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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Taft has been made an associate member of the G. A. R.

Insurance companies of Indiana are being prosecuted under the anti-trust laws.

Wisconsin proposes to forbid contributions by candidates to churches and secret societies.

A severe wind storm at Corry, Pa., blew over a circus tent, injuring a large number of people.

Reno, Nev., is infested with firebugs who are starting numerous fires in business and residence buildings.

Roosevelt has already started to write a series of articles describing his African adventures to date.

Governor Hadley has vetoed the insurance law which was passed by the Missouri legislature after a long fight.

The army transport Dix, which has been experimenting with Philippine coal, reports that it has excellent steaming qualities and has proven very satisfactory.

The Dry Farming congress, which meets at Billings, Mont., in October, will aim to teach the farmer how to conserve moisture by intelligent cultivation and thus increase the producing area in arid and semi-arid regions.

The French strike is on the verge of collapse, but is pledged aid of the labor unions.

Three men were killed and 12 badly injured by an explosion of dynamite near Key West, Fla.

Farmers of Grand valley, Colo., have protested against Ballinger's suspension of irrigation work.

A bridge on the Wabash railroad near Kansas City gave way as a train was crossing and several persons are missing.

A non-union baker at New York was set upon by women and after giving him a severe beating they threw him into a vat of dough.

Hill and Harriman officials are conferring with the Interstate Commerce commission with a view of forming rates to conform to the Spokane decision.

An extra session of the Washington legislature will probably be called to straighten out some of the matters arising from investigation of state officials.

Experts estimate that in 10 years every drop of water available for irrigation will be utilized. For every acre irrigated there will be 50 acres of dry farm land where irrigation possibilities are exhausted.

Roosevelt says Tolstoi is a weak eader.

A saloon is to be opened in Des Moines where treating will be forbidden.

Secretary MacVeagh says prosperity only awaits completion of the tariff bill.

Fire at Long Island, Kan., destroyed five business buildings, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

The Farmers' union, at its national convention, has agreed on a plan to build warehouses and market wheat without the middleman.

Seventeen states and ten foreign countries will have delegates at the Dry Farming congress, which meets at Billings October 26 to 28.

Physicians attending the annual convention of the Illinois Homoeopathic Medical association advocated the removal of tonsils of everyone subject to tuberculosis.

The postal strike in France is not general and failure seems probable.

Office seekers and office holding by professional politicians is becoming a vocation in the Philippine islands, according to the report of Acting Director Harbord, of the constabulary.

The Pennsylvania railroad is setting out thousands of trees to provide for future requirements in timber and ties.

President Taft has agreed to attend the opening of the Gunnison, Colo., tunnel.

The Missouri senate has killed the measure which gave the state railroad commission power to fix passenger rates.

The Farmers' union is in national convention at Springfield, Mo., and plans are being made to keep the price of wheat up.

London art dealers are in trouble for selling spurious wares on unsuspecting customers.

Railroads have submitted to the Interstate Commerce commission new rates which will greatly injure Pacific coast cities if allowed to stand.

A Denver woman died rather than have her hair cut. Her tresses had attained a length of 90 inches and physicians declared they consumed the vitality which should have sustained life.

STORES IN TIERS.

Crowded Condition of State Street, Chicago, is Responsible.

Chicago, May 18.—Stores in tiers, with each tier connected by private elevator with the floors below, is the innovation to be introduced in the downtown business section of Chicago, and it is one that will be watched with interest. The new plan has been devised to meet the urgent demand for more store room on State street.

"If we can't have stores on the first floor, give us at least show space there and enough room to run our customers up to some floor above," has been the cry of those merchants anxious to locate on State street, but unable to find room, and the estate of L. Z. Leiter is the first to meet this urgent demand.

The Leiter estate has had architects prepare plans for the conversion of the seven-story building at the southeast corner of State and Jackson boulevard, which fronts 40 feet on State and 144 feet on Jackson. Architects plan to divide the first floor into seven small stores, and arrangements will be made for tenants to have private elevators connecting with as much additional floor space on the upper floors as they require.

BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE BURNED.

Pride of Japanese Buddhists and Its Treasures Destroyed.

