

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 torpedo flotilla has reached Magdalena bay for practice.

King Edward is severely criticised by his people for leaving his post at a crisis.

Naval experts say many new records were made by the battleships fleet at Magdalena bay.

Howard Gould is suing his wife for a divorce. Drinking is her worst offense, according to his story.

Oliver C. Dallas, under arrest at Helena, has admitted making many false reports on mineral surveys.

Harriman denies that he has maintained a monopoly of the transportation business in Oregon and California.

The Canadian Pacific railway has decided to build a second line through the Rocky mountains to the Pacific coast.

The Italian car in the New York to Paris automobile race has arrived at San Francisco and will take a steamer for Alaska.

Representative Hobson, of Alabama, says the navy needs more ships. That Japan could easily whip the United States at present.

On her return from San Diego to Magdalena the Connecticut exceeded her trial speed, and that after the long trip from Hampton Roads.

A bitter prohibition campaign in Illinois is near an end.

Philippine Democrats have endorsed Bryan for president.

Japan is to abolish the stigma of caste on the lower classes.

Great Britain is alarmed at the growth of Socialism.

The chief of the Crow Indians defends Indian Agent Reynolds.

Russia is inclined to the demands on the control of Manchuria.

Delaware Republicans will send un-expected delegates to the convention.

An entire trainload of oranges has just been sent from California to Iowa.

Japan is making extraordinary war preparations to continue the expansion policy.

The old Fifth avenue hotel in New York has closed and politicians are homeless.

The German diet has forbidden the use of any language at public meetings but German.

Harriman officials announce that extensive improvements to San Pedro harbor will be made by the Southern Pacific.

It is announced that the coal mine at Hanna, Wyo., in which a score of miners were killed, will probably never be reopened.

A general strike in Rome has followed a labor riot.

Reuf's last objection to a trial has been overruled.

The Brazilian cruiser Bergamia Constant is to visit Honolulu.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$5,000,000 more to pension university professors.

Hard times have forced Helen Gould to stretch her charities. Two industrial schools in which she is interested are to close.

Retired clearing house certificates of Chicago to the amount of \$14,000,000 have been sold to a cardboard factory and reduced to pulp.

Charles Fisher, aged 17, dropped dead in the streets of Bedford, Ind. He was addicted to the cigarette habit and had one in his mouth when death came.

The proposition to build a new subway in New York from the Battery to the Bronx, under Broadway and Lexington avenue, to cost \$60,000,000 has been approved.

For the third time in six weeks the Ohio river at Cincinnati is above flood stage.

A Chicago jury has decided that \$50 hats are excluded from the "necessary household expenses" for which a husband is liable when incurred by his wife without his approval.

Indiana Republicans are boosting for Fairbanks.

Germany is preparing to float a loan of \$162,500,000.

Diamond workers of Germany are on strike for higher wages.

Representatives of national banks of Chicago condemn the Aldrich currency bill.

A St. Louis woman has committed suicide to secure insurance for an invalid sister.

Another rate war between transatlantic lines is expected. Steerage rates are being cut.

Speaker Cannon has called for an inquiry into the paper trust in order to end the tariff law.

PREMIER RESIGNS.

Many Changes in British Cabinet to Follow as Result.

London, April 7.—Great Britain is in a peculiar position, being without either premier or ministry. The long expected resignation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the prime minister, was officially announced Saturday night.

The position of the country is quite unprecedented, there being no previous example of a change occurring in the premiership while the sovereign was abroad.

Sir Henry's condition remains unchanged, according to the physicians' bulletin. The king, in telegraphing his acceptance of the premier's resignation, conveyed an expression of his regret and esteem, with best wishes for Sir Henry's recovery.

FLEET ASSURES PEACE.

Evans Says Voyage to Pacific Was Well Timed.

