

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.

Stanford students want to remove President Jordan.

The German wants Griscom for ambassador instead of Hill.

The National and Mexican Central railroads of Mexico have merged.

There is no material change in the condition of Senato Penrose, of Pennsylvania.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, British premier, is in a very critical condition.

Many Japanese are being caught at San Diego making their way into this country from Mexico.

The auxiliary cruiser Prairie ran aground at League Island navy yard. No damage was done.

The absconding teller and auditor of the Pittsburg Farmers' Deposit National bank are held in \$250,000 bail each.

Twenty Toledo, O., lumbermen have been sentenced to serve six months in jail for violating the city's anti-trust laws.

A Russian anarchist tried to throw a bomb at the police of New York during a riot of unemployed. A companion was killed and he was fatally wounded.

The assassin of W. D. Stevens has pleaded insanity.

Secretary Taft will deliver the Memorial day oration at Grant's tomb, New York.

President Jordan defends the Stanford faculty and denounces the students' movement as a revolt.

Congressman French, of Idaho, prophesies that no immigration measure will pass congress this session.

A score of persons were hurt by a heavy wind in the vicinity of New Boston, Iowa, and Madison, Illinois.

The largest clock in the world will be put on a soap factory at Thomaston, Conn. The dial is 28 feet in diameter.

Pittsburg bankers admit that the paying teller and auditor of the Farmers' Deposit National bank have stolen \$1,105,000 during the past three years.

The British house of commons has passed a bill providing that all clocks be advanced 80 minutes in order to use more daylight by promoting early rising.

The general assembly of Virginia has adopted a resolution removing Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of the Eleventh circuit, from office on grounds of immorality and gross neglect of official duty.

Indiana Democrats have declared themselves for Bryan.

Rhode Island Republicans will send uninstructed delegates.

Tramps are causing much trouble on all Pacific coast railroads.

Iowa Democrats have endorsed Bryan and the Nebraska platform.

The Illinois Republican convention has endorsed Cannon and declared for tariff revision.

Admiral Evans has answered the critics of the battleships, saying the armor belt is not too low.

Railroads have decided to attack the rate laws of Illinois and Missouri under the Supreme court decision.

The condition of Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, is said to be very grave and little hope is held out for recovery.

A severe earthquake in the City of Mexico greatly terrified the people, cracked numerous walls and stopped clocks all over the city.

Williams, Democratic leader of the house, has offered to support some of Roosevelt's measures if he will secure some Republican votes.

The State department is without details of the reasons for Emperor William refusing to receive Dr. Hill as ambassador from the United States to Germany.

Ruef's bail has been reduced from \$1,115,000 to \$790,185.

Louisiana's state primary law has been declared unconstitutional.

The fleet at Magdalena bay is making rapid progress with its target practice.

La Follette says Standard Oil and Morgan control the money of the nation.

United States Senator Penrose is critically ill at his home in Philadelphia.

China has invited the battleship fleet to visit her ports.

Drury Lane theater, one of the most famous in London, has been completely destroyed by fire.

Six firemen were hurt while fighting a fire at Seventeenth and Valencia streets, San Francisco.

San Francisco police have stopped a play called "Millionaire's Revenge," founded on the Thaw case.

John W. Stewart has been appointed United States senator from Vermont to succeed the late Senator Proctor.

MESSANGER IS KILLED.

Robbers Then Loot Express Safes of Valuables.

Newton, Kan., March 31.—A. D. Bailey, an express messenger of the Wells-Fargo company, was killed by an unknown person on Santa Fe train No. 115, between Florence and Newton, early Sunday morning. The murder was very brutal, with robbery as the object. Both the local and the through safes were ransacked and at least \$1,000 in money and some jewelry taken. The amount the robbers secured is not known.

The dead body of Messenger Bailey was found at 4 o'clock Sunday morning when the train reached Newton. It was stretched on the floor of the car, the head beaten to a pulp and lying in a pool of blood. The back of the skull was crushed and the end of the car where it was lying was spattered with blood. The blood spatters reached to the ceiling.

There was no evidence of any struggle, the indications pointing to the commission of the murder while the messenger was asleep, before he could offer resistance. Bailey was seen alive at Strong City. At Peabody someone opened the car door just enough to throw out a package of waybills and then closed it quickly.

The custom of the messenger has been to go to sleep soon after leaving Florence and it is possible that he did this Sunday night. After being struck while sleeping, and rendered unconscious, his body rolled to the floor, and the robber, after beating him on the head, covered it with the dead man's coat. One blow was struck at the man's face with some sharp instrument, apparently a hatchet, which broke the jaw bone. From the dead man's pockets the keys were removed and the safes ransacked. Then the keys were put back into Bailey's overcoat, the coat folded and put in his grip, where it was found later.

ORDER RATES CUT.

Commission Finds O. R. & N. Tolls Are Excessive.

Portland, March 31.—It is understood the Oregon Railroad commission will sustain the complaint of the Portland chamber of commerce against the O. R. & N. company and will issue an order this week requiring a material reduction in class rates over the main and branch lines of that road throughout the state.

The extent to which existing tariffs will be affected by the ruling of the commission cannot be learned, but the effect may be to disturb transcontinental rates and, probably, to require an adjustment all along the line in the interest both of the railroad and the shipper. If the decision of the commission is attacked by the Harriman interests it will be assailed undoubtedly on the ground that its enforcement would necessitate not only a wholesale revision by the railroad of its tariffs but would seriously disturb interstate business.

It is expected that the findings of the commission will be made the basis of litigation on the part of the railroad company positively to test the powers of the railroad commission which, under the act by which it was created, is authorized to fix rates. The members of the commission were cautious and thorough in their investigation of the complaint of excessive freight charges. It is said the commissioners feel confident that their findings will be found to be fair and reasonable and such as cannot be considered an arbitrary exercise of the authority with which they are clothed.

Closely Guard Adams.

Telluride, Colo., March 31.—As the result of the attempt to murder General Bulkeley Wells, general manager of the Smuggler-Union mines and mills at Pandora, Sheriff Fitzpatrick is taking precautions to guard the jail in which Steve Adams, charged with the assassination of Arthur L. Collins, General Wells' predecessor, is confined. The feeling against Adams is becoming more bitter from day to day.

Feeling against Adams has also been engendered, it is said, because of the fact that during the past two weeks fully a score or more of miners and others who were deported during strike days have returned to the district.

Many Days to Reach Bodies.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 31.—A special to the Herald from Hanna, Wyo., says: Seventy-one men are known to have lost their lives in Mine No. 1 of the Union Pacific Coal company, although 54 names are obtainable. Seventy-one coffins have been rushed to Hanna. The rescuing party is working heroically, but the bodies will possibly not be reached for several days, as it will be necessary to close the west slope and smother the fires below the tenth level and then draw off the large quantities of gas.

Exiles Purchase Grave.

Paris, March 31.—The body of the late Gregory Gerschunin, the Russian terrorist leader, who died recently in Switzerland, was buried today in Montparnasse cemetery in a grave purchased by Russian exiles in Paris. Four thousand persons followed the hearse. The procession was headed by a car carrying a mass of huge wreaths tied with red ribbons, which were sent by American Socialist organizations, who were represented by Anna Strunsky.

Another Plot Discovered.

Port Au Prince, March 31.—A fresh conspiracy against the government has been discovered in this city. The leader of the plot, General Larraque, who was arrested on March 14 on suspicion of conspiring against the president and who was released with four others on March 24, took refuge this afternoon in the French legation.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

INFORMATION IS COSTLY.

More Than \$10,000 Expended for Enlightening Voters.

Salem.—The sending out of the pamphlets containing the measures to be voted upon at the general election in June, together with the arguments for and against them, has been begun by the secretary of state. Already over 60,000 have been sent out to voters whose names have been submitted to the secretary of state.

The state printer has prepared 100,000 of these pamphlets in all at a cost of \$6,373.75. Of this amount the persons submitting the measures and arguments will have to pay \$2,797.34 as their proportion, as fixed by law. The total amount collected by the secretary of state from the filers of the arguments is \$2,900. An adjustment will be made on a per page basis, and those who have paid more than their share will receive a refund, while the others who have not paid their full percentage will have to remit the difference.

The postage for the sending out of these arguments will cost about \$3,000, and the cost of \$6,373.75 will have to be added to it before the actual expense of getting out the measures can be ascertained, the amount of postage, the cost for clerks engaged in mailing, about \$250, and the cost of securing the names of voters.

Secretary of State Benson, it is estimated, has saved about \$3,000 in the getting up of the pamphlet by his arrangement of the measures.

SEND PAMPHLETS TO VOTERS

Secretary Benson Has Mailed 25,000 Copies in Four Days.

Salem.—In four days 25,000 copies of initiative and referendum pamphlets have been mailed to registered voters in Oregon by Secretary of State Benson. These pamphlets weighed over 4 1/2 tons, filling 105 mail sacks, such as are used for paper mail. The postage was \$750.

The work of sending out these pamphlets is only one-quarter done, however, for there will be at least 100,000 registered voters in the state, and each must receive a copy. Secretary Benson has five clerks engaged in this work, addressing envelopes, putting in the pamphlets, sealing, etc. They can send out about 5,000 pamphlets a day, and at the present rate will have the work done in 15 days, or by the 11th of April, if the registration lists reach the secretary fast enough.

In order to aid the postal clerks, Mr. Benson is having the pamphlets put into separate sacks for each community, as far as possible, thus saving handling in the postoffice.

Weather Good for Farming.

Salem.—Not for many years have the farmers of this part of the Willamette valley had as favorable a season as this for fall and winter work. With scarcely an exception all the farmers got their plowing and seeding done in season and the work of pruning and spraying orchards was favored by fair weather during the winter. The outlook now is for excellent crops of all kinds. The winter was a mild one and livestock came through in fine condition, notwithstanding the scarcity and consequent high price of hay and mill feed.

Klamath at Rose Festival.

Klamath Falls.—Klamath county will have a float in the parade at the Portland rose festival, and the committee in charge are asking for suggestions from all citizens of Klamath county. Difficulty is being encountered in planning a float that will be fully representative of all the county's resources. The chamber of commerce has appointed Judge George T. Baldwin, John Ellis and T. W. Stephens as a committee, and they will ask the cooperation of all in securing a significant Klamath county float.

Must "Dip" Mangy Causes.

Pendleton.—Every horse on the Umatilla reservation range is to be dipped during the month of May, according to an edict issued by Dr. S. W. McClure, of this city, who is head of the bureau of animal industry in the Northwest. The purpose of the wholesale dipping is to eradicate mange, which is prevalent among the Indian horses. The Indians will be required to round up their own ponies, all other expense being defrayed by the department of Indian affairs.

Trains Soon to Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—That the California Northwestern is to be completed to Klamath Falls this year is evidenced by the rapid progress being made in construction and tracklaying. By the first of April the track will be finished to Dorris, and already two camps have been established between Dorris and the Klamath river, where the grade across the swamp lands will be finished for a stretch of 8,000 feet by the middle of April.

Governor Invited to Seattle.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has received a communication from the Seattle chamber of commerce urging him to come to that city in June and welcome the fleet upon its arrival there. Governor Chamberlain has expressed himself as being desirous of complying with the request, but states that it seems at present as if he would be unable to do so, owing to a number of important matters coming up at that time.

COWS ARE GOOD MILKERS.

Blooded Stock at O. A. C. Farm Show Big Yields.

Corvallis.—An Ayrshire cow on the college farm, in the milk period of a little more than ten months just closed, has yielded 11,679 pounds of milk. The amount of butter fat was 466.69 pounds, equivalent of 544.47 pounds of butter. At 30 cents per pound the gross value was \$163.34. It cost to feed her during the period \$40, leaving a net profit of \$123.34. Her diet was alfalfa, with a very light ration of bran and rolled oats during the summer, and 15 pounds of vetch and oats hay, 30 pounds of kale and eight pounds of bran and rolled barley during winter. The animal is 6 years old, and came from the farm of Mrs. Honeyman, of Portland.

A 6-year old Holstein from the Frakes herd at Scappoose yielded over 13,000 pounds of milk during a similar period, which closed in December, making a butter product of over 520 pounds. She has freshened, and is now giving 70 pounds of milk per day.

Horse Show at Salem.

Salem.—Elaborate preparations are under way to make the horse show to be held in this city Saturday, April 4, the banner horse fair of the year in the Willamette valley. All the citizens of the Capital City are taking hold of the work incident to such an undertaking with a vim that augurs well for the success of the affair. The finance committee is meeting with the very best of success and encouragement, and will easily have collected over \$500 in cash, besides many valuable cups, etc., to offer as prizes, before its labors are ended. Over 23 beautiful cups are already subscribed by the enterprising firms of Salem. Many of the leading horsemen of the state have signified their intention of entering their high class animals, and everything points towards a most successful, profitable and educational meeting Salem Saturday, April 4.

Five Killed on Railroads

Salem.—The report just issued by the railroad commission shows that in February five persons were killed and 26 injured on the railroads of the state. These are tabulated as follows: Passengers, 3 killed and 23 injured; trainmen, 2 injured, and other employees, 2 killed. The accidents during the month are estimated to have caused a loss in engines, cars and tracks at \$3,500. There was one derailment during the month.

Boosting State Fair.

Salem.—F. A. Welch, secretary of the state board of agriculture, is rushing preparations for the state fair, to be held here in September. Postal cards advertising the fair have been sent broadcast over the United States, and it is probable that a greater influx of visitors than ever before will attend this year. Clatsop, Columbia, Lane and Clackamas counties have already sent notifications that they want large sections reserved for their exhibits.

Plan Condenser at Brooks.

Salem.—Negotiations are in progress for the establishment of a milk condensing plant at Brooks, seven miles north of this city. It is understood that Portland men are back of the enterprise and that they are ready to install the plant as soon as they are assured that the condenser will get the milk from 1,000 cows. M. L. Jones, a prominent dairyman at Lake Labish, has indicated a willingness to supply milk from 300 cows.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Club, \$2@85c; bluestem, \$4@85c; valley, \$2@85c; red, \$0@81c. Barley — Feed, \$26 per ton; rolled, \$23@30 per ton. Oats — No. 1 white, \$27@28 per ton. Corn — Whole, \$33.50; cracked, \$34.50. Hay — Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13. Fruit — Apples, \$1@3.50 per box, according to quality; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel. Vegetables — Asparagus, 12 1/2¢ per pound; beans, 20¢ per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2¢@1 3/4¢; cauliflower, \$2@2.25; celery, \$4.50 per crate; cucumbers, \$2.75 per dozen; parsley, 25¢ per dozen; peppers, 20¢ per pound; radishes, 30¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 8¢ per pound; spinach, 85¢ per crate; sprouts, 10¢ per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2¢ per pound; turnips, 85¢ per sack; carrots, 85¢ per sack; beets, \$1 per sack. Onions — Oregon, \$4 per hundred. Potatoes — 40@45¢ per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$4 per hundred. Butter — Fancy creamery, 25@30¢ per pound. Poultry — Average old hens, 14@15¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 12@13¢; spring chickens, 16@20¢; turkeys, live, 15@17¢; dressed, choice, 16@20¢; geese, live, 8@10¢; ducks, 16@17¢; pigeons, 75¢@\$1; squabs, \$1.50@2. Eggs — Fresh ranch, 15@16¢ per dozen. Veal — 75 to 125 pounds, \$8@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6 1/2¢. Pork — Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7@7 1/2¢; packers, 5@6 1/2¢. Hops — 1907, prime and choice, 4@5 1/2¢; olds, 1@2 1/2¢. Wool — Eastern Oregon, average best, 12@16¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 16@18¢, according to quality; mohair, choice, 25¢ per pound.

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Men Fighting Fire Caught in Underground Workings.

Butte, Mont., March 30.—A special to the Miner from Hanna, Wyo., says: This camp was visited by another big holocaust Saturday afternoon and the lives of 20 men were snuffed out by an explosion of gas in Mine No. 1, of the Union Pacific Coal company.

A fire had been raging below the 10th level since last Saturday, and the force of 200 miners had been laid off for the day as a precaution.

Superintendent Alexander Briggs and Foremen Joseph Burton, Alfred Dodds, James Knox, of Mines 1, 2, and 3, with a crew of 16 or 17 men, all experienced miners, with gas men and fire-fighters, went down into the workings early in the morning to fight the conflagration, which was rapidly eating its way through the workings.

At 2 o'clock the men above the workings, the idle men in the homes and the townspeople were startled by an awful roar, followed by a heavy boom and the shaking of earth and trembling of buildings.

All knew what had happened, and there was a rush to the mine. Both entrances had caved in, and the mine timbers had been blown great distances about the outside workings.

The second explosion was more severe than the first, being felt in all parts of the town, and it is feared that 50 to 60 names have been added to the death list.

BOMB FOR WELLS.

Attempt Made to Blow Up Manager of Telluride Mine.

Telluride, Colo., March 30.—Eluding the night guard stationed at the Smuggler-Union mine, at Pandora, two miles south of Telluride, and the searchlight which is constantly thrown about the premises during the night from the high tower of the mill as a precautionary measure, an unknown person gained access to the residence of General Bulkeley Wells, general manager of the Smuggler-Union Mining company, Saturday night and planted dynamite under his bed. The dynamite was exploded by lighting a fuse on the outside of the building about 2 o'clock Sunday morning when the intended victim was asleep. He was hurled against the ceiling and alighted under a mass of debris, but escaped with some scratches and bruises and impaired hearing.

Although a systematic search has been made by Sheriff Fitzpatrick and deputies, aided by hundreds of citizens, no clue has been found to the perpetrator of the deed. One man who is charged with having said that Wells would be killed has been arrested.

General Wells took a leading part in the suppression of labor troubles in this state in 1904 and 1905, and was prominently identified with the recent prosecution of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners at Boise on the charge of complicity in the assassination of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg, of Idaho.

HAS MODIFIED ITS RULING.

Interstate Commission Will Re-open Portland Gateway.

San Francisco, March 30.—A telegram was received at the general office of the Southern Pacific company in this city today from Charles S. Fee, passenger traffic manager, who is at present in Chicago, announcing that the recent action of the Interstate Commerce commission, which was interpreted as closing the Portland gateway and necessitating a higher passenger rate by the Southern Pacific to Seattle and other Northern points, via Portland, has been modified. The objection of the commission, it appears, related only to the manner of publishing through rates, and revised tariffs conforming to the commission's wishes will be issued as soon as possible.

This new ruling will be received with great satisfaction in Portland, which was being adversely affected by the higher passenger rates charged from the East to Seattle via Portland than were charged to Seattle over the Great Northern. The Southern Pacific is equally pleased, for it has been known that its earnings and prestige have suffered by the ruling which has now been modified.

Says Dunne is Prejudiced.

San Francisco, March 30.—Abraham Ruef today filed an affidavit through which he seeks to disqualify Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne from presiding in the so-called Parkside trolley franchise bribery case, in which Ruef is a joint defendant with W. L. Brobeck, G. H. Umben and Joseph Green. In his affidavit Ruef alleges bias and prejudice on the part of Judge Dunne and sets forth many instances in which he says Dunne showed antipathy, bias and prejudice against the defendant in former trials.

English Hopmen Protest.

Worcester, England, March 30.—A largely attended meeting of hopgrowers was held in this city this afternoon and a resolution was passed protesting indignantly against what was described as the "dumping of America's surplus hops in this country." Enormous quantities of hops are said to be due to arrive here in a few days. They are being offered at from 18 1/2 to 25 shillings a hundred weight, which is less than half the English price.

Alabama Law is Killed.

