

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.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is slowly sinking Senator Heyburn's condition is not improved.

Farm laborers in Austria have struck for an increase in pay.

The sultan of Turkey has yielded absolutely to the British demands.

Methodists will raise \$1,000,000 to rebuild churches in San Francisco.

The Russian parliament has demanded amnesty for prisoners and will try to conciliate the czar.

While the coal miners of the East did not receive the raise in wages they desired they secured recognition of their union for the first time.

Evidence presented at the Standard Oil investigations by the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that the policy of the company was anything to win.

Investigations are now in progress regarding an alleged padrone system in the United States among Greeks. It is claimed there are 3,000 in bondage in Chicago alone.

Bailey and Tillman have made violent attacks on Roosevelt in regard to the rate bill, saying he made arrangements to carry the bill through with Democratic votes and thus surrendered to the Aldrich combination.

Dowie is gradually dying of dropsy and cannot last long.

Recent earthquake shocks have caused a Cuban mine to cave in.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is much improved though still quite ill.

Congress is receiving many protests against the prohibition of passes.

San Francisco saloons have been closed indefinitely by the authorities.

John F. Wallace has formed a \$12,000,000 electric company in New York.

The strike of funeral drivers in New York has caused the postponement of many funerals.

Count Lamsdorff, Russian minister of Foreign affairs, has resigned for a place in the council of the empire.

The British fleet is all ready for an attack on Turkey should that country continue her hostile movements.

Chicago printers have declared a boycott on Methodist rituals on account of labor troubles with the Methodist Book concern.

Taft refuses to confine purchases of canal supplies to the United States and has told congress if they want him to buy all at home to pass necessary laws.

The first steamer of the season has left Seattle for Nome.

The withdrawal of troops from San Francisco has begun.

The first step of the Russian lower house will be to demand amnesty.

The State department has forwarded \$200,000 to Japan for use by the starving people.

Senator Ankeny wants the government to use all home material for the Panama canal.

Great Britain will advocate disarmament at the coming sessions of The Hague conference.

The United States will not allow a revolution in Panama. Conditions there are now bordering a revolt.

Dowie and Voliva are said to have reached an agreement for a joint management of the affairs of Zion City.

Governor Pardee says Santa Rosa suffered more proportionately than San Francisco and that conditions there now are heartrending.

M. Gorky, the Russian author, declares the douma a farce and says the Russian people know they must have a revolution in order to be free.

Shonts reports progress on the Panama Canal.

Import statistics show that the Chinese boycott is waning.

Republican Senators have agreed to support a limited court review of rates.

Anthracite miners have formally accepted an agreement with the operators.

There is talk of Taft for President, with Roosevelt as his Secretary of State.

Roosevelt has asked Congress for another \$500,000 for relief work in California.

Elaborate measures have been taken to protect the czar at the opening of parliament.

Measures have been taken to protect San Francisco property from foreclosure of mortgage.

San Francisco authorities are driving able-bodied men from the bread lines with the idea of compelling them to work for a living.

Turkey has seized more Egyptian territory and declares she will fight Great Britain. The latter country is sending warships and soldiers to fight the Sultan.

Voliva has organized a strike against Dowie in Zion.

ISSUE PAUL JONES STAMP.

Postoffice Department Has Hitherto Slighted Our Naval Heroes.

Washington, May 15.—It is probable that the likeness of John Paul Jones, of deathless fame in the annals of naval warfare, will appear upon one of the next series of United States postage stamps.

A naval officer recently called attention to the fact that the United States navy, whose achievements present an unbroken line of victories, has had but scant recognition at the hands of the postoffice department so far as honoring eminent naval officers of the United States upon our postal issues is concerned.

The naval officer is correct. Up to 1902 only one representative of the navy had ever been recognized for a place upon a United States postage stamp—Commodore Perry of Lake Erie fame—and his position was so obscure that not one person in 10,000 ever saw his likeness upon a stamp. Perry was in 1870 assigned to the 90-cent stamp, and there he remained until 1902, when, instead of making a new place for Admiral Farragut, who was voted into the charmed postal circle, the postoffice authorities retired Perry and Farragut took his place.