San Francisco, April 7.—Admiral Robley D. Evans, in an interview printed in the Chronicle today, said: "The greater interest of the United States today is in the Pacific. The coming of the fleet to this coast has not only demonstrated to the world that we have 16 battleships which can be brought together for a long cruise at a moment's notice, but it has called the attention of the people of our own country to the fact that we have a Pacific coast as well as an Atlantic coast, and that it will be defended just as much as every inch of land around New York, and that our interests in the Pacific today are greater than in the Atlantic."

"This is the short road to the countries of the Far East, where the greatest commercial development is to be. With development will come war, but it will be a commercial war, fought with brains and dollars and not with 10-inch guns. It will be generated by such men as Harriman, and the part of the navy is only to be always ready. We do not plan nor fight commercial battles."

"The coming of the fleet was most opportunely timed by the president, and its arrival in the Pacific has resulted in the present assurance of peace. Not that I ever believed that there was any actual danger of war. The people of both countries realized too well what a dreadful calamity such a war would have been."

POLICY IS CHANGED.

Japan Much Influenced by Coming of American Fleet.

Tokyo, April 7.—A few days ago Count Okuma received a deputation from the Japanese residents of Sacramento, Cal., and from the Japanese newspaper men of San Francisco, who wished to solicit his views on the emigration problem. The count is reported to have said that it was very difficult to find out wherein lay the object of the dispatch of the American battleship squadron to the Pacific at this time.

A good deal has been made of the movement by the European press and it was looked upon there as an occurrence of unusual significance. Japan, however, had received the assurance of the United States government that it was not intended as a menace to Japan, but was merely undertaken for the purpose of training officers and men.

Nevertheless, whatever the real object of the movement might be, it was indisputable that Japan's emigration policy had been considerably affected thereby and it was not easy to sever entirely the dispatch of the fleet from the policy Japan had lately pursued toward the United States in this connection.

Collect Money by Autos.

San Francisco, April 7.—With a "dying squadron" of ten big automobiles pressed into service for the occasion and a corps of volunteer collectors, extraordinary efforts will be made by the fleet committee to bring the total of the fund to \$70,000, and to cease work in that connection by Wednesday.

Stolen Bust is Found.

Rome, April 7.—After a diligent search the police have found the bronze bust of Pope Clement VIII, which was stolen from the Villa Aldobrandini. The thieves gained access to the villa by breaking open a window. The bust, which weighs fully 500 pounds, was found buried about half a mile from the villa. It was the evident intention of the thieves to keep it concealed until an opportunity should be afforded to ship it abroad.

Transport Sherman Sails.

San Francisco, April 7.—The transport Sherman will sail at noon tomorrow for Manila with a large number of first class passengers besides 100 enlisted men of the Twenty-fifth coast artillery, and 130 recruits for the troops in the Philippines.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PLAN BIG FRUIT WAREHOUSE

Growers Get Architect's Drawing—Soon Start Work

Milton—Plans for the new warehouse and cold storage plant to be erected by the Milton Fruit growers' union have been received from the architect, F. E. Finkenbiner, of Walla Walla, and preparations are being made to begin work. The building will have 18-foot walls, with a full basement. The second story will be used as a box factory and for storage purposes. Half of the basement will be used for cold storage, the remainder for storage of fruits and berries awaiting shipment.

The plans are now to construct the building of concrete. Large shipping platforms will surround it on two sides and one end. The building will be 40 feet wide and 100 feet long, with freight elevators at each end. It will have a capacity of handling \$500,000 worth of fruit during a season.

PAYS \$25,000 FOR ORCHARD

Dr. F. C. Page, of Medford, Buys 258 Acres in Ashland District.

Ashland—The papers have been drawn at Ashland in what is believed is the biggest orchard sale yet consummated in the history of the Rogue River valley. The property involved is the orchard and farm of County Commissioner Joshua Patterson, located in Talent precinct, four miles north of Ashland. Two hundred and fifty-eight acres was the acreage involved in the deal, 130 acres being young orchard of four and five-year-old apple trees in fine condition, the remainder being farm lands suitable for fruitgrowing, but unplanted to trees. The consideration in the deal was \$52,000.