Montgomery, Ala., March 30.—Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the United States court, today held the Alabama penalty railroad laws unconstitutional; also that the suits brought by the railroads are not in violation of the eleventh constitutional amendment, not being suits against the state. Several of the minor claims were also declared to be invalid.

CITY IS DESTROYED

Heavy Earthquake Followed by Fire in Mexico.

NO LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED

Thirty-four Shocks Recorded Within Twenty-four Hours at Mexican National Observatory.

Mexico, City, March 28.—Chilapa, a town of 15,000 inhabitants in the state of Guerrero, has been shaken by an earthquake and burned.

The shocks, two in number, occurred early last evening and were followed by fire, which originating in a dozen places among the tumbling buildings, joined in a conflagration that swept the town.

Governor Damian Flores, chief executive of the state of Guerrero, who is at present in this city, had at 9 o'clock this evening just received the first official advice from Chilapa. The message says that, although a number of the buildings of the town were leveled to the ground, no lives were lost. The police quarters and the mayor's office were destroyed and the jail badly damaged. Great fissures were made in the streets and open fields.

In the neighboring town of Omatepec the jail was destroyed and 30 prisoners made their escape. Troops are guarding the public buildings that are standing in Chilapa, but perfect order prevails.

Later returns from Chilapa show, however, that the dispatch received by Governor Flores was ultra conservative. The town was practically destroyed, though no lives were lost. Most of the buildings that were leveled were residences.

Thirty-four shocks have been recorded during the past 24 hours by the seismograph at the national observatory at Tabuyaca. Most of these shocks, however, were imperceptible except to the delicate needle of the instrument.

NORTH POLE IS SHIFTING.

Making America Warmer and Siberia Colder.

Victoria, B. C., March 28.—That the north pole is shifting and the climate is changing, making the Northern territories of this continent warmer and Northern Asia colder, is the theory to support which Mose B. Cotworth, of York, England, has been gathering evidence in Alaska, from where he has returned on his way to England.

A curious effect of this change, it is said, may be a number of boundary difficulties between Canada and the United States, especially in the Eastern portion. This boundary is fixed by latitude, and if the north pole is really moving, the latitudes change also, rendering it advisable that the boundary be speedily marked everywhere by permanent monuments, where it has not yet been so marked already. The movement, Cotworth says, is caused by the immense accumulations of ice along the Canadian shore of the Arctic ocean, and especially in Baffin's land and Greenland.

MINERS HELD IN CHECK.

Peace Committee Restrains Strikers From Rioting.

Juneau, Alaska, March 28.—Although there has been no violence as yet at the Treadwell mines, the 800 men on a strike are only prevented from making an outbreak by the commission of 20 men from the union who have been called the peace committee.

The tension is so high that the least word will bring about trouble. The union leaders have asked the men to refrain from drinking, but idleness is irksome and the men are chafing under the delay of a settlement, especially in view of the fact that the company has declared that never again will there be any of the present leaders employed by the company.

Cannot Deport Bignami.

San Francisco, March 28.—Paul Bignami, the anarchist arrested yesterday for inciting to assassination and to destruction of the fleet, when examined before Acting Commissioner of Immigration Crawford, stated that he came to this country from Italy in 1904. If this is a fact it will place him outside the Federal deportation laws relating to anarchists. Mr. Crawford has wired to Boston to see if there is any record of him there. More anarchists will be arrested in the next few days in the Latin quarter charged with vagrancy.

Tourist Rates to the Coast.

St. Paul, Minn., March 28.—The passenger officials of the Northern and Pacific and Soo roads will make special summer tourist rates of \$60 for the regular trip from the Twin Cities to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and other North Pacific Coast points. This puts the northern lines on a par with the southern lines, which have granted special rates to California points. The regular trip from Chicago to North Coast cities via the Twin Cities will be \$72.50.

Great Strike is Ordered.

Kansas City, March 28.—Thirty-five thousand members of the United Mine-workers of America, employed in districts Nos. 4, 21 and 25, comprising Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, will go on strike April 1, following a decision reached at meetings of division vice presidents held here today.