Tokio, May 18.—Sojaji, the famous Buddhist temple in Shiba park, Tokio, has been destroyed by fire at a loss of \$200,000.

Only those who know the pride of the Japanese in their temples can conceive the effect of this irreparable loss upon the people. The Sojaji temple, next to the great temple at Nikko, probably was the most famous and popular show temple in Japan.

Its wonderful red gates, which will be rememered by thousands of tourists, were saved from the flames, but inside the temple compound there remains only a lonely daibutsu of bronze, surrounded by piles of wreckage and embowered amid the blackened branches of overhanging cryptomeria. A few other gigantic pieces of bronze stand out lonely amid the mass of ashes, all that is left of some of the most wonderful art treasures that were to be found in the Far East.

The fire was set by a beggar who was living in a hole underneath the structure. The man was cold and started a little blaze with a newspaper and a few sticks for warmth.

ONE MAN AT HEAD.

General Scheffket Central Figure in Turkish Affairs.

Constantinople, May 18.—Muhmid Scheffket Pasha, commander of the Turkish Constitutional forces, both on land and sea, is the man most frequently in the thoughts of those observing or dealing with the confused politics of the day in Turkey.

He is the one quiet figure upon whom rests the preservation of order. The civil branches of the government look to him to impose their liberal rule upon the empire and to deal promptly with persons and factions dangerous to the state.

The skill and celerity with which General Scheffket brought the third army corps and part of the second army corps before Constantinople and occupied the capitol have amazed the foreign military men here. Besides those attached to the embassies, seven officers came from Germany and five British officers from Egypt to observe the development of the campaign. They have not ceased to discuss the details of the Constitutional commander's arrangements.

"The army is merely an instrument of civil power," said General Scheffket today. "The army and I, as an officer in it, derive our authority from the national assembly. The army is a finger of parliament only, and works under the will of the cabinet."

The general had an hour's talk with Hilm Pasha, the grand vizier, at the conclusion of which he said: "The grand vizier and I are in perfect accord. We have objections to overcome in our progress toward free and stable institutions. I hope we will rise above them."

Fair Must Make Room.

Seattle, May 18.—Unless the officers of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition provide space where the exhibit may be shown to advantage, the display sent by the bureau of American republics will be shipped back to Washington. Arrangements were made to place the exhibit in the mines building. Later this space was given to other persons and room was reserved in the gallery of the Oriental building.

William J. Klob, special agent for the bureau, declares that the space and the location are not in keeping.

Welcomed by Japs.

Tokio, May 18.—Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber, commanding the Asiatic squadron of the Pacific fleet, with his staff and the captains of the ships composing the squadron, were granted an audience with the emperor and empress yesterday. The officers were presented by American Ambassador O'Brien and Admiral Harber was engaged in conversation with the emperor for several minutes. Admiral Harber made an unusually favorable impression.

Korean Cabinet Controls.

Seoul, May 18.—Obeying a sudden summons from Prince Ito, Japanese resident general in Korea, who is now in Japan, Viscount Sone, vice president general, departed yesterday for Tokio, and for the first time in two years the affairs of the Korean government are being administered by the cabinet without the supervision of Japanese officials.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

HAS RECORD CLIP.

Over 3,000,000 Pounds of Wool Expected in Malheur County.

Ontario—The wool clip in Malheur county this year will be much larger than it was a year ago, or for several years, as the fleece is in much better condition, and there are also more sheep in the county than for several years. The clip last year totaled about 2,750,000 pounds and was considered very large, but this year it will be more than 3,000,000 pounds and it will be cleaner and much thicker per sheep than it was last year.

One and one half million pounds have already been sold here, for May and June delivery, and buying continues at a rapid rate, so rapid in fact that there will be very little public selling this year, as the sales days for Ontario have been set so late. They are June 7 and 21. There has been very little bad weather this year, which is the particular reason for the fine condition of the fleeces. The sheep have come through the winter with less loss than for several years previous.

Prices this spring range from 20 to 21 cents. Last year they were about 12 to 13 cents. Very little of the wool in this vicinity is going to the Chicago warehouse. Most of it will be sent to Boston, as in former years. A number of wool growers throughout the vicinity joined the warehouse plan, but the majority continued in the old way, as the prices in this part of the country have always been good.