Set Out Many Grapes.

Grants Pass—One of the largest shipments of Tokay grape cuttings was unloaded at the depot this week that has ever been received in one lot in Southern Oregon. One hundred thousand cuttings were consigned to W. B. Sherman, who is setting out 80 acres in the foothills just outside of the city limits overlooking town. Several other consignments of small amounts have been distributed to various other fruit growers. Growers feel jubilant over the outlook for grapes and are hustling to get well rooted vines to plant and in some instances Willamette valley nurserymen have been unable to fill more than half the orders.

Cuts Freight Rates.

Salem—The Oregon Railroad commission has rendered its decision in the O. R. & N. distributive rate case, ordering a reduction in rates between Portland and points east of The Dalles. The reduction amounts to 3 cents a hundred on first-class freight to Biggs, 7 cents to Arlington, 13 cents to Pendleton, 18 cents to La Grande and Baker City, and 19 cents to Huntington, with proportionate reductions to other points and on other classes of freight. Rates to The Dalles are already low enough, owing to water competition. All the commissioners concurred in the decision.

Sheep Sheep with Machinery.

Arlington—Sheep-shearing will begin at Smythe & Smith's plant, five miles south of here, this week. Sixteen shearing machines will be used, the power being furnished by a six-horse power gasoline engine. Forty thousand sheep will be sheared at this plant this season, and an average of 2,000 head daily is expected. Sheepmen report that the sheep are in good condition, but that pasture is getting scarce. This has been one of the most successful lambing seasons known, but few lambs being lost from any cause.

\$2,000 Raised for Diking Fund.

Freewater—A largely attended meeting of ranchers, interested in controlling the floodwaters of the Tum-a-lum and Walla Walla rivers, met last week in Badger's hall. About \$2,000 has been subscribed for the project, and the work of diking the river has already commenced. Twenty-three thousand acres of land in this valley are irri-gable, of which there are 5,000 acres now under cultivation producing excellent crops.

To Examine Soils.

Klamath Falls—Through the joint efforts of the Klamath Water Users' association and the Klamath chamber of commerce, and the personal requests of citizens of this section, a soil survey of the Klamath basin will be made by a corps of soil experts of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is very urgently desired by the people that the survey be made this summer, and assurances have been received from Secretary Wilson that it will be undertaken as soon as possible.

The Dalles Makes Good Brick.

The Dalles—Mr. Litterland, a Portland brick expert, whose opinion was sought by the architect of the city hall, now in process of construction, regarding brick lately burned here by The Dalles Brick & Tile company, has made a report after a careful examination and declares the brick equal to any made in this state. Some of the casing brick delivered in this city by mistake had been rejected by the architect, which led to the examination.

Seek For Oil.

The Dalles—Articles of incorporation by the "Beavis-May Oil company" have been filed with the county clerk here. The incorporators are George R. Beavis, Anna May and Dr. Harry F. McKay. The capital stock is \$39,000. The company purposes to engage in developing oil lands in the vicinity of Duffer, Or., at which place the head office is to be.

WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVOR

Fruit in Willamette Valley Promises to Do Unusually Well.

Salem—Climatic conditions during the past winter have been exceptionally favorable for all farm crops and the present fair weather is considered ideal for fruit. The cold spring has kept the fruit trees back, thus protecting them to a large extent from danger of injury from frosts and late rains. Growers expect fair weather through the blossoming period and with such conditions prevailing a full crop of fruit will "set."

Apples in the Willamette valley were a short crop last season and with even fair conditions this year the trees should bear an immense crop. Cherry, pear and prune trees are apparently in perfect condition and there seems to be no reason why a bumper crop should not be realized. The high prices secured in recent years for fruit has encouraged the growers to do more extensive pruning and spraying than ever before, with the result that the quality of fruit harvested will be exceptionally good. The coming of fair weather has set the plows going in all orchards and cultivation will this year be unusually thorough.

