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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.

The steel trust reports an improving business. The typhoon at Hongkong is known to have cost over 200 lives.

The Turkish people will call for a clean sweep of corrupt officials. The work on the new Franco-American tariff treaty is proceeding rapidly.

Gould admits he would welcome Harriman's help in running his railroads. A young negro has been burned at the stake in Texas for an assault on a white girl.

Messages from the battleship fleet indicate that it is having an easy trip and is over 1,200 miles from Honolulu. The railroads have been given more time to reduce lumber rates on condition they do not enjoin the Interstate Commerce commission.

Taft has been formally notified of his nomination. In his speech of acceptance he said, that, if elected, he would take Roosevelt's policies as his guide.

Four nuggets weighing about half a pound each and worth \$500, were found in a fashionable residence district of Los Angeles while workmen were excavating.

Nan Patterson has been expelled from Pittsburg. The czar is entertaining President Fallieres, of France.

Harriman is endeavoring to secure control of the Gould roads. Governor Norris has cleared the Montana land board of fraud charges.

Hearst opened the Independence convention by denouncing the old parties. Taft is reported to have become wedged in a telephone booth at Hot Springs, Va., and a carpenter was called to saw him out.

An important conference is being held by officials of the Justice department regarding action to be taken in the Standard Oil case. The Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet in Portland in 1910.

Ruef accuses Burns of tampering with jurors and has started contempt proceedings. Great Britain is already beginning to get sorry she entered into an alliance with Japan.

Roosevelt is planning a hunt in the mountains of Southern Oregon before he goes to South Africa. The Italian cruiser Puglia is visiting California ports and will also call at Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager for the Harriman lines, says shippers are unfair in their opposition to rate increase. A Los Angeles rafter got \$1,500 in jewelry and diamonds in an old overcoat, where they had been placed for safekeeping.

The proposition to amend a constitutional amendment for state prohibition in Texas will probably carry at the primaries. Adlai E. Stevenson, ex-governor of the United States, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Illinois.

W. F. Walker, who looted the New Britain, Conn., bank last month for \$500,000, was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than five years in the penitentiary in the West coast, and five years each on three other counts. Hughes will run again for governor of New York.

Furious anti-European riots are occurring at Bombay. Sweden and Denmark are said to have formed a military alliance. Cincinnati shippers have appealed direct to the president against rate increase.

England is preparing to press the claims of her citizens against Venezuela. In a battle between Mexican troops and Indians 19 of the latter were killed and two soldiers slain.

A passenger steamer was sunk near Charleston, S. C., and more than a score of people drowned. Eugene W. Clark, Federalist candidate for president, says if elected he would not use the army to enforce prohibition.

All European Turkey is in revolt and has selected a constitution from the British as a model. Heavy fighting raged on for an indefinite period in the Caucasus and the Crimea.

The first law passed by the first session of the new parliament in Mexico is to establish a national bank. The total output of copper in California is estimated at from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

FOUR BLOCKS SWEEP.

Portland Fire Causes Loss Estimated at \$225,000.

Portland, July 29.—Fire blotted out practically one full block off the map of the North Portland business district, burned most of the property off three other blocks, and threatened the entire district, late yesterday afternoon. Property worth approximately \$225,000 was destroyed, property representing nearly \$1,000,000 was actually scorched, and property worth well into the millions was within the danger zone.

The fact that a line of brick buildings blocked the course of the flames until the fire department had an opportunity to concentrate its forces at the weak points, accounts for the limiting of the flames to five blocks. Cause of the fire is not yet clear. There are several theories—incendiarism, spontaneous combustion in a loft of new hay, dropping of a match or cigarette, flying sparks from a chimney. The origin was traced to the middle section of the Oregon Transfer company's place at Fifth and Glisan streets.

The fire popped up with the suddenness that attends the lighting of a gas jet. Some smoke was seen on the roof of the Oregon Transfer company's place about 4:45 o'clock. Fifteen minutes later the roof had given place to a great column of flames. Fanned by a strong wind from the northwest, the column of flames passed quickly from building to building, gaining impetus from the big frame building and tons of hay and other combustible matter, the fire quickly leaped across the street to the North Pacific Wagon works, where there was another great array of fuel, and sweeping this, passed on through the block from Fifth to the blind west wall of the Union Meat company's place.

