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HILLSBORO, OREGON

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.

Eastern railroads are to raise all freight rates.

Mrs. Cleveland said the ex-President is in a dangerous condition.

Shuyesant Fish has resigned from the Missouri Pacific directorate.

A widespread revolutionary conspiracy has been discovered in India.

A San Francisco woman cashier of a store is short \$4,000. She played the ruse.

Thaw has been ordered removed from the asylum to jail pending the insanity inquiry.

One of the negro soldiers dismissed at Brownsville has started out to recover his pay.

It is said the Hearst League will run Thomas L. Hagen, of Massachusetts, for President.

Mrs. Harry Thaw will aid her husband in securing his release from the insane asylum.

A shell, which was a relic of the Civil War, has exploded at Riverside, Cal., wounding two men.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, says he does not want to run on the Democratic ticket for Vice-President.

The prosecution in the Ruff case has secured confessions that the ex-boxer was paid \$30,000 for getting the Parkside trolley franchise.

Senator Money has lived 35 years with a broken neck.

Hoodlums are suspected of blowing up the passenger train at Butte.

Grover Cleveland is reported as improving from his protracted illness.

Portland police are still unable to locate the murderer of Pawnbroker Wolff.

The dowager empress of Russia is visiting with Queen Alexandra of England.

A petition is being circulated at Gary, Ind., for the closing of the 110 saloons of the town.

Bishop Potter, of New York, is much improved and expects to resume his duties in a few days.

Bank robbers demolished the safe of the Farmers' bank, at Teyon, Okla., secured \$600 and escaped.

A San Francisco woman who died recently had a secret recess made in a table leg where her valuables were concealed.

A money order clerk in the Chicago office of the Wells Fargo Express company is accused of embezzling \$5,000.

The battleship fleet when passing the principal points between San Francisco and Seattle will slow down and in some instances make short stops.

Robert Watchorn, the immigration official, says only one-third of the Italian emigrants come to the United States, the rest going to South America.

Five bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Chicago Reduction company's plant, which was destroyed by fire. Five more are believed to be in the ruins.

The Arkansas Republican state convention has declared for prohibition.

An exploding boiler tube on a British battleship injured five men severely.

It is practically certain that Admiral Evans will return to the fleet at San Francisco.

Four expeditions are on route to Western states to look for fossils of prehistoric animals.

Chinese authorities are making great preparations to welcome the American battleship fleet.

Young King Manuel of Portugal, will be closely guarded when he goes to attend the opening of the Cortes.

A collision between limited trolley cars near Detroit caused the death of eight men and serious injury of four others.

A British torpedo boat destroyer was run down and sunk by a scout boat and sunk during night maneuvers. All hands escaped except the engineer.

The editor of La Question Sociale, the anarchist paper suppressed on recommendation of the president, will be indicted by the grand jury of Paterson, N. Y.

After several years of warfare with the street car companies, the city of Cleveland, O., has acquired control of all its lines, and carried all passengers free for one day in celebration of the event.

A jury has been secured to try Ruff and the case has begun.

Vancouver, B. C., had a \$70,000 fire in a cash and door factory.

The sentencing of J. Thorburn Ross has been postponed for 30 days.

Admiral Evans has changed his mind and will not resume command of the fleet until May 5.

Richard Croker says the campaign against gambling is all wrong; that life itself is but a gamble.

China has made an urgent protest against the extension of Japanese influence from Korea toward China.

Over three weeks have been spent trying to secure a jury to try Abe Ruef, and only nine jurors have been secured.

A Hungarian anarchist has been arrested in Colorado, after being followed for 10,000 miles by European detectives.

A man in Grass Valley, Cal., played burglar to frighten his father. "The father believed it was a burglar and shot him dead."

POLICE ARREST SUSPECT.

E. H. Martin Accused of Killing Port land Pawn Broker.

Portland, May 6.—Edward Hugh Martin, former artillery officer, expert in coast defense armament, graduate of West Point, company commander in the Cuban campaign, son of wealthy parents and a drug fiend. That is the man arrested for the brutal murder of Nathan Wolf and the pilfering of Wolf's pawnshop on First street last Friday night.

The police were looking for a man of the drug type, low browed, vicious and a criminal with a record. The nature of the atrocious murder compelled such a picture of the perpetrator. They found a man of high education, good connections—and many weaknesses growing out of the use of cocaine and morphine.

Formidable circumstances point an unwavering finger of accusation at Martin. He denies his guilt. With all the resources of a man of education and of mental resources he evades the verbal traps that are laid for him by the authorities. The story he tells is coherent and connected. But several of the statements whereby he might hope to base his claims to innocence have been refuted. His mental resources are not great enough to overcome the barrier of circumstances.

They say they will prove he is guilty. There is, of course, the slender chance that he is not.

FLOOD INUNDATES TOWNS.

Missouri and Illinois Suffer Damages From Elements.

St. Louis, May 6.—A thunder storm of unusual severity, accompanied by a high wind of almost tornado velocity, swept over the city early yesterday, doing much damage to property and indirectly causing loss of life.

A bridge on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, near Belleville, Ill., was washed out and wrecked a freight train.

Elsewhere, Frank Chas. the fireman, and a trainman, whose name has not been learned, and whose body has not been recovered, were caught under the engine and drowned. The train was piled up in a mass in Schoenbaum Creek, which was swollen into a torrent.

The village of Edgemont, Ill., was flooded, and many persons were forced to take refuge on improvised rafts.

The whole area of lowlands known as the American Bottoms, east of East St. Louis, Ill., and comprising 35 square miles of territory, is under water.

French Village, a town of 10,000 inhabitants, one of the oldest settlements in Illinois, was struck by a miniature tornado, and many houses were unroofed. Telephone and telegraph wires are downed, and there is no communication with French Village.

There is impediment on electric lines running to various points east and north of East St. Louis, Ill., because of high water.

GATHERING TO BE NOTABLE.

Lay Cornerstone of Bureau of American Republics May 11.

Washington, May 6.—All indications point to a notable gathering on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the new building of the International Bureau of American Republics on May 11.

Such an acceptance of the invitations sent out by the governing board have been received to make the event one of the most important of its kind in the history of the capital. They come from the highest officials in Washington, including the President and Vice-President, the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps, the supreme court, the Senate and House of Representatives, officers of the Army and heads of various department bureaus and sections, and representative citizens of Washington.

As well as some prominent outside officials, including Governors of states, Mayors of cities and heads of principal political and commercial organizations.

A considerable number of the Governors who will be in attendance at the convention called by the President of the United States to convene the National resources of the country have indicated their intention to come to Washington a day earlier in order to be present.

Principal speeches, which will be made by President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, the Ambassador of Brazil, and Andrew Carnegie, will have an international significance. The invocation will be delivered by Cardinal Gibbons, and the benediction will be pronounced by Bishop Creighton, the dean of the Protestant clergy in Washington. The exercises will be opened by the Director of the Bureau, John Barrett, who will present as the presiding officer, the Secretary of State, Elihu Root.

Resume Green Examination.

San Francisco, May 6.—Cross-examination of J. E. Green, promoter of the Parkside Railway Company, who testified on Monday in the trial of Abe Ruef on the charge of bribing supervisors to vote in favor of granting a street railway franchise to the Parkside Company, then Mayor Schmidt suggested during an interview on the subject of the examination that the promoters should see the United Railroads officials and of the consultation had by Judge Cope, counsel for the Parkside Company, with Ruef regarding the latter's fee.

Entire Block Burned.

San Francisco, May 6.—On the day preceding San Francisco's great reception to the fleet as it enters Golden Gate tomorrow, and while the city, gaily decorated, is putting the finishing touches to the plans for the celebration, a whole block of temporary buildings in the heart of the city lay in ruins today as the result of a disastrous fire which swept its last night, destroying property valued at \$200,000. All that was bounded by Geary and Market streets and Grant avenue, and great heaps of ashes and charred timber.

Thaw Is Insane.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 6.—Dr. Amos T. Baker, acting superintendent of the Poughkeepsie State Hospital, on his return today to the court of the coroner obtained by the counsel for Harry K. Thaw, denied the allegations in the petition of counsel that Thaw is now sane, and alleged, on the contrary, that Thaw is insane. Dr. Baker has had Thaw under observation during his confinement in Mattewan, following the trial for the slaying of Stanford White.

Plague Stamped Out.

San Francisco, May 6.—San Francisco board of supervisors has practically abandoned the rat campaign. In a set of resolutions adopted by the board, the people are informed that the city has not had a suspicious case of bubonic plague since January 30.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

SHIPPING STEELHEAD EGGS.

Small Run in Rogue River Causes Investigation.

Grants Pass.—Two million steelhead trout eggs were brought in from the Oldenberry hatchery on the Illinois river, and were exported to Buenos Ayres, South America, in care of the agricultural department. The eggs were closely encased in ice-boxes for the long journey.

The fishing season on Rogue river so far has been unprofitable, the run of fish being exceedingly light and the present local fishermen's union is devoting its time to investigating the river from here to the mouth for the reason of such shortage, as at this time large quantities of eggs are being shipped away daily. The officers for this year are: President, Henry Hudson; secretary, A. Auberry.

TO HANDLE THE APPLES.

Hood River Growers' Union Increases Stock to \$25,000.

Hood River.—At a meeting of the Hood River Applegrowers' Union held yesterday, and largely attended, a resolution was passed increasing the capital stock of the organization from \$2000 to \$25,000.

The increase is for the purpose of erecting cold storage facilities to take care of the rapidly increasing apple yield of the valley. Between \$5000 and \$6000 was subscribed at the meeting within five minutes after the secretary announced that subscriptions would be received. It is the purpose of the union to build an addition to its already large warehouse here which will contain the cold storage plant.

Excited Over Gold Find.

GRANTS PASS.—An investigation party has returned from Williams Creek, the scene of the reported strike of gold, and find that between \$5000 and \$7000 have been extracted by Morrison Bros. & Jones in three days, and they are still pouncing out rich rock. It was found difficult to get particulars of the full amount extracted, as the operators were inclined to be reticent, and a stampede of prospectors to their camp. This new strike is only a short distance from the Jones Bros.' marble quarry and about two miles from this city.

La Grande Shippers Rejoice.

La Grande.—Apple, potato and grain shippers of this city and valley are elated over the announcement of the railroad commission today which gives the exact reduction in all freight rates from this point.

This reduction comes under the sweeping ruling made by the commission recently relative to shipping rates to Portland from all points east of The Dalles. On apples the reduction is 13 cents on a hundred. In this is included the potato schedule. Grains were reduced 11 cents.

New Buildings for Weston.

Pendleton.—Plans for the erection of two new buildings for the Weston Normal school are now being perfected by President R. C. French. The two are to cost approximately \$70,000 and will be used to house departments already in existence as well as those which are being created by the Wilson agricultural bill now before congress. One of the buildings is for the use of the training department and for the agriculture laboratories, while the other one is for the domestic science and manual training departments.

Surveying Electric Line.

Pendleton.—It is rumored that Dr. H. W. Coo, of Portland, head of the Columbia Land Company, which owns a half interest in the Furnish ditch, and 20,000 acres of land under it, and which is conducting the colonization plan, now has an engineer in the field to determine upon a route for the proposed electric road from Irrigon to Pendleton. It is also stated on good authority that Dr. Coo will not extend the road any farther in this direction than Echo unless the people of this city will subscribe \$100,000 worth of stock in the venture.

Dipping May Cures.

Pendleton.—A cargo of crude petroleum has been ordered by Indian Agent McPartridge, to be used in dipping the ponies on the Umatilla reservation, in an effort to eradicate mange. Lumber for the great dipping works is now on the ground, and the work of rounding up the few thousand horses adjoining ranches have afflicted horses, but the government men cannot compel the owners to dip. The state officials could, however, if they wish.

Clatskanie Lights Up.

Clatskanie.—The new electric light plant installed here by A. B. Kurts and P. Barton turned on the lights for the first time Saturday night, amid a demonstration and electrical display. The Clatskanie City Band played under an illumination of willow tree, electrical signs were blazing in colored lights, festive air. This is Clatskanie's second electric light plant.

Umatilla Short of Teachers.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county schools are facing a teacher famine. Despite the fact that nearly every effort is being made to raise the salary of teachers from \$5 to \$10 per month, it is difficult to secure instructors for the spring terms. The boards are now vying with each other in their efforts to make contracts this far in advance for the fall terms.

Plenty of Traffic for New Road.

Klamath Falls.—The Long Lake Lumber company, of this city, will commence shipment of boxes via the California Northwest Railway, May 15. It has orders from San Diego firms that consume 2,000,000 feet of lumber. The first carload shipments from this city via the California Northwest Railway.

Bright Prospects in John Day.

Prairie City.—The weather in this valley, the John Day Valley, could not be more favorable. It is warm and pleasant, with sufficient rain to make vegetation grow, and prospects for bumper crops of hay and grain could not be excelled. Stock is doing well.

CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE THROUGHOUT.

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GRANTS PASS.—The general development and progress of farm work in the county has been far-reaching during the winter months, and the opening of spring has found many acres ready for fruit trees and berries, which will be set out. A splendid rain has been falling, and this will increase the hay crop and late-sown grain, and give a crop of wheat and corn. A trip over the county shows that an enormous amount of work has been going on in clearing land and planting out orchards, besides much has been accomplished in other directions toward developing the farming communities.

A never-failing crop for this part of Rogue River Valley is the strawberry, which grows everywhere, and will produce two revenue crops each year, owing to the climatic conditions. This is a feature unknown to most river valleys of the state. It is an unusual sight to see berries almost all the year around; in fact, they are on the market from May until Christmas.