The Dalles to Have Float.

The Dalles—At a meeting of the commercial club it was decided that this city shall be represented at the regatta show in Portland by a float to be designed and constructed by J. W. Harper, of Portland. A committee has made a canvass of the business houses and obtained \$600, with the promise of an additional \$100. The float will be decorated with the products of this vicinity and will be one of the features of the spirit of the Golden West parade.

Seeking Coal Near Dalles.

Dalles—Hon. W. C. Brown will begin the work of drilling for coal on his property in the northern part of this city within a few days. Several good specimens of lignite coal have been found in recent excavations, and the contour of the land at that place indicates the presence of a large deposit. Mr. Brown is convinced that the project will pay, and will lose no time in making the preliminary excavations for sinking a shaft.

Big Batch of Steelhead Eggs

Oregon City—Superintendent Henry O'Malley, of the United States bureau of fisheries, reports that prospects are good for a take of 2,000,000 steelhead eggs at the Rogue river station, which he has just inspected. Superintendent O'Malley has just received 100,000 Rainbow trout eggs from the government station at Baird, Cal., and these will be hatched and liberated from Clackamas station.

Baking Powder Plant at Portland.

Portland—Portland is to be made the manufacturing and distributing point for the Northwestern territory of the Hunt's Perfect Baking Powder company, of Minneapolis. The plant will be built during the summer. William C. Rigg, of Minneapolis, vice president of the company, is at the Hotel Portland, and is making all arrangements to locate a branch of the concern here.

Apple Land at \$1,600 an Acre.

Hood River—One of the biggest sales of orchard land that has taken place at Hood River was reported in the purchase of 32 acres of bearing orchard from C. K. Marshall for \$50,000. The purchaser was F. W. Angus, of the firm of MacRae & Angus. The orchard is set to young trees that have only been in bearing a year or two, and the price paid is not regarded as high, owing to the standard varieties of apple trees and its location.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84c; bluestem, 87c; valley, 85c; red, 82c. Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28 per ton; brewing, \$27. Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26. Corn—Whole, \$33.50; cracked, \$34.50. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17.50; clover, \$14; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14 @15; alfalfa, \$12. Fruits—Apples, \$1@3.50 per box, according to quality; cranberries, \$3 @11 per barrel. Vegetables—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 9c pound; beans, 20c pound; cabbage, 1 1/2 @1 3/4c pound; cauliflower, 50c @ \$1; celery, \$4.50 @ 5 per crate; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 10c pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, \$2@2.25 per crate; spinach, 85c crate; sprouts, 10c per pound, squash, 1@1 1/2c pound. Onions—Oregon, \$4.25 @ 4.50 per hundred.

Potatoes—4 1/2 @ 5 1/2c per hundred, delivered Portland. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2c per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 14 @ 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 13c; spring chickens, 16 @ 20c; turkeys, live, 15 @ 16c; dressed, choice, 17 @ 18c; geese, live, 9c; ducks, 16 @ 17c; pigeons, 75c @ \$1; squabs, \$1.50 @ 2.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 16c per dozen. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 @ 9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5 @ 6 1/2c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7 @ 7 1/2c; packers, 5 @ 6 1/2c. Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 @ 5c per pound; olds, 1 @ 1 1/2c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 12 @ 16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 16 @ 18c, according to quality; m-hair, choice, 25c per pound. Casaca Bark—3c per pound.

HOPELESS SPLIT.

Interstate Commission Cannot Agree on Spokane Rate Case.

Washington, April 6.—After having the Spokane rate case under consideration for more than one year, the Interstate Commerce commission is apparently hopelessly divided regarding the decision which should be rendered. The case is the most important upon the docket of the commission, and upon it hinges the entire rate fabric of the United States.