Checked here, it concentrated its fury, as if with an intelligence of its own, and leaped into the block north of Glisan street, and then jumped Fifth and worked both east and west. When, at 6:30 o'clock it had run its course and given way before a small river that had been poured on from a score of nozzles, a sad picture of disaster lay all about. The whole block bounded by Fifth, Sixth, Glisan and Hoyt streets, with the exception of the southern corner, was a heap of smoking debris. Nearly all the west half of the block bounded by Fourth, Fifth, Glisan and Hoyt streets was in ruins between Fourth, Fifth, Glisan and Flanders. The block between Fifth and Sixth and Glisan and Flanders was all but gone, the big brick Barr hotel being represented by tottering blackened walls, which fell in later, fortunately without hurting anyone.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

REGENTS GET BUSY.

New Buildings, New Books and New Teachers Ground Out.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—At the last meeting of the board of regents a frame building to contain six or eight rooms, at a cost of \$5,000, was authorized to be built on nine lots just purchased in Fairmount. It will be used after this year for a shop. President Campbell was ordered to go East immediately to select a professor in geology, assistant in economics, assistant in civil engineering, assistant in psychology and a librarian.

The following new members of the faculty were elected: L. R. Alderman, professor of education, salary, \$1,800; Dr. Hugo Koehler, German, salary \$1,000; Mrs. Ella Pammel, assistant in English and assistant dean of women; Dr. R. C. Clark, assistant in history; Haines Curry, instructor in chemistry; Moelle Hair, assistant instructor in English literature; Mabel Cooper and Miriam Van Waters, assistants in the correspondence school.

The board ordered \$10,000 worth of books for the library; the Mary Spiller home for girls to be finished and furnished and the library building furnished. The matter of authorizing an assistant in public speaking was deferred to some future time.

GOVERNOR WANTS DELEGATES

Can't Fink Sportsmen Willing to Attend National Meeting.

Salem.—The National League of American Sportsmen, which meets at Lawton, Oklahoma, October 12 and 13, has requested Governor Chamberlain to appoint from one to five delegates from this state. The governor has requested a number of sportsmen in Portland to suggest names of persons who would be willing to represent Oregon at the Oklahoma meeting, but has been unable to secure any suggestions. The governor thinks the organizations of sportsmen in Portland should suggest names if they desire representation at the national convention. He has no other method of determining those who are interested or those who would go.

Demands for Linn Farms.

Albany.—Farm lands in Linn county are being eagerly sought and values have increased wonderfully within the last year. W. M. Lloyd, of Tangent, recently sold his farm consisting of 343 acres of pasture land for \$11,000. About five years ago this same farm changed hands and brought \$6,000. Two years ago W. M. Lloyd paid \$8,000 for it. A half dozen of the best farms in Linn county have changed hands within the past week. There seems to be a steadily increasing demand for this class of realty. Every day prospective home-seekers are seen touring the country with the view of purchasing and establishing a home.

Clubhouse for College Girls.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Girls at the University of Oregon will be well housed next year. At least three new houses, accommodating between 60 and 70 girls, will be ready for occupancy in September. The Mary Spiller House, named for the first woman connected with the university, will have rooms for 20 to 25 girls. The Kloche Tillamook Club will have a handsome new home by the opening of the university. The Yale Inn, the Spiller Inn, and the Spiller House, which will have room enough for 50 girls.

New Fresh Fruit Tariff.

Salem, Wednesday, July 22, the Southern Pacific will put in force a new tariff providing for the reduction of the minimum weight to 20,000 pounds for cherries, plums, prunes, peaches and other fresh fruits, in place of 24,000 pounds. The same tariff has been in force on the O. R. & N. The new arrangement was made by special permission of the railroad commission and will remain in force until December 31, 1908.

Shipping Wool.