Much of the shearing this year will be done by machine. Some complaint of the machines have been heard, the complaint being that they shear too close for the best health of the sheep, but this does not seem to be credited by many of the growers.

The annual meeting of the Malheur and Harney Wool Growers' association will meet in Ontario on June 22. At that time all the wool growers of the two counties will be here.

STATE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

Treasurer's Statement Shows Over Million Dollars in Strong Box.

Salem—The treasurer's statement just out shows that the amount of first mortgage loans outstanding is the greatest in the history of the state, having reached the sum total of \$4,390,322.82. As a result the common school fund interest is growing rapidly and there will thereby be a large amount to apportion among the counties August 1.

The common school fund interest is now \$232,007.94.

The state tax paid into the state treasury during April was large, almost \$500,000 being received. On account of this healthy condition of the state's finances, the total amount on hand is the largest that has ever been held at any time by the state for a great many years, the sum being \$1,173,533.98.

Farmers' First Annual Picnic.

Weston—The annual meeting of the Umattilla county Pioneers' association will be held in this city May 28 and 29, when it is expected that practically every old settler will be on hand to recall the "good old days" when Eastern Oregon was the home of coyotes and the land was covered with sagebrush. The first pioneer society to be organized in Eastern Oregon was founded here, and annually the meetings have been held for over 20 years. Over 25 of the early settlers of the county have passed away during the past 24 months.

Sheep Moving to Feeding Grounds.

Condon—Rae Bros, of Montana, shipped a big trainload of sheep from Condon last week, the train consisting of 23 cars, making in all about 5,300 head. These sheep were going to Forsythe, Mont., were Rae Bros. have large bands of sheep. Several large trains of sheep will be leaving different parts of Eastern Oregon for the above firm and they will have about 250,000 head of sheep feeding in Montana when these arrive.

Sells 23 Acres for \$2,133.

Weston—George Nesbitt, who has been employed three years on the farm of J. N. York, was surprised recently by the receipt of a "windfall" amounting to \$2,133. Several years ago Mr. Nesbitt acquired for a small sum 23 acres six miles from Boise. He had since regarded it of no value. When a Boise real estate man, Dean Perkins, came to see him and offered him \$2,133 for the tract he closed the deal immediately.

Dr. Steiner Returns.

Salem—Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the asylum, has returned from an extended trip East. He was accompanied as far as Chicago by H. E. Bickers, superintendent of the feeble minded institute. Bickers returned several weeks ago. Both made the trip for the purpose of making a study of the care of the insane of other states. Dr. Steiner visited Washington and Senator Chamberlain while there.

Klamath Changes Date.

Klamath Falls—The celebration of the completion of the railroad to Klamath Falls has been set for June 2 instead of June 7, so as not to conflict with the Rose festival in Portland. This is now authoritative. The event will be a great one in this section of the inland empire, and will be made memorable by the gathering of the greatest crowd ever known in Klamath county.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR WESTON.

Citizens Propose to Make Good Use of Normal School Building.

Weston—The district school board has given notice of a special meeting May 31 to vote on the proposition of establishing a high school. This action is taken in view of the state normal board's refusal to permit the use of the state's property at Weston for a normal school supported with private funds.

The Eastern Oregon state normal school will therefore cease to be, with the commencement exercises May 23-25, after being conducted more than 20 years as a state institution. The state board will be petitioned for the use of the state's plant for public and high school purposes, the district agreeing to take care of the property, for which no provision was made by the legislature.

In view of the fact that the community gave all the ground and one of the buildings to the state, it is thought that the request will be granted.

Ontario Lands Bring \$80,000.

Ontario—Eighty thousand dollars' worth of property changed hands in the vicinity of Ontario during the past week. The prices ranged from \$125 to \$200 an acre. Among the sales were 100 acres owned by A. M. Moody, which sold for \$20,000; 75 acres owned by Judge J. T. Clement, \$15,200; 160 acres owned by Dave Dunbar, \$20,000. This land was purchased by Portland parties, and the entire acreage will be planted to fruit trees. A. A. Brown also sold 2,000 acres for \$20,000.

Work on Fair Buildings Begun.

Eugene—The work of building the grandstand and pavilion for the Lane county fair, which will be held in September, is under way. The fair grounds will be a busy place during the summer, as little building has yet been done. The track, which is being used for training, is in good condition. The capacity of the grandstand will be 1,000. The pavilion will be large, well arranged and modern.

Five Miles of Ditch Dug.

Grants Pass—The farmers and ranchers of this community are jubilant over the advancement made on the irrigating ditches. The gravity ditch on the north side of town has been completed almost to the city limits, while on the north side of Rogue river the high land ditch to Fruitdale has been completed to the opening of the valley. Altogether five miles of waterways are ready for use. Water will be turned into the ditches within 30 days.

Benton Growers Meet.

Corvallis—A grand rally of fruit growers and farmers was held here last week under the auspices of the Corvallis Commercial club for the purpose of organizing a Benton County Fruitgrowers' association and discussing plans for a co-operative scheme similar to that in existence at Hood River.

Mist's Mills in Operation.

Mist—The Holmes & Lindgren shingle mill resumed operations the first of the week, after a shut down of several months. This is the last of the three shingle mills here to start. All are now running.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20; Turkey red, \$1.26; valley, \$1.17; forty-fold, \$1.26; red Russian, \$1.17@1.20.

Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36.

Barley—Feed, \$34@35 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Fruits—Apples, 65c@2.50 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 12½¢ per pound.

Potatoes—\$20 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10¢ per pound; asparagus, Oregon, 75¢ per dozen; lettuce, head, 20¢@50¢ per dozen; onions, 12½¢@15¢ per dozen; radishes, 15¢@20¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 2½¢@3½¢ per pound.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 26¢; factory outside creamery, 22½¢@24¢; store, 18¢. Butter fat prices average 1½¢ cent per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24¢@25¢.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢@15¢; broilers, 28¢@30¢; fryers, 22¢@25¢; roosters, 10¢; ducks, 14¢@15¢; geese, 10¢@11¢; turkeys, 20¢; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 9½¢; ordinary, 8½¢@9¢; heavy, 7¢@8¢.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢ per pound.

Hops—1909 contract, 9¢; 1908 crop, 8¢@8½¢; 1907 crop, 3¢@4¢; 1906 crop, 1½¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@21¢; valley, fine, 22½¢; medium, 21½¢; coarse, 20½¢; mohair, choice, 24¢@25¢.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to medium, \$4.50@4.75; cows, top, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.50@7.75; fair to good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, ½¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5.

HOMES NOW RUINS.

Much Suffering and Death in Wake of Kansas Tornado.

Kansas City, May 17.—A recapitulation of the storm, general over Northwestern Missouri and Eastern and Central Kansas, and extending into Oklahoma, and which in places reached the proportion of a tornado, shows three known dead and 55 injured, at least half a dozen of the latter seriously hurt.

The principal damage was done at Hollis, a town of 150 inhabitants, near Concordia, Kansas, and at Mount Washington, Mo., a suburb eight miles east of Kansas City. In both of these places practically every house was either damaged or demolished, and dozens of persons injured.

Mount Washington, Mo., 22, three perhaps fatally.

Near Great Bend, Kansas, 20, mostly members of a crew on a Santa Fe work train, which was blown from the track. Four of these are in a serious condition.

Hollis, Kansas, three.

Rosedale View, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, two. In the vicinity of Hoisington, Kansas, four.

Pond Creek, Oklahoma, four.

The storm followed a terrific downpour of rain. The wind came up suddenly, swooped down with but little warning, and striking the small territory described, wiped it out almost completely. Frame houses were crumpled, the sides apparently being forced inward, while others were toppled over and carried from their foundations. In some cases sides of buildings were carried away, leaving the roof and a few small articles to mark the site.

THE A.-Y.-P. FAIR.

Some Brief Notes of Interest on the Exposition Which Opens June 1.

The Oregon building was the first of the state buildings to be finished. California made a good second.

Mt. Rainier, the highest mountain in the United States, towers 15,000 feet above the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

Five million dollars' worth of gold dust, just as it came from Alaskan placers, will be part of the Alaska exhibit.

Live specimens of all game and game birds found from Point Barrow to Tia Juana, will be seen in the immense game paddock.

The provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, will make splendid exhibits of their mineral and agricultural resources.

The University of Idaho cadet band of 40 pieces will play at the fair this summer. The Idaho legislature passed an appropriation allowing the battalion to go into encampment at the exposition immediately after the end of the university year.

The Michigan building will be the only state structure financed locally. The money to defray the expense of building and entertainment was raised by subscription in Seattle.

Guards on the grounds of the exposition will wear pearl gray uniforms and it is planned to make the force the best dressed police body ever seen in this country.

TRAIN HELD UP.

Robbers Hake Good Haul on Great Northern Road.

Spokane, Wash., May 17.—Great Northern passenger train No. 3 was held up by two masked robbers between Mead and Colbert shortly before midnight Saturday night. The mailcar and the engine were detached and taken by the robbers three miles east of Hilliard, where the mails were rifled. The engine was then reversed and sent back down the track, where it crashed into the standing train.

When the collision occurred a number of the passengers, it is reported, were injured. A hurry call was sent to Hilliard for doctors, who were rushed to the scene in a special train carrying the officers.

The train was left standing several miles from a telegraph station, where one of the trainmen was sent to notify the Spokane office of the hold-up.

According to the report at Hilliard, the robbers have obtained booty amounting to more than \$20,000 from the mailcar.

More Time is Given.

Washington, May 17.—As a result of several conferences, the Interstate Commerce commission today announced a postponement from June 1 to July 1 of the time for taking effect of its decision in the Spokane rate cases. The commission recently had postponed until June 1 the time when the new rates ordered by it should go into effect, but as a result of conferences within the last few days with the representatives of the Hill and Harriman lines it was decided today further to postpone the operation of the order until July 1.

Earthquake in Montana.

Glendive, Mont., May 17.—At 9:16 o'clock Saturday evening Glendive felt a very perceptible seismic disturbance. A number of men gathered in the Masonic temple rushed from the building, believing it was about to fall. In many places dishes rattled in the pantries. The first shock lasted probably two or three seconds, with unusually rapid vibrations. The shock was felt at Forsyth and Dickinson, N. D., where it is reported to have been very severe.

Bank Guaranties in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., May 17.—A general movement among state banks to take advantage of the new state guarantee law, signed last week, has begun. During the two days since the law was signed 25 banks have accepted the provisions of the deposit guarantee sections.

TORNADO ON PRAIRIE

Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma Swept by Wind Storm.

FIVE DEAD AND FIFTY-FIVE HURT

Santa Fe Train Blown Into Ditch by Fierce Wind—Property Damage is Great.

Kansas City, May 15.—A series of tornadoes in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma late yesterday killed at least five persons, injured 55, laid waste one town, wrecked a train and did great damage to property.

Twenty-five persons were injured by a storm that swept over Mount Washington and Fairmont park, suburbs of Kansas City. At least two of these are thought to be fatally injured.

The town of Hollis, Kan., near Concordia, was swept away. Here three were killed and 10 injured.

Near Great Bend a tornado killed two and injured 20.

All wires are down in that vicinity, and it is feared the death list may be greater.

William Ackery, a Santa Fe engineer, and Frank Nicholson, a conductor, were killed while with a bridge gang between Great Bend and Kinsey.

The tornado wrecked the work train of which Ackery was engineer, and blew it into a ditch. Several members of the crew were blown 100 feet. The piledriver toppled over, crushing Ackery to death in his cab, where he remained with his hand upon the throttle.

At Hoisington, Kan., a tornado injured a number and greatly damaged farm property. It was not so severe, however, as that passing over other portions of the state.

At Pond creek, Okla., a severe wind storm slightly injured four persons and unroofed several houses.

A blinding rain and hailstorm accompanied the wind in all states. Many washouts demoralized railroad traffic.

The Missouri Pacific main line was washed out near Walcott, between Leavenworth and Kansas City. The Burlington and Santa Fe were forced to annul some of their trains. Electrical disturbances crippled telegraph and telephone wires, and on this account only meager reports from the storm-swept area could be obtained.

A heavy wind, accompanied by rain and hail, prevailed throughout Kansas City. Much minor damage was done, and traffic of all kinds seriously interfered with.

OPEN INDIAN LANDS.