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HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST CONDENSED FOR READERS

Harry K. Thaw, who killed Stanford White, must remain in the Mattewan insane asylum, according to a decision in the Appellate division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

With a loss of 600, the Turks captured from the Albanians an important position at Orhanieh at the north end of Kaichanik pass, but the rebels still hold the pass. Both sides lost heavily.

Former President Roosevelt spent the week in visiting the northern capital cities of Copenhagen, Christiania and Stockholm, in each of which elaborate preparations were made for his reception and entertainment.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has suspended consideration of the Spokane and other inter-mountain and coast terminal rate cases until the middle of May, as two members of the commission are obliged to be away from Washington.

The Senate has adopted the Hayburn resolution creating a committee of five Senators to investigate the administration of the third degree by Federal officers to extort statements or confessions in criminal proceedings.

Harry P. Flannery, president of the San Francisco Police Commission, who was indicted by the Marin County grand jury for grand larceny in connection with a recent raid on a fake poolroom in Sausalito, resigned his office.

The irrigation by private enterprise of 8611 acres of public lands in the Blackfoot land district of Idaho has been approved by the Interior Department. The area to be thus reclaimed will be selected by the state as desert land, in accordance with the provisions of the Carey act.

Louis Paulhan, the aviator, received a check for \$50,000 from the London Daily Mail as a prize for his successful airship flight from London to Manchester. The Mail announced that another \$50,000 prize would be posted for an aeroplane feat to be decided upon later.

Commander Robert E. Peary was entertained at luncheon Tuesday by the Royal Societies Club in London, and on the following day received the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society, before whom he lectured at the Albert Hall.

Freight tariffs showing considerable increase over the present rates from Western territory to the Atlantic seaboard will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, to become effective June 1. This is the first step taken by the railroads indicating a purpose generally to raise the freight rates throughout the country to meet increased operating expenses.

Monday witnessed the start from Denver of a score of contesting automobiles bound for the City of Mexico on the Flag-to-Flag endurance and reliability contest under the rules of the American Automobile Association. The chief object of the tour is to open new territory for the automobile in the southwest and in Mexico.

President Taft spent Monday in Pittsburg attending the Founder's day exercises at the Carnegie Institute in the forenoon and speaking at the annual banquet of the American Republican Club in the evening. The following day he went to Cincinnati to attend the May music festival in that city and to speak at the unveiling of a bust of Theodore Thomas. From Cincinnati the President journeyed to St. Louis, where he addressed a meeting of the National Farmers' Congress called to discuss seeded state and National legislation of importance to those engaged in the agricultural industry.

NEWS OF OREGON STATED IN BRIEF

TELEGRAPHIC CHRONICLE OF STATE HAPPENINGS.

LAND BRIEF IS COMPLETED

Attorney-General is Ready to Bring Oregon & California Land Grant Suits.

PORTLAND—B. D. Townsend, special attorney of the Department of Justice, in charge of the Government's suits against the Oregon & California Railroad Company to compel forfeiture of its grant in Oregon, has completed the Government's brief and says that it will be forwarded to Judge Wolverton soon.

In a resolution introduced in the Senate directing Attorney-General to proceed immediately with the suits, attention is called to reports that speculators are obtaining money from persons ignorant of the situation. These speculators are reported promising preference rights to clients filing applications to purchase lands from the railroad company involved, in case of judgments favorable to the United States, thus perpetrating frauds upon such persons. It is important to Oregon that there be an early termination of the suits because of the great acreage involved, as well as for the protection of persons now being imposed upon by speculators, and as the suits have not been prosecuted with diligence, and some not instituted at all, the present mandatory resolution is necessary. The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee.

Would Improve Coquille River.

MARSHFIELD—The people of Coquille Valley are planning to organize the Port of Coquille for the purpose of improving the bar and the river. There has been formed by business men of the district, a port club, the members of which will discuss the plans and start a campaign to present to the voters of the proposed district the advantages of adopting the port law. The club will circulate petitions asking that a special election be held to vote on the adoption of the law. The proposed port district takes in 28 or 30 townships in the natural watershed of the Coquille river and comprises practically all of Coos County not included in the district of the Port of Coos Bay.

Movement to Split Umatilla County.