The new series of stamps for the Philippines, now in process of printing in Washington, depicts Admiral Sampson on the 16-centavo (8 cents) stamp, but upon United States stamps until 1902 Perry reigned supreme.

On the other hand the army has received numerous honors from the authorities who determine what faces shall adorn our postage stamps. Beginning with General Washington, the list includes General Winfield Scott, General Zachary Taylor, General Garfield, General Grant, General Sherman, General Harrison, Major McKinley General Sheridan's likeness is represented on the reply postal card.

RISING FEARED IN CHINA.

Missionaries Send Word That Soldiers May Prove Disloyal.

Minneapolis, May 15.—Bishop Dahl, of the United Norwegian Lutheran church, has sent cablegrams to the missionaries of the church in China, ordering them to leave the districts in which they are engaged, in case they consider their lives in danger. Bishop Dahl has received three letters from missionaries of the United Church in China, who forecast trouble in the nature of a new revolution.

According to these letters the disturbance is centered around Runing-Fu, of the Honan district. Rev. J. S. Stocke, who writes one of the letters, dated in April, says the Chinese are rising against their own government in this district, and he asserts that the officers and the government officials themselves do not believe that their own soldiers are to be depended upon, as they are receiving pay from the revolutionists. He says they are constantly afraid the soldiers will betray them and open the gates to the enemy.

CHINESE IN A PANIC.

Many Certificates of Registration Destroyed in Fire.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 15.—The California Chinese are to make an effort before the highest authorities for complete re-registration of their people.

The contention of leading Chinese is that more than 25,000 certificates of registration, a great part of which are not duplicated in Washington, were destroyed in the San Francisco fire. It is stated that there are only 50,000 Chinese in California.

Many of the Chinamen are bordering on panic, for they realize that should their right to be in the United States be questioned they have little to show legal residence. For months to come any Chinese who has a possible knowledge of English and American customs will claim on arrest that his certificate was destroyed in San Francisco. The problems that now confront the immigration officials are practically endless. The registration now in effect was made 12 years ago. The Chinese claim that this was imperfect and in some respects on a wrong basis.

Body of Father Gapon Found.

St. Petersburg, May 15.—The mystery of the fate of Father Gapon apparently was cleared up today by the discovery of a corpse, which has almost positively been identified as that of the priest, hanging in the upper chamber of a lonely villa in the summer suburb of Ozerki, Finland. The villa was sold April 8 and a deposit paid by an unknown man from St. Petersburg, who, after visiting the house several times in company with a young workman, disappeared April 11, taking the key with him.

Turkey Expresses Regret.

Constantinople, May 15.—The Porte today replied to Germany's protest against the boarding and detention of the German sailing ship Odysseus by Turkish officials recently, while the vessel was discharging cargo at Cibuklu. The reply expresses regret at the occurrence and promises to punish the official responsible for it, but it proposed a reduction of the indemnity of \$3,500. The German protest described the seizure as an act of piracy.

Must Not Spit on Floor.

Washington, May 15.—A government employee who spits upon the floor of a government building or office in future is liable to summary dismissal from his position, under rules now being promulgated through the departments by order of the president. The president considers drastic rules of this kind are necessary to prevent spread of tuberculosis among the government employees.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ASSESSMENT TO BE COLLECTED.

Klamath Water-Users' Association Will Assert Its Corporate Power.

Klamath Falls.—Directors of the Klamath Water-Users' Association at a recent meeting instructed their attorney to proceed to enforce the collection of the assessment from the delinquent members, after giving reasonable notice that such action would be taken if payments were not made at once. About 120 of the 520 members are delinquent, averaging about \$7 for each stockholder thus delinquent, and the association will now assert its corporate powers.

Books of the association closed since January 1 have been reopened for subscriptions, but landowners will hereafter be obliged to pay an enrollment fee or penalty of 50 cents an acre in order to become stockholders.

Land Office Collections.

Salem.—Secretary Brown, of the state land board, has turned over to the state treasury cash received in his office for the month of April as follows: Common school fund principal, payments on certificates and cash sales, \$23,467.61; common school fund principal, payments on sales of lands acquired by deed or foreclosure, \$907; common school fund interest, payments on certificates, \$5,633.87; common school fund interest, rents and payments on sales of land acquired by deed or foreclosure, \$484.55; agricultural college fund principal, payments on certificates and cash sales, \$1,379.25; agricultural college fund interest, payments on certificates, \$291.76; total, \$30,164.04.

Fire Risk Increase at Eugene.

Eugene.—Several months ago a representative of the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific visited Eugene and announced that nearly all the business houses of the city were improperly wired, and were not up to the standard set by the code. Effort was made by owners of buildings to have defective wiring made right, while others neglected the notices. Now comes the information to fire insurance agents of this city that insurance rates have been advanced on account of defective wiring. The average increase is 50 cents per \$100. The announcement has created a stir among property holders, and steps will be taken to secure better wiring.

Examinations for Forest Service.

Roseburg.—Examinations will be held at Roseburg, Ore., May 14, for the position of forest ranger. Aspirants for positions who have not filed applications for examination with the United States commission at Washington should file at once with S. C. Bartram, forest supervisor at Roseburg, from whom application blanks may be secured. The positions are under civil service. Examination will be along practical lines relating to forest patrol. Men between 21 and 40, of sound bodily condition, are eligible. Civil service examinations for the position of forest supervisor will be held in Portland, Astoria, Baker City and Eugene, May 18.

Salmon in Grand Ronde.

La Grande.—Superintendent Allen, of the Wallowa salmon hatchery, was in La Grande recently, and stated that the hatchery released a few days ago 1,000,000 fry and about the same amount will be ready to be released within a short time. Operations at the Wallowa hatchery so far are considered satisfactory. Salmon have commenced jumping in the Grand Ronde river at Ore Dell, a mile above La Grande. The salmon, which in the early history of the valley came up the river in abundance, have for the past number of years almost entirely disappeared. It is now hoped that the hatchery will be the means of restocking the river.

Improve Orchard Tract.

La Grande.—The Red Apple Orchard Company, which owns a large tract about three miles north of town in the foothills, is planning extensive improvements. About seventy-five acres will be cleared and the ground put in condition for the planting of apples. There is already a large area of growing trees, including fifteen acres of 12-year-old apple trees and forty-five acres of 2-year-old trees. There are five or six springs located on this tract, and it is the intention of the company to enlarge some of them, forming a lake, which will be stocked with fish.

Hoboes Indolent and Numerous.

Albany.—Hoboes in the Willamette valley have increased in number since the San Francisco disaster. Notwithstanding notices in almost all valley towns offering work at good wages in logging camps and sawmills, the unemployed continue their migration. "We are all coal miners, not loggers," or "We are all fishermen," are the answers when officers tell them there is plenty of demand for labor in the logging camps.

Scouring Mills Resume.

Pendleton.—After being shut down since last October the Pendleton scouring mills will resume operations May 14. The mills are now being given a thorough overhauling and will be placed in first-class condition by that time. W. M. McDonald, of Boston, has arrived to take charge as superintendent.

Plant Big Orchard.

La Grande.—W. Lyman and L. Oldenburg have finished planting an apple orchard of ninety-five acres near Imbler. There are 4,500 trees of three varieties, including 2,500 Rome Beauties, 1,000 Gamos and 1,000 York Imperials. The balance of the tract, about sixty acres, was planted in potatoes.

Expect Heavy Fruit Crop.

La Grande.—Grande Ronde growers report the fruit prospects flattering for this season. It is expected that the crop will be twice as large as any previous year, and that there will be at least 500 carloads shipped from this valley. The apple and cherry yields will be very large.

SHEPHERD PROTEST.