Eugene.—Now that the wool sales are over the wool stored in the warehouses of the Elgin Forwarding company, is being shipped as rapidly as cars can be obtained. From here the wool goes to Portland, where it is baled and then loaded aboard the cars for Boston. The warehouses of the Elgin Forwarding company is an exceptionally busy place, and a large force of men is required to handle the wool.

Rich Mineral in Curry.

Bandon.—A mining expert, B. C. Merrill, who has been prospecting in Curry county, has gone to San Francisco, but will return about August 1 with a force of men to work on the discovery himself. He sees the mineral prospects of Curry county are extremely promising and he expects it to develop into a great mining country.

New Lumber Yards at Vale.

Vale.—The Vale Lumber company has finished putting in lumber yards at this place. The company is composed of parties from Union, who have mills and enough timber to last them 50 years at the present rate of cutting. It is a strong company and will be a valuable addition to Vale's business enterprises.

Albany and Linn Apples Fair.

Albany.—Albany and Linn counties are preparing for the annual apple fair to be held some time late in the season. The first of these fairs was held last year. The success was so marked that it was decided to again make a showing of the county's resources.

LOSE BY EARLY WOOL SALE.

Umatilla Growers Feel They Are Out \$40,000 as Result.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county sheepmen are very much dissatisfied for having been induced to sell their wool early in the season. They have never been satisfied with the prices received, and reports from recent sales in Montana have convinced them that they are really beaten out of between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

The reports from Montana show that wool there brought an average of five cents more a pound than the Eastern Oregon wools, and this difference cannot be accounted for by the difference in freight rates and shrinkage. An advantage of one cent is accounted for the Montana wool because of the freight rate, and last year the shrinkage of the Montana wool was seven per cent less than that grown in Eastern Oregon. Computing prices on a basis of approximately the same ratio of shrinkage for this year, the Montana growers were readily entitled to 2 1/2 cents more a pound than the Oregon flock owners. The Oregon growers, therefore, naturally feel that their wool was worth as much as the Montana wool less this 2 1/2 cents, and not less the 5 cents, the actual difference paid.

Had the growers of this county also been received prices corresponding to the prices paid in Montana, they would have received in the neighborhood of \$4,000 more for their clip than they did receive, and taking Eastern Oregon as a whole, the difference would have amounted into the hundreds of thousands.

Inventory Normal Property.

Salem.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the normal school board of regents, Secretary C. L. Starr was authorized to go to Drain and take an inventory of the property there belonging to the state. This step was taken in order that the board of regents and legislature may know what is there belonging to the state and the exact situation. President A. L. Briggs has also given notice of his resignation. It is not known where Professor Briggs will go from the Drain school.

Fire Destroys Timber.

St. Helens.—Fire which broke out in the logging woods near the camp of the Peninsula Lumber company, five miles west of Columbia City, from some unknown cause, got beyond control and the company's entire force was called out to protect the roadbed and equipment. In trying to save the donkey engines the men did heroic work. All the engines were saved, also the equipment. About 200 acres of timber were burned.

May Rebuild Woolen Mill.

Albany.—James Bros., owners of the Oregon City woolen mills, are considering a plan of rebuilding the old woolen mill plant in Albany. They were here recently inspecting the site of the old mill, which was destroyed by fire in 1904, and announced that they would rebuild the plant and establish a big mill here if local capital would take an interest in the enterprise.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86c; red Russian, 84c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 86c. Barley—Feed, 225.50 per ton; rolled, \$260.27; brewing, 226. Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, 226.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$140.15 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50 mixed, \$15; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa, meal, 226.

Fruits—Cherries, 20/10c per lb.; apricots, \$1 per crate; Oregon Alexander peaches, 500/75c per box; prunes, \$16.75 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.75 per box; plums, 90c per box. Berries—Raspberries, \$1.10 per crate; Loganberries, 85c/81c per crate; black caps, 22.5c.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2.50/3.00 per crate; watermelons, 1/4/1 1/2c per pound.