If the commission should decide with the shippers of Spokane, the theory upon which the railroads have made rates from the earliest days will be upset and past decisions on the short and long haul clause of the commerce act will be more or less nullified. On the other hand, if the commission refuses to disturb the present adjustment, a long step toward establishing the justice of the ratemaking methods of the railroads will have been taken. Recognizing the import of the case, the commission went into a most careful and elaborate investigation and hearing of all the facts and listened to arguments from a large number of the business, railroad and commercial lawyers in the West.

Since the arguments were heard the commission has had numerous conferences regarding a decision, and it develops that there are at least three different views which thus far have proved irreconcilable. The commission has struggled in vain to get a majority report and apparently is in a deadlock.

The case is one which has been both ering the railroads in the Northwest for years prior to the commission's being given greater powers. Owing to water competition, according to the railroads, the rates to Spokane from the Eastern seaboard are the rates to the Pacific coast, plus the local rates from the Pacific coast back to Spokane. The latter city insists that this is unfair.

FIGHT FOR SALT BEDS.

Deposits of Enormous Value Discovered in Utah.

Washington, April 6.—Title to lands in the state of Utah containing salt deposits of an extent and purity hitherto not only unknown, but undreamed of, is involved in a sensational contest now being fought out in this city. About 38,000 acres of lands lying along the western border of Utah have been discovered to be overlapped with salt, and an attempt is being made to acquire them by the filing of placer mining claims on the part of individuals. The value of the lands was today estimated by one of the claimants at \$90,000,000.

Deposited by nature on the lands over which the contest is being made is a bed of pure salt, which in some places lies to a depth of six feet. This salt is of so fine a quality that it has been found unnecessary to refine it. It can be marketed direct from the deposit and tests have shown it to be 98 per cent pure. Elaborate preparations have been made for the control of the land by individuals, who have thus far kept the discovery of the deposit out of the newspapers.

For two or three months they were successful, but now the state of Utah has awakened to the vast possibilities of this salt deposit and the aid of the senate of the United States and the president has been invoked in an effort to retain the product, which the commonwealth claims under a section of the enabling act making it a state.

SOON DECIDE LUMBER RATES

Then Commission Will Act on Opening Portland Gateway.

Washington, April 6.—The Portland gateway case, which was argued last fall and which involves the shipment of lumber eastward from Puget sound via Portland, will not be decided until the Interstate Commerce commission has rendered an opinion on the lumber rate cases which were recently argued here. The commission will this week hold its first conference on the lumber rate case and its decision in that case may not be forthcoming for many weeks, though there is a disposition to settle this question with as much expedition as possible, as it involves the lumber industry of the entire Northwest.

Increases Fire Hazard.

San Francisco, April 6.—The present unsatisfactory condition of San Francisco's water supply, especially from the point of view of protection against fire hazard, was forcibly outlined in a communication sent to the board of supervisors today by the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific. The report sets forth that the water system of the city is a gravity system, with "pressures not standard," and says that the distributing reservoirs and tanks within the city "do not contain five days' supply."

Ford Trial Set.

San Francisco, April 6.—Judge Lawlor indicated this morning that he would place T. L. Ford, general counsel of the United Railroads, on trial for the bribery of Supervisor Coleman next Wednesday, if he denied the defendant's motion for a change of venue when Ford's attorneys filed their reply affidavits tomorrow. Assistant District Attorney John O'Garra today filed his affidavit in reply to that of T. L. Ford.

Police Assist Burglar.

Philadelphia, April 6.—An amazing story of alleged dishonesty in the police department of this city was told today by Harry Rothenberger, aged 19 years, who was arrested charged with larceny. The youth made a confession, in which he says he was aided and abetted in a number of burglaries in the wholesale district of the city by four policemen.

PAINT AND POLISH

Jacks Preparing Atlantic Fleet for Grand Parade.

INSPECTION IS MADE BY DIVERS

Find Bottoms of Many Ships Nearly As Clean As When They Left Hampton Roads.