Oregon Men Not Satisfied With Allotment of Wenaha Reserve.

Pendleton.—Sheepmen of Umatilla county have made vigorous protest against the action of forest reserve officials at Walla Walla in standing by the allotment recently made of the range in Wenaha reserve. A remonstrance from Umatilla county has been filed with D. B. Sheller, forest reserve superintendent at Walla Walla.

Facts and figures are given in support of the contention of Oregon stockmen. These in substance are as follows: Of the total land in the reserve, 700,000 acres, more than half lies in Oregon. Only 35,357 Oregon sheep were admitted to the reserve, whereas 123,000 Washington sheep were allowed. To add insult to injury, 55,169 of the Washington sheep were allotted to range in this state. No Oregon sheep were allotted range in Washington. In scaling the Oregon men were cut down 50 per cent, while the Washington men were allowed practically all they asked.

It is held by the Oregon stockmen that forest reserve rules were violated by the manner in which the reserve was allotted. The rules specifically provide that in allotment of range in reserve, stockmen of the state in which the reserve is located shall be given preference.

Accompanying the general remonstrance were affidavits from twenty sheepmen of this county, setting forth claims to land in the reserve allotted to Washington men.

JOHN DAY PROSPECTS.

People Flocking to That Section from All Parts of Northwest.

Baker City.—Many people from over the Northwest are flocking through Baker City on their way into the John Day country to take up timber claims. A few days ago a party of Idaho people went to Sumpter en route to the timber belt, and another party went from this place.

For the past three months timber seekers have come from Western Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and much valuable timber land has been located. Last week two parties, one of eight and one of five people, went out. These were Idaho people, who were evidently satisfied with their locations, as the last party which passed through here was composed of friends of the former company. All are from Genesee, Idaho.

July Fourth at Chautauqua.

Oregon City.—At a meeting here of the board of directors of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association it was decided to hold suitable exercises at Gladstone Park, July 4 next, in celebration of Independence Day. The grounds will be thrown open to campers July 2, eight days before the convening of the Chautauqua. No steps have been taken by the people of Oregon City towards celebrating this anniversary, and all will probably unite in the celebration that is planned by the Chautauqua Assembly.

Specimen Road Work in Marion.

Salem.—Judge Scott has been advised by L. W. Fage, director of public roads of the department of agriculture, that A. E. Loder, engineer in charge of the mile of specimen road building near this city, will commence work about May 15. It is expected that many will be present from all sections of Western Oregon to witness the building of this road on scientific principles. A barbecue will be served while work is progressing, one day being planned for special entertainment of visitors.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 71@72c; bluestem, 72@73c; red, 69@70c; valley, 70c.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50@28; gray, \$27 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@25.50.

Hay—Valley timothy, \$12@13; clover, \$7.50@8; chest, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7@8; alfalfa, \$12.

Fruits—Apples, \$2@3.00 per box; strawberries, \$1.25 @ 1.65 per crate; Oregon, 20c per pound.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 75c@1.25 per box; cabbage, \$2.85@3.00 per hundred; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, \$5.00 per crate; head lettuce, 25c per dozen; onions, 10@15c per dozen; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, 3@4c per pound; spinach, 90c per box; parsley, 25c; turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions—No. 1, 3c per pound.

Potatoes—Fancy graded burbanks, 60@70c per hundred; ordinary, 50@60c; new California, 4c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17 1/2@20c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18@18 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 14@15c per pound; mixed chickens, 13 1/2@14c; broilers, 20@22 1/2c; young roosters, 12 1/2@13c; old roosters, 11@12 1/2c; dressed chickens, 16@16 1/2c; turkeys, live, 17@18c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@23c; geese, live, 10@11c; geese, dressed, 10@11c; ducks, 17@18c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, 12@12 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c; valley, 24@26c per pound; mohair, choice, 28@30c.

Veal—Dressed, 3 1/2@7c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3c per pound; cows, 4 1/2@5 1/2c; country steers, 5@6c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8@8 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 6@6c; lambs, with pelt on, 9@10c.