Potatoes—New Oregon, \$1.25/1.50 per 100 pounds; old Oregon, 50c per hundred pounds.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75 per sack; parsnips, \$1.75 per sack; beets, \$1.50 per sack; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; corn, 80c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1.00 per box; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 4c per pound; peppers, 10c per pound; radishes, 12 1/2c per dozen; rutabaga, 10c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound; tomatoes, Oregon, \$1.00/1.10 per crate; celery, \$1.25 per dozen; artichokes, 7c per dozen.

Butter—Extra, 10c per pound; fancy, 11c; choice, 12c; store, 10c.

Eggs—Oregon, candled, \$48.00/49c; Fancy, mixed, 10c/11c; ducks, 9c/10c; spring, 14c; geese, old, 5c; fallings, 10c/11c; turkeys, old, 15c/16c; young, 20c/24c.

Veal—Extra, 80c/90c per pound; ordinary, 70c/80c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 10c/11c per pound; ordinary, 9c; large, 8c.

Mutton—Fancy, 12c/13c; choice, 14c; 1007, prime and choice, 11c; 1008, 10c; 1009, 9c; contractors, 8c/10c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 10c/11c, according to shrinkage; valley, 12c/13c; mohair, choice, 16c/18c per pound.

LESSEN MINE DEATHS.

European Experts to Visit America and Conduct Experiments.

Washington, July 28.—In response to an invitation extended by the United States government in behalf of the geological survey, Great Britain, Germany and Belgium will send to this country next month their leading experts in the prevention of mine disasters, to aid in the inauguration of the work here. The negotiations were conducted through the State department.

The three experts are Captain Desborough, inspector of explosives under the Home office, Great Britain; Herr Meisher, head of the German mine service, and Victor Watteyne, engineer-in-chief of the administration of mines, Belgium. It is expected that the experts will reach New York about the end of August, and proceed to Pittsburgh, where the United States Geological survey is engaged in erecting a plant for the purpose of conducting investigations into the cause of mine explosions.

In company with the expert in charge of the technologic branch of the survey, they will visit the fields of Pennsylvania, the coal fields of Illinois, Wyoming, Colorado, Alabama, West Virginia and Ohio, in order that they may learn the conditions under which coal is mined in this country.

Experiment stations for the prevention of disasters have been in operation for a number of years in each country represented by the experts, and there the death rate in the mines has been reduced to a minimum.

With the knowledge that mine accidents have been increasing and the death rate constantly becoming larger the United States government authorities are hastening to begin the investigations which it is believed will greatly reduce the loss of life. It is expected that the advice of the foreign experts will be invaluable.

LEVEE GIVES WAY.

Causes Heavy Damage to Farm Land on San Joaquin.

Antioch, Cal., July 28.—Last night at 2 o'clock about 200 feet of the San Joaquin river levee gave way on the fertile Jersey Island tract located east of here, flooding the entire island, comprising nearly 4,000 acres. The loss will be about \$50,000, and fall principally upon the Jersey Island company, although there are many small farmers who hold leases who will lose everything, as their crops were all practically ready to harvest.

The Jersey Island company had 100 acres of the finest celery in the river section, estimated at 8,000 carloads, that would have been ready to harvest in about two months. There was also 500 acres of potatoes, besides other vegetables. Nothing will be saved.

Besides this direct loss, all the ditches used for draining the land will be ruined. Also thousands of young celery plants that were ready for planting are under water. It was intended to make this one of the largest celery fields in the state.

ENJOINS ADVANCE IN RATE.

Georgia Judge Grants an Injunction Against Southern Roads.

Mount Airy, Ga., July 28.—On application of the Macon Grocery company, and other merchants and mercantile corporations of the state, Judge Speer, of the United States court yesterday granted a preliminary injunction restraining the Atlantic Coast Railroad company, the Louisville & Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific and the Southern Railway companies from putting into effect the increased rates on shipments of staple products from Western to Southern points, which the railroads have given notice to the Interstate Commerce commission will take effect on August 1.

Judge Speer will hear arguments on July 29 at Mount Airy. The increase, if carried into effect, the petition alleges,