clear lake dam, bids to be opened April 15. The specifications call for the placing of 54,000 cubic yards of earth and rock fill, with the building of necessary spillway and outlet. The dikes will require the placing of about 25,000 cubic yards of earth and rock fill. The Clear lake dam represents the principal work in the upper Klamath Falls near Bonanza and Merrill. The landowners in that region had become discouraged over the beginning of work in that section this year, and this advertisement for bids comes as a surprise and as very good news.

Fruit Replaces Forests.

Grants Pass—If the progress of clearing up raw land and improving it keeps on at the present pace, Josephine county, within five years, will be entirely cleared and planted to fruit. As an instance of this work it may be stated that one country store in Applegate valley has placed seven grubbing machines within the last month. These mechanical devices do the work of several men, with greater ease and less expense. Within short distances of town where heavy machinery may be used, donkey engines play a prominent part in pulling stumps and brush.

New Watered Lands.

Freewater—The Freewater, Milton & Hudson Bay Irrigation Company is just completing its ditch system in the northern part of Umatilla county and will reclaim 1,200 acres of new land this season. The ditch system when complete will comprise 39 miles of laterals and distributing ditches and about nine miles of main canal. It is a winter irrigation proposition and will use the flood waters of the Tumulal and Walla Walla rivers for irrigation. The land under the ditches is all fine alfalfa and fruit land and is being brought into cultivation rapidly.

Tracklaying on Klamath Line.

Klamath Falls—Track-laying was commenced last week on the California Northwestern railway, out from Bray, California, which has been the terminus of the road for several months. The grade is ready for rails about two-thirds of the way to Dorris. It is expected that MacDoel will be reached with the rails by March 15. This is the Dunkard town, this side of Mount Hebron. At this rate, Dorris will be reached by May 1.

Board of Visitors for Normals.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following board of visitors for the state normal schools in accordance with the law passed at the last session of the legislature: R. R. Turner, Grants Pass; J. M. Powers, Salem, and J. A. Churchill, Baker City. Their duties shall consist of observing and investigating the condition of schools.

Oregon Butter Sent East.

Corvallis—A carload of butter has been shipped by the Corvallis creamery to Philadelphia. The shipment composed 50,000 pounds and is valued at above \$150,000. It is storage butter, and the movement is occasioned by much better prices for the product in the East than are obtained on the Coast.

Two Killed by Railroads

Salem—The number of accidents for the month of January, according to the report of the railroad commission, shows one employe and one tramp killed and one passenger and one employe injured during the month.

FILING PETITIONS.

Candidates for Office Have More Than a Month.

Salem—Candidates for office have more than a month yet in which to procure signatures to their petitions and to file them in the office of the secretary of state or the county clerk as the case may be. Some of them are not familiar with the details of the direct primary law and are making inquiries as to dates. The last day for filing petitions for nominations for offices to be voted for in the state at large, or in any district composed of more than one county, or in judicial or prosecuting attorney districts, is March 27. This class of offices includes state offices, congressional offices, joint senators, joint representatives, circuit judges and district attorneys. There petitions are to be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Petitions for nominations for offices to be voted for in only one county must be filed in the office of the county clerk not later than April 1. The secretary of state will certify the state, congressional and district portion of the ballot to the county clerk by March 30. The primary election will be held Friday, April 17. The general election will be held Monday, June 1.

Alfalfa for Cattle.

Pendleton—It is estimated that the increase in the alfalfa acreage of Umatilla county this spring will amount to at least 10 per cent. In the Butter creek and Hermiston districts in the West end of the county and also in the Hudson Bay district in the North part of the county active work in enlarging the alfalfa farms is now in progress. The raw land without water is worth but \$10 to \$25 per acre, while seeded to alfalfa and under irrigation it is worth from \$100 to \$150 per acre. The proposed erection of the packing plant at Portland has stimulated the growing of alfalfa and the feeding of cattle in this district very much.

New Fruit Packing House.

Milton—At a meeting of the Milton Fruitgrowers' union the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: J. N. Stone, T. L. Ragsdale, William Forsythe, O. K. Goodman and E. P. Jensen. The union is in good condition and its affairs have been handled in a very creditable manner. It is the purpose of the union to build a new and larger packing house on the site of the present one for this season. The new building will probably be a three-story structure and will be conveniently arranged for the handling of fruit.

Farms Sold at Weston.

Weston—The Adams place, two miles east of town has been sold by Walter Adams to R. W. Brown, formerly of Eureka Flat. The place contains 300 acres, much being good farm land, and the consideration is not given out, but is said to have been about \$60 an acre. The place is well improved, with a fine house and barn and gravity waterworks. It is among the first farms in this vicinity.