Pork—Dressed, 7@8 1/2c per pound.

CURE FOR LOOTING.

Chief Dinan Prescribes Hard Work and Plenty of It.

San Francisco, May 14.—A novel method of stamping out the evil of looting, which has been on the increase despite the stern measures taken by the civil and military authorities, has been inaugurated by Chief of Police Dinan. That official has issued an order that whenever a looter is caught he is to be put in a squad under the command of Detective Sergeant Charles F. Taylor. Members of the squad are compelled to labor at clearing away the debris. Already Sergeant Taylor has 75 men under him, and the number is constantly growing. The taskmaster of this chain gang is given discretionary powers as to the term each of the members shall serve.

Already the streets about Portsmouth Square and the Hall of Justice are beginning to assume their old-time appearance of cleanliness, the result of the work of the captured looters. Chief Dinan believes that, when the existence of Sergeant Taylor's army becomes generally known, looting will greatly decrease.

The liquor question was again discussed today by the authorities, and it has been proposed that the charter of the city be amended so that the license, which has heretofore been \$100, be raised to \$500. Before the fire there were 4,000 saloons in this city, and it is believed that the increased license will reduce this number to 1,000, without in any way diminishing the revenues of the city.

A proclamation has been issued by Mayor Schmitz directing that all refugees be concentrated in two great camps, one to be located in the Potrero, in the south side of the city, and the other at Golden Gate Park. This action has been made necessary for sanitary reasons, as military discipline must prevail in these tented cities, if the health of the inmates is to be preserved. At present every square in the city and many vacant lots are covered with the tents of refugees. The military are now ordering these people to the central camps.

OIL TRUST AT BAY.

Will Make Hard Fight Against Free Alcohol in Senate.

Washington, May 14.—Intense pressure is being brought to bear on the senate to force through the bill recently passed by the house of representatives removing the internal revenue tax from "denatured alcohol." There is not the slightest doubt that a large majority of the senate favors the passage of this bill and would be glad to have an opportunity to vote for it, but unfortunately it was referred to the committee on finance, of which Aldrich is chairman, and Aldrich is the one man in the senate who is determined to kill the bill if possible.

Aldrich knows that this bill would work great injury to the Standard Oil company, in that it would put on the market a fuel cheaper and more desirable in other ways than kerosene. Being the Standard Oil representative in congress, he is naturally anxious to shut off legislation that is inimical to the interests of his good friend, the oil trust.

MAJORITY FAVORS SEA LEVEL.

Carmack's Return Will Decide Question of Canal Type.

Washington, May 14.—The senate committee on inter-oceanic canals is in a deadlock on the question of the type of canal to be recommended. The question was taken up today and the vote showed five for a sea level canal and five for the lock type, recommended by the minority of the board of consulting engineers.

There were two absentees, Senators Gorman and Carmack. The latter telegraphed from Tennessee, instructing the chairman to count his vote for the sea level type, which would have made a majority against the lock canal desired by the administration. After wrangling for an hour over the question of accepting the vote of Senator Carmack, the committee adjourned until Wednesday next.

Will Meet Its Losses.

Milwaukee, May 14.—Stockholders of the Milwaukee Mechanics Fire Insurance company today voted to issue 30,000 shares of new stock at the market price of \$20 a share and to add \$300,000 to the capital stock and \$30,000 to the surplus for the purpose of putting the company in shape to meet the losses sustained in the San Francisco fire. At a meeting today a preliminary subscription list was signed by which present stockholders agreed to take up their fire issue. The company places its losses in San Francisco at \$1,200,000.

Economy in City Government.

San Francisco, May 14.—Retrenchment in all municipal departments is the order that has gone forth, and there will be a great reduction in the city's working forces with the next 30 days. Mayor Schmitz made the announcement today that plans already are under discussion whereby the most rigid economy may be enforced. It is estimated that about 300 city employees either will lose their positions or suffer a material reduction in salaries.

Elaborate Festivities Planned.

Madrid, May 14.—Spain is preparing for rejoicing on a magnificent scale on the occasion of the marriage of King Alfonso to Princess Ena of Battenberg. Premier Moret announced today that some of the features of the early program have been changed, but the essential features remain. The marriage will take place May 31 in the church of San Geronimo.

YEARS TO REBUILD

More Hopeful Estimates Made to Keep Up Courage.

LOSS WILL REACH \$400,000,000

Enthusiastic Talk of New City Next Summer Sure to Cause Heartaches in Future.

San Francisco, May 12.—Three weeks after the great disaster one is able to view the situation calmly and to compute with fair accuracy the loss suffered by San Francisco from fire. Strange to relate, the citizens of San Francisco for the most part do not appreciate the extent of the disaster. Sober judgment has been for the time confused by the extravagant recital of plans for rebuilding. Of course the city will be reconstructed as speedily as possible, but a best it is a question of years. The enthusiastic claim that next summer will see a new San Francisco. This is the talk which has brought elation for the moment and means heartache for the future. Five years will not see the city restored, and ten is certainly a safer figure.

The spirit of the people must be kept up and this perhaps is adequate excuse for the rather visionary tales which fill the public prints. The truth is sufficient to crush the weak and to bring dismay to the strong.

The city is without money. Great fortunes have been swept away. Land-estate values are without revenue. The wheels of commerce move slow and halting. Thousands have been thrown from employment. Still, the spirit is here. It is this which must win the triumph. And it will win.

The loss occasioned by fire and earthquake will exceed \$400,000,000. No disaster in history approaches this. The total loss in Chicago in 1871 was \$190,000,000. San Francisco will collect in insurance about \$100,000,000. The city will therefore be out of pocket some \$300,000,000. This means an average of more than \$600 for every man, woman and child in San Francisco. How can the city spring at once into being under this enormous burden? It must pledge its future for the necessities of the present.

CITIZENS IN MISERABLE PLIGHT.

General Greeley Says Everyone Keeps Up Courage Remarkably.

Washington, May 12.—The War department received the following telegram over night from General Greeley, dated Presidio, San Francisco, May 9: "While conditions improve slightly, the miserable situation may be indicated by the statement that all the food for 300,000 people in San Francisco is yet necessarily cooked on the public streets. The courage of every one continues wonderfully. Neither drunkenness nor disorder anywhere, except from adjacent towns occasionally. Mayor Schmitz is still adverse to closed saloons, which have been constantly urged by me.

"The Red Cross finance committee, Dr. Dowie and myself concurring, will issue free food after Saturday next only on alternate days, except in camps under strict military control. Red Cross agents are to be present on alternate days of nonissue to provide for exceptional cases of need that may arise.

"The average issue in San Francisco, Oakland, etc., still exceeds 250,000 a day. A possible method by questioning, exclusion and otherwise is being made to reduce the food issue. Of course, extreme destitution and much suffering occurs on the part of many people who resort to charity only in extreme cases. Altogether I am encouraged.

"Greeley, Major-General Commanding."

Irish Members Protest.

London, May 12.—On the resumption of the debate on the education bill in the House of Commons today, John Redmond, the Irish leader, in behalf of the Irish Nationalists, protested against the system of education which was being forced on the Catholic minority and which violated their conscience. Ireland, he added, had always been denominational in principle, believing that religion was the most necessary part of the education of children. The bill was passed on its second reading by a vote of 410 to 214.

All Its Records Destroyed.

San Francisco, May 12.—The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company has discovered that the vault containing all the records of its insurance business in San Francisco has been destroyed. The falling of an immense steel girder, which broke off a corner of the vault, gave the fire easy access to the records, including all policies, maps, etc. President Dutton has made a statement saying steps have been taken by the company to meet the new conditions.

Relief Funds Exceed \$5,000,000.

San Francisco, May 12.—The finance committee today reported relief subscriptions as follows: Actually promised, \$5,007,711; unconfirmed promised, \$310,750; total, \$5,318,461.