PENDLETON—A movement was launched Monday which will have for its purpose the division of Umatilla County. The plan is being fostered by about 30 of the leading citizens of the Freewater-Milton section. The proposed county will cut off the northeastern corner of Umatilla County, including the towns of Milton, Freewater, Weston, Athens, Vansickle, Stanton, Killian Junction, Hilldale, Grandview and Waterman, and the area will comprise approximately 650 square miles of the richest land in the county, the taxable property in which amounts to \$13,000,000. The population of the area is about 8000.

Railroad Balks at Taxes.

EUGENE—That the Southern Pacific Company may attack the validity of the Port of Sluslaw is indicated by the company's refusal to pay taxes on the portion of its Congressional grant lands lying within the lines of that port. The company has paid one-half of its taxes on all this land except those levied for the port. The amount is said to be but about \$3000, but it seems evident the railroad company will not pay until a test has been made.

Burns Has Gold Strike.

BURNS—There is considerable excitement in and around Burns over a rich mineral discovery reported within a few miles of the town, but nobody yet knows just where, except the two men who made the find. A man named Clark, from Spokane, and another whose name has not been learned, brought to town a quantity of dark red rock and clay, of the nature of decomposed quartz, which proved rich in gold upon being pounded and washed.

Sell Tags to Fight County Division.

OAKLAND—Saturday was "tag day" for Oakland and vicinity. The committee of the ladies' auxiliary having charge of the work against the creation of the proposed new county of Nesmith, had printed tags which have been distributed to the school teachers and pupils all over this section, the tags to be sold at 10c each to raise a fund to aid the county committee in their work of fighting county division.

JEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

WILLAMINA—Stephen Kiki, the Grand Ronde Indian who was so badly cut and stabbed by John Washino (the beaver catcher), died here.

SALEM—At a special meeting of the executive committee of the Cherry Fair Association it was decided to hold this year's fair on July 7-9.

CONDON—A new automobile stage line has been established between Condon and Fossil by Jay Saltzman, who formerly ran an automobile stage between Shaniko, Prineville and Bend.

CONDON—With the permanent organization of the Gilliam County Opportunity Association, this section of the state is assured of thorough exploitation of its resources.

ROSEBURG—Dr. K. L. Miller, the attending physician of Binger Hermann, says that he has passed safely through the critical stage of his illness.

THE DALLES—Laborers on the two railroad lines under construction in the Deschutes Canyon and numbering approximately 3000 men, are threatening to strike for higher wages.

LA GRANDE—On the night in which the census enumerators in cities are ordered to end their count, the town of Perry, three miles from here has discovered that no enumerator has been in the place.

HOOD RIVER—A new feature was injected into the apple-growing industry by the organization of a company that will make a business of planting and caring for orchards for non-residents.

MEDFORD—The name of the new electric interurban line which is to be built in the Rogue River Valley will be the Southern Oregon Railroad & Power Company, and articles of incorporation are ready for filing.

EUGENE—While the census enumerators refuse to give out any figures on the estimated population of Eugene as shown by the present census, a conservative estimate places it at 11,500 while that of Lane County is estimated at 38,750.

SALEM—Frank Lovell, who has been chief clerk in the Secretary of State's office at Salem for upwards of 20 years has tendered his resignation to take effect May 15. Mr. Lovell resigns because of failing health.

HOOD RIVER—Excitement was caused here by the discovery of gold-bearing quartz in a ledge of cement gravel that is being blasted out for the widening of the East Side road. The quartz is said by mining men to show traces of gold that would pay well to work if the deposit is large enough.

HOOD RIVER—A heavy rain with warm sunshine is said by berry-growers to be bringing on with a rush the largest berry crop known at Hood River in many years. It is now expected that 70,000 crates is not too many berries to expect here this year.

KLAMATH FALLS—The vote on the question of moving the courthouse to Hot Springs addition resulted in a victory for the new site. Eleven hundred and three votes were cast in the county, 598 for moving and 505 for keeping it where it is, giving the winners a majority of 93.

EUGENE—Judge J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg has been endorsed by the Lane County Bar Association for reelection as circuit judge of this judicial district. The endorsement is signed by a majority of the members of the association regardless of party affiliation.

HOOD RIVER—A pitched battle between the train crew of a westbound freight train on the O. R. & N. and a large gang of tramps took place between Hood River and Mosier, in which Joe Clancy, a brakeