

Hillsboro Independent  
HILLSBORO, OREGON  
NEWS OF THE WEEK  
A Condensed Form for Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Republican members of congress favor emergency currency.

Little progress is being made in the Parkside trolley trial of Abe Ruef.

Central Kansas has been visited by a rain storm that bordered a cloudburst.

The corner stone of the bureau of American republics has been laid at Washington.

Chinese rebels are becoming more active. Large forces of troops are being sent out to check them.

A tornado in Mercer and Henry counties, Illinois, did considerable property damage and killed one woman.

The National Industrial Traffic League has appealed to the interstate commerce commission to prevent an increase in freight rates.

The British house of lords is discussing a plan to tax American hops that are being imported to the detriment of the English crop.

While officers from the battleship fleet were being given auto rides, two of the big machines collided, with almost serious results.

The United States is enlisting other nations in the war against opium trade. The Methodist general conference has asked that presidential candidates be total abstainers.

Chicago street railway men are to vote on a general strike.

There is an increase of tipping among English society women.

Indications point to Taft men controlling the Oregon republican convention.

New York's unemployed have formed an association and will hold a national convention.

The Union Pacific reports an increase in earnings, and is putting shophen back at work.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is to investigate the proposed increase of freight rates.

A French mob tried to lynch a woman who had murdered many children, but was prevented by the police.

If the weather permits the battleship fleet will stop off Coos Bay on its way from San Francisco to Seattle.

A number of senators are preparing to denounce Roosevelt as a usurper because he claims supremacy over the army.

Methodists have called on Speaker Cannon to aid prohibition.

Holmes has been sued for the losses of the Aetna Bank, of Butte.

There have been several serious outbreaks in Ohio against the tobacco trust.

The man who blew up the Burlington train at Butte has proven to be only half-witted.

Prince Philip zu Eulenberg, once favorite of the kaiser, has been arrested for perjury.

Japan has issued a peremptory demand that China stop the boycott of Japanese goods.

Roosevelt denies the power of congress to restrict authority over the army and navy.

Kentucky continues to have trouble with night riders, who are burning tobacco warehouses.

The Ruef bribery trial is the scene of many threats and almost open fights among the lawyers.

California people have drawn up a memorial to congress asking for the promotion of Rear-Admiral Evans to the grade of admiral.

Sonator Heyburn, of Idaho, wants the government to survey all unsurveyed lands in Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon and California.

Great Britain is considering an old-age pension.

Japan denies the report that the Korean emperor is to be banished.

Japan has filed another protest with China against the boycott of Japanese goods.

Emma Goldman, high priestess of anarchy, will give a series of addresses in Portland, commencing May 23.

The cashier of the Allegheny National Bank of Pittsburg, has been arrested for embezzling \$49,000 of the bank's funds.

Great Britain's financial budget, just issued, shows conditions to be in such good shape that the duty on sugar is to be reduced.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of William R. Wheeler, of California, to be assistant secretary of commerce and labor.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has written a letter to congress urging the passage of many bills of interest to labor.

While at San Francisco, Rear-Admiral Thomas, second in command of the Atlantic fleet, will preach at least one sermon in one of the leading churches.

Oklahoma enjoyed a holiday Thursday by proclamation of the governor, who asked the people to adopt resolutions calling on congress to pass legislation providing for the selection of United States senators by direct vote.

Many of New York's officeholders are being tried on indictments charging graft.

Another uprising is reported in Peru. The last disturbance has been but just subdued.

The paper trust is accused of making publishers pay for speculations in Canadian timber.

Parkside real estate men are endeavoring to shield Ruef in his trial for accepting bribes.

Utah sheepmen will store their wool other than accept the price offered by the wool combine.

Over 100,000 people from outside San Francisco will watch the arrival of the battleship fleet.

TORNADOES IN NEBRASKA.

Destroy Four Towns and Kill at Least Fourteen People.

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—Twelve persons are known to have been killed and a score injured by a tornado which swept over the northern part of Sarpy county at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The storm, which gained in velocity on its way south, started in Omaha at 4:30.

At Bellevue the college buildings were damaged to the extent of probably \$50,000, and several persons were injured, none fatally. The storm then moved on to Louisville, Litchfield and Springfield, where the principal damage and loss of life occurred.

The storm was the most severe that ever struck Eastern Nebraska. The damage to the college buildings at Bellevue was heavy. The tower was blown from Park Hall, and the building wrecked. Lowry Hall and Rankin Hall were unroofed. The panic-stricken students ran to the basement and in this way many fatalities were probably avoided. The college stables were wrecked and all the horses killed. A number of small buildings and stores in the village were blown down.

Moving south the tornado struck Fort Crook, damaging several of the barracks buildings, but nobody was injured. In the town of Fort Cook, however, a number of buildings were entirely wrecked and other damage was done.

Three Towns Are Wrecked.

Springfield, Neb., May 13.—A tornado late yesterday afternoon wrecked the towns of Louisville, Bellevue and Richfield and killed several persons and injured large numbers.

The heaviest losses of life and injured are reported from Louisville, a junction point of the Missouri Pacific and Burlington railroads, in Cass county. The number of deaths is unknown, and no names have been secured, but it is said between 40 and are injured, many seriously and some fatally.

The town of Bellevue is declared practically wiped out, but it is not known that there are any fatalities. Bellevue is the seat of the Presbyterian college.