After Federal Court

Pendleton—The Pendleton Commercial association will send a delegation to Washington to fight for the Federal district headquarters when the date of the hearing with the house judicial committee is fixed. If the Oregon delegation think it necessary, expressions from attorneys of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and other Eastern Oregon counties in favor of Pendleton for the headquarters will be secured.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 81c; bluestem, 83c; valley, 81c; red, 79c.

Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27; gray, \$27, per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$32.50; cracked, \$33.50.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@21; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13; vetch, \$14.

Fruits—Apples, table, \$1.75@3.00; cooking, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1 per sack; cabbage, 1@1 1/4 per sack; cauliflower, \$1.75@1.85; celery, \$3.75@4 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/4c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/4c per pound.

Onions—\$2.50 per hundred.

Potatoes—\$2.50 per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$3.50@3.75 per cwt.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13@13 1/2c per pound; mixed chickens, 12 1/2@13c; spring chickens, 12 1/2@13c; roosters, 10@11c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 15@17c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, 75c@1; squabs, \$1.50@2.

Eggs—Fresh ranch candled, 22 1/2@23 1/2c per dozen.

Veal—75@125 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6 1/2c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6 1/2@7c; packers, 5@6c.

Hops—1907, prime and choice 4 1/2@6c per pound; olds 1@2c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best 18@20c per pound according to shrinkage; valley 18@20c according to fineness; mohair choice 29@30c per pound.

NEVADA POLICE GET ARMS.

All Ready to Take Place of Soldiers at Goldfield.

Carson, Nev., March 2.—The members of the Nevada police who are to take the place of the United States troops at Goldfield on March 7 received their arms today. They consist of Winchester carbines, 30-30 Colt's revolvers and 20 automatic Remington shotguns. The armory in this city has been used as a drilling room for the past week, and 35 men are in shape to go into the field. Target practice has also been indulged in.

Captain Cox stated today that he had not decided just when the police would move to Goldfield. The police will not occupy tents, but a hotel or some large house. Captain Cox stated this afternoon that he would leave with at least 25 trusted men, others to follow as fast as they were drilled and shown their duties. Instructors will be maintained in this city to qualify the reserves for service in the camps. The officers of the police received their first pay this morning.

The uniforms, which are dust colored, are expected to arrive in a few days. Each member is given a card signed by the governor and Captain Cox, and is also decorated with a large nickel star bearing the words "Nevada State Police."

BUTTE MINES TO RESUME.

Great Smelting Works at Anaconda Also Fire Up.

Butte, Mont., March 2.—John D. Ryan, managing director of the Amalgamated Copper company, who returned home at noon from the East today, announced that the mines of the company will resume Monday, when fires will be lit in the great Washoe smelters at Anaconda.

One minute after the announcement was made the mine whistles on Anaconda hill began to blow, which was the first announcement the city had of the decision to resume. The order means the employment of a full force in the various mines and at the smelter.

Roughly speaking, about 12,000 hands are affected. When going full blast, the Amalgamated payroll runs from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 monthly. The Great Falls smelters have been going full time, but the Anaconda smelters have been closed entirely, while in Butte, of all the Amalgamated properties only the Boston & Montana mines have been operated.

The shutdown has never been complete, and was gradual, beginning last October. Married men were provided for, but in all only about 40 per cent of the normal force could be employed. The Amalgamated is reported to employ about 20,000 people in Montana, in mines, smelters, mills, coal mines, logging camps, etc.

BRITAIN ANGRY WITH JAPAN.

Obstructions to Trade in Manchuria Cause Distrust.

Shanghai, March 2.—There is a growing distrust in British commercial circles on the Chinese coast of the entire policy of the Japanese government in the Far East, and of recent months there has been a succession of complaints regarding the obstruction of foreign trade in Manchuria. This particularly affects the British steamship companies, and officials of these lines say that obstacles are placed in the way of their steamers going to Port Dainy. The opposition of Japan to the extension northward of the Hsin Min Tun railroad also is adversely criticized here, it being contended that her sole object in this regard is to eliminate any possibility of opposition to her lines in Manchuria.

Great Britain is now negotiating at Tokio on the question of trademarks, and one newspaper says:

"It is difficult to convince Japan that no satisfactory solution can be constructed upon the existing laws, which are at variance with the commercial morality of civilized nations."

It is considered essential in English circles here that Great Britain should press new trademark laws upon Japan.

Busy Times at Mare Island

Vallejo, Cal., March 2.—The presence of large cruisers on the coast has materially increased the work at Mare Island navy yard, from which all stores and provisions are being issued. Owing to the orders for the Washington and Tennessee to sail south today, all requisitions for these ships have been filled under rush orders. Over 120,000 pounds of stores have been delivered to the Washington, comprising provisions, clothing and ship stores. The Tennessee received 160,000 pounds of stores, which were sent to the lower bay by yard trucks.

Drives Tack in Tongue.

Stevensville, O., March 2.—Miss Clara Sterling, teacher at Tuscarora county children's home, who, it is alleged, drove a tack into 6-year-old Sampson Fowler's tongue, is accused of other cruelties in a report filed with the probate judge today. The board says that Miss Sterling forced several boys under her charge to take ground mustard into their mouths until their mouths were burned, and several of them were made violently ill.

First German Dreadnaught

Berlin, March 2.—Germany's first Dreadnaught, the 18,000-ton battleship Bayern, which was laid down last March, will be launched at Wilhelmshaven on March 6. The emperor will attend the ceremony and his guests will include Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and the prince consort, and Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

NEW MINISTER HERE

Wu Ting Fang Does Not Seek Our Intervention.

LANDS WITH LARGE RETINUE

Admits That There is Some Friction With Japan—No Change in Exclusion Laws.

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—Wu Ting Fang, for the second time appointed Chinese minister to this country, arrived yesterday on the Pacific mail liner Siberia, with a large retinue of secretaries and legation and consulate attaches numbering 70 persons. He brought with him new consuls for Mexico, Havana, New York and San Francisco, besides three nephews and three secretaries and five other attaches for the Chinese legation at Washington and 24 young students who will enter various schools and colleges in this country.

At the Pacific mail dock, when the Siberia made fast, shortly before 1 o'clock, a large number of Chinese from the local colony were on hand with a brass band to greet the minister. From the dock the minister and his party were taken to the Fairmount hotel, where a large number of suites had been reserved. Minister Wu denied the report that he was the bearer of an appeal to Washington asking this country to assist in preserving the interests of China in Manchuria and protesting against the alleged agrandissement of Japan in that Province, but admitted "there was some local friction."

He professed to be ignorant about the Kan Tao boundary dispute between China and Japan and the extension of the Hsinmintun-Fukemei railroad, which has caused friction between the two countries.

Asked whether he would endeavor to secure some modification of the exclusion law, Minister Wu said that he had no particular instructions from his government with reference to that.

WILL SHOW TEETH.

Japan Sends Cruiser to China to Investigate Seizure.

Tokio, Feb. 29.—The Japanese armored cruiser Izumi sailed yesterday from Shanghai for Hongkong, where, it is understood, she will investigate the seizure on February 1 by the Chinese customs cruisers of the steamer Tatsu Maru.

This movement is possibly intended as a demonstration against the Chinese officials, although the foreign office denies it has such an object in view, adding that negotiations are proceeding at Peking and that the Japanese flag has been restored to the Tatsu Maru.

The whole question of the seizure of the Tatsu Maru, which carried a cargo of arms and other munitions, now turns upon the character of the merchant to whom the arms were consigned. It is believed that he is a sympathizer of the revolutionists in China, for whom the arms were possibly intended.

KENTUCKY ELECTS SENATOR

Legislature Elects Governor Brad After Six Weeks.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 29.—Pro-democrats, who have stood out from the party machine, swung into line with the republican members of the general assembly yesterday, resulting in the election of ex-Governor William O. Bradley, a republican, to the United States senate. The election followed a deadlock that has held up more than six weeks, the democratic organization supporting ex-Governor Beckham, while the republican members have been a unit for Mr. Bradley from the first. The four democrats who made possible an election have persistently refused to vote for Mr. Beckham, and when they were convinced that their party would unite on no other man, they withdrew their support from scattering candidates and centered it on the republican choice.

Union Men Refused Pardon.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The president has denied pardons in the case of P. D. Lenihan, M. J. Plunkett and Joseph Shannon, William Cutts and A. Edwards, members of a labor union, convicted some months ago of violating an injunction issued by a United States court judge enjoining them and others from interfering with the operation and business of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, at Butte, Mont. The penalties imposed were from three to four months imprisonment and, in some cases, fines.

States Canada's Position.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 29.—Dr. Thomas, of the Yukon, in the house today discussed the question of Canada having the right to take part in the negotiation of all treaties between Great Britain and the foreign countries. Referring to the British-Japanese alliance, Dr. Thomas said, in the event of trouble between the United States and Japan, the sympathy of Canada would go out to the United States and against the British.

New Claims Bring Big Prices.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 29.—Advices received in this city today state that the two original claims at San Bernardino county, where a camp was established six weeks ago following a discovery of gold, have been sold for a deposit of \$250,000. The cash and a bond for \$250,000. The claims were owned by James H. Hitt and Bert Hitt and were sold to Colonel Hopkins.