Magdalena Bay, April 7.—(Via San Diego)—The work of preparing for the California reception, now but ten days distant, is already in progress among the battleships of the Atlantic fleet. Every ship not engaged in coaling or working on the torpedo range is undergoing a thorough scrubbing, scraping and painting from the water line to the mastsheads. Every inch of the surface of the ships will be gone over and cleaned and polished. Divers have been sent over the side of each ship and have made thorough inspections of the bottoms.

Many of the vessels are nearly as clean as when they left Hampton Roads, according to the reports of the divers. The long time spent at anchorage in the bay has done more to foul the bottoms than the trip around the Horn.

The work of coaling for the final leg of the long voyage is being pushed with all speed. Last night the crew of the Maine worked all night taking coal from a collier alongside and stowing it away in the bunkers.

Admiral Thomas has issued a tentative program for the fleet for the dates April 11 to April 19, which includes the departure of the fleet from Magdalena at same hour not yet fixed on April 11 and its arrival at San Diego at 1 p. m. April 14. The program quotes from the official program of the reception committee in San Diego, giving the details for the four days the ship will be in port there.

Admiral Thomas has also issued a lengthy detailed order, on the formation of a brigade of sailors and marines, for parade duty in San Diego, San Francisco and other cities. It provides for the formation of a fleet naval brigade of more than 5,000 men. The total is made of 64 companies of blue jackets, four from each ship, and 16 companies of marines or one from each ship.

STREETS RUN BLOOD.

Seven Are Killed and 100 Wounded in Lisbon Election Riots.

Lisbon, April 7.—Seven persons were shot to death and 100 others wounded by soldiers last evening, after the voting in the elections in this city had ended. The rioting was widespread and such was the confusion during the violent conflict between the populace and the municipal government that the guardsmen, mistaking the infantry who had been called out for rioters, fired a volley into their ranks, seriously wounding three of the soldiers.

The night was one of terror for Lisbon, which seemed suddenly aflame with revolt. Bands of men ran wildly through the streets, brandishing weapons, while the sharp crack of rifles was heard in various sections.

Lisbon remains practically an armed camp. Large numbers have been arrested. The people are now in a state of feverish unrest and it is feared there may be a recurrence of the bloodshed.

WOMEN CARRY ON WORK.

Chinese Boycott Against Japanese Goods Spreading Rapidly.

Canton, April 7.—The boycott against the Japanese arising out of the trouble between Japan and China over the seizure and subsequent release of the Tatsu Maru, is spreading rapidly. Mass meetings have been held with the object of impressing upon the Chinese the necessity of making the boycott of Japanese products and manufactures as far reaching as possible.

Despite a torrential rain today more than 1,000 women dressed in white as an emblem of mourning attended a meeting held for this purpose.

Trophy for Best Record.

Seattle, April 7.—A special to the Times from Spokane, says that when the Atlantic fleet reaches Seattle next month, the battleship or first class cruiser which made the highest score at the recent target practice in Magdalena bay will be awarded a solid silver trophy, valued at \$1,500, presented by the people of Spokane. The cup is to be competed for annually by battleships and cruisers of the first class of the entire American navy. Secretary Metcalf announced that the trophy would be acceptable.

Nebraska Returns Bow.

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—Insurance Auditor Pierce today decided to notify agents of companies organized under the laws of California that they must cease doing business in Nebraska. This action followed a refusal of Commissioner Wolf, of California, to admit Nebraska companies. The action of Insurance Auditor Pierce affects the Firemen's Fund, of San Francisco; the Home Fire & Marine, of San Francisco, and the Pacific Mutual, of Los Angeles.

Four Big Colliers Arrive.

San Francisco, April 7.—Since Saturday four British colliers, carrying 25,000 tons of coal for the big fleet of 16 battleships from the Atlantic, have arrived at this port and are now moored in the stream.