The storm destroyed part of the village of Richfield, where Elder Leader was killed and his father was badly injured. Ed. Faller, a farmer near Richfield, was fatally injured.

Louisville Is Blown Away.

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—It is difficult to get any definite news from Louisville. Reports are to the effect that the town is blown away and the people are in a panic. The Burlington station was torn to pieces, most of the business houses were wrecked and 30 residences destroyed. The Missouri Pacific station is standing, but both the telegraph and telephone wires are down.

There were four distinct tornado clouds as seen at Springfield, and they made their appearance shortly before 5 o'clock.

Heavy damage was done in the country, and it is feared there was some loss of life.

Dispatches received at Lincoln say there were severe storms along the Missouri river farther south at Nemaha City and Falls City.

Improvement Bonds Voted.

San Francisco to Spend Millions for Greater City.

San Francisco, May 13.—Citizens generally are enthusiastic over the result of the bond election. The vote was 10 to 1 for the bonds. The first step to be taken by the supervisors will be to estimate the cost of the improvements made possible by the sale of the bonds and the amount of money to be expended. Possibly by the middle of August work will begin on the projects which are to make San Francisco a larger and more beautiful city than ever.

For an auxiliary fire system and lands necessary for it, bonds amounting to \$5,000,000 were approved.

For a city sewer system, \$4,000,000.

For school buildings and lands for ample sites, \$5,000,000.

For public hospitals and necessary lands, \$2,000,000.

For a new city hall and county jail, \$1,000,000.

For a suitable garbage system and crematory, \$1,000,000.

Evans Reiterates Demand.

North Platte, Neb., May 13.—Standing upon the rear platform of his car as it lingered here for a few minutes today, "Fighting Bob" Evans addressed a big crowd of people who came from miles around to greet him. The former commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet repeated the statement that he has made on different occasions—that the United States would be better off with fewer statesmen and more battleships and added: "We are in danger of war and stress will be as long as we have something that some other nation wants."

Several Sailors Desert.

San Francisco, May 13.—The numerous desertions from the Atlantic fleet, which it was prophesied would follow the arrival of the fleet at this port, have failed to materialize. Less than 100 absentees are reported today, and a number of these are men of long service who have overstayed their shore leave but are expected to report before the next sailing to the north. Very few of the young bluejackets who are on their first cruise and were expected to desert are reported absent. The morale of the fleet is excellent.

Robbers Secure \$15,000.

Seattle, Wash., May 12.—E. J. Perrine, Great Northern express messenger on the train which left Seattle at 8:10 this morning at Vancouver, B. C., was beaten over the head with his own gun and tied hand and foot by two men who entered the train just as it was leaving Seattle, and who, after overhauling the express messenger, looted the strong box of a sum of money estimated at from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The robbers escaped. Perrine is in a serious condition.

Tillman Fears Paralysis.

Washington, May 13.—Threatened with paralysis, Senator Tillman is situated in the west end of Umattilla county. Offices here being opened here by parties selling the land, and it adds greatly to the business life of Pendleton.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WILL UNVEIL MONUMENT. COLONY IS ASSURED.

To Mark Site of First Public School Settlers Arriving to Found New Colony in Polk County.

Dallas.—The first school picnic in Polk County for the year 1913, was held at Rieckreal, Saturday, May 11. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, and George H. Hines, of Portland, will be the principal speakers. The afternoon will be given over to sports and games. The committee on arrangements is under the direct supervision of Superintendent H. C. Stewart, of Dallas, county agent of the day.

The principal attraction of the day will be the unveiling of a suitable monument to mark the site of the first school opened in Polk County. This historic spot is on the road between Dallas and Rieckreal, and about half a mile west of the latter place. The first school was opened in the spring of 1845, with J. E. Lytle, a former Polk County pioneer, now deceased, as teacher. Mrs. Josephine Boye, one of the first students, will unveil the monument. George H. Hines will deliver an address at the unveiling, dealing with early Oregon history, and the school known in early years as "Dixie," was the home of Colonel J. W. Nesmith, former Indian fighter and politician. The house in which he died still stands about half a mile east of this old and historic town.

Wolf Creek valley colony is well settled. Development has gone steadily on. The fruit raising has shown a good condition for some time, several families bringing considerable of their belongings with them, and on their great satisfaction household goods shipped from Pennsylvania less than two weeks before they started awaiting their owners on arrival here.

For a week a surveying party has been at work on the outside lines, running through to government section corners, then making corrections so that the work may be of a satisfactory character. Several tracts have been surveyed under a vision No. 1, and tracts Nos. 2 and 3, comprising 75 acres, were purchased last evening by a young man from Chicago, who has been on the ground for three weeks, awaiting the survey. Inquiries are being received from all parts of the country, and the history of the feature is mentioned on and commended more than any other single feature.

Wolf Creek is the first valley south of the Umpqua divide, introducing the traveler southward on the scenic Southern Pacific to the famous Rogue River Valley. In formation, the climate this southernly sloping valley is much like the first valley north of the Siskiyou divide, in which is situated, on rich red soil which so abounds here also, the A. D. Helms Newtown apple orchard, which, without a single failure, has yielded its owner net annual average of \$791 per acre for the past seven years.

Recent showers have wonderfully stimulated growing crops, and a considerable acreage of corn is now being planted.

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