With the industrial hum and swing felt everywhere, the prospects for the future are never better. The lumber season is opening bright and during the summer there will be about 30 mills in this vicinity sawing the sugar pine of Southern Oregon into material for the factories.

Oregon City Rose Show.

Oregon City.—Arrangements are well under way for holding the second annual show of the Oregon City Rose and Carnation Society, which will take place in this city during the latter part of May or early in June. The contest has been appointed to take place at the event, and strawberry-growers have been asked to make exhibits, providing the berries are ripe when the roses are in full bloom. The official color of the society is mission pink, adapted from the color of the mission rose, the first to be brought to Oregon. Local business men have been exceedingly liberal in donations of premiums. The show will probably be held in the armory.

Must Bailiast Track.

Salem.—The Oregon Railroad Commission is brooding the Oregon Electric Company for the purpose of inducing that company to hasten the ballasting of its line between Portland and Salem. The commission has written the company a letter saying that if the company does not ballast the line by June 1, the commission will be forced to take the line over and ballast it in its present condition. The road endangers the lives of passengers. "What are you going to do about it?" is the question propounded to the Oregon Electric management.

The tone of the letter indicates that the commission will do something very promptly if the company does not.

New Commercial Club.

La Grande.—Mr. Collier, president; George Finner, vice president; Fred G. Taylor, secretary; George L. Cleamer, treasurer. This is the personnel of the new commercial club officers. These men are among the city's most prominent business men, and will give new life and ginger to the reorganized club. A conference with General Passenger Agent William McMurray of the O. R. & N. on next Wednesday will be the first step toward a publicity campaign.

New Cannery Tender.

Astoria.—The official measurement of the gasoline launch Huldah was completed by the customs authorities today. The craft was built by T. L. Driscoll, of this city, for the Columbia River Packers' Association.

The launch is of the following dimensions: Length, 34.9 feet; beam, 8 feet; depth, 3.2 feet; tonnage 9 tons gross 6 tons net. She is equipped with a 12-horsepower engine and will be used as a cannery tender.

Hogs Eat Poisoned Grain.

NORTH PORTLAND.—G. A. Caspar, a prominent farmer close to North Portland, as usual with farmers in grain planting season, put out squirrel poison, but got 10 of the fine fattening hogs belonging to one of the town butchers, E. Jarman, the hogs having broken into the Caspar field.

Better Train Service.

La Grande.—A new train schedule has gone into effect between here and Elgin, which means doubled service for these two cities. The new trains will be maintained and a carrying way freight and logs for the George Palmer mill.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Club, 87c per bush; red Russian, 84c; blue stem, 80c; valley, 86c.

Barley.—Feed, 62c per ton; rolled, 62c; brewing, 62c.

Oats.—No. 1 white, 27c; 27.50c per ton; gray, 26.50c; 27c.

Millfeed.—Rye, 28c per ton; middlings, 33.50c; shorts, country, 28.50c; city, 27c; wheat and barley chop, 27.50c.

Hay.—Timothy, Willamette Valley, 17c per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, 15c; Eastern Oregon, 17.50c; alfalfa, 16c; clover, 14c; alfalfa, 12c.

Potatoes.—75c per hundred; Willamette Valley, 45c per hundred; East Multnomah, 55c; Clackamas, 55c per hundred; sweet, 5c per pound.

Apples.—Select, 25c per box; fancy, 32c; choice, 15c; ordinary, 11.50c.

Onions.—Texas Bermudas, 27.75c per crate.

Vegetables.—Turnips, 1c per sack; carrots, 1.50c; 1.5c; beets, 1.25c; parsnips, 1.25c; cabbage, 12c per cwt.; head lettuce, 35c per dozen; celery, 85c; asparagus, 40c per dozen; beans, 20c per pound; egg plants, 25c per dozen; peas, 60c per pound; peppers, 30c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 10c per pound; spinach, 55c per crate.

Butter.—Extra, 20c per pound; fancy, 21c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.

Eggs.—17c per dozen.

Poultry.—Mixed chickens, 13c per pound; fancy hens, 14c; 15c; roosters, old, 8c; fryers, dressed, 8c; broilers, dressed, 9c; 10c; dressed poultry, per pound, 1c higher.

Dressed Meats.—Hogs, fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; 7.5c; large, 6c; small, 5c; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c; veal, extra, 8c; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c; mutton, fancy, 10c.

STEAMER WRECKED

Eleven Men Drown Off Yaquina In Storm.

Captain and Nine Men Saved

Vessel Was Headed South With Big Cargo of Lumber When Gale Struck Her.

NEWPORT, Or., May 5.—Eleven of the officers and crew of the steam schooner Minnie E. Kelton, lumber laden, from Aberdeen, Wash., to San Francisco, were killed or drowned as a result of a gale Friday night. The steamer is lying at anchor half wrecked, about a mile off shore, between Yaquina Head and Cape Foulweather. Captain James McKenna and nine of his crew were saved.

Friday the Kelton ran into a strong head wind, which increased as the day proceeded, until by midnight it was blowing a hard gale. The vessel continually shipped large volumes of water and labored heavily in the sea. The rough weather continued until the vessel reached a point eight miles southwest of Yaquina, when the deckload shifted and started the bulkhead of the foremast, and the vessel began filling from the bunkers and engine room to the hold. The pumps proved unavailing against the inrush of water.

When she had drifted north of Yaquina Head the captain, seeing the hopelessness of his vessel's condition, ordered the craft abandoned, and directed that the lifeboat, which was large enough to hold the entire crew, be lowered. While engaged in clearing the lifeboat, the vessel suddenly shipped a tremendous sea, which swept overboard the deckload of lumber, and with it the after deckhouse, both boats and 11 of the men. The lifeboat was pitched onto the floating lumber, one end hanging at a sharp angle.

In climbing into the boat the men capsized her. They succeeded in righting her, and about seven sailors climbed in, leaving four others on the wrecked vessel. The captain ordered the boat to pick these men up, but for some reason the order was not obeyed. Within a few minutes the lifeboat and the wreckage, with the unfortunate crew on board, drifted away from the Kelton.

By this time the steamer had drifted close to shore, and Captain McKenna led his anchors in hopes they would hold him off shore. Shortly afterward a squall shut out from view the lifeboat and the men on the wreckage. None of them was seen again until three of their bodies were picked up on the beach Sunday.

ISSUE \$100,000 BONDS.

Harriman Would Continue Union Pacific Work.

NEW YORK, May 5.—E. H. Harriman announced today that the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company will be asked at their meeting at Salt Lake tomorrow to authorize an issue of \$100,000,000 of bonds. He said that \$50,000,000 of this amount will be reserved for issue under strictly guaranteed provisions for construction and acquisition of new lines and additions. Mr. Harriman's statement follows:

"The financial requirements of the Union Pacific have been much exaggerated. The maximum amount needed at this time to put the company in funds does not exceed \$25,000,000, but we want to resume development and put our people to work. In no event, however, will over \$50,000,000 of bonds be issued against properties now owned. Instead of mortgaging new lines as constructed or acquired and thus having separate mortgages on different divisions, it is deemed best to provide in one mortgage for future extensions and new lines. The meeting is a preliminary step to put the company in a position to take advantage of the favorable opportunities to raise additional capital to the best advantage."

Six People Burned Alive.

NEW YORK, May 5.—An early morning fire in a ten-story brick tenement at 17 Humboldt street caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others today. Every member of one family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. Deputies of the fire department, who were called to the scene by the alarm of the fire, found the mother and her four children dead. The father, who was not at home, was seriously injured. The fire broke out in the kitchen, and the smoke and flames spread rapidly. The fire department arrived within five minutes, but the fire was too far advanced to be controlled. The bodies of the six dead were removed to the morgue. The injured are being treated in the hospital.

Troops Hunt Insurgents.

LIMA, Peru, May 5.—Government troops have been sent out by President Pardo on the receipt of reports here that an insurrection was brewing not far from this city. Alarm was felt in government circles on Friday night, when it was rumored that the insurgent leader, Dr. Durand, with 200 of his men, of the town of La Landa, the drill pen lighting plant which supplies the current for the lighting of Lima and the suburbs. President Pardo passed Saturday night in the barracks, and this morning additional troops were sent out in search of the insurgents.

Pomp at Royal Wedding.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 5.—Prince Wilhelm, of Sweden, second son of King Gustave, the popular aristocrat prince, who visited America in 1907, was married Sunday afternoon to Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, cousin of the Empress of Russia, and daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovich. The ceremony took place at Tsarsko-Selo, and was accompanied by all the pomp and brilliant display characteristic of the most stately court in Europe. In the evening a great state banquet was served.

Native Village in Ashes.

MANILA, May 5.—The town of Antipolo in the Province of Morong, has been practically destroyed by fire. Four hundred houses were burned and hundreds of people are homeless. The fire broke out in the morning. The fire was caused by a lightning strike. The fire was of great benefit to the government, as it destroyed a large number of houses belonging to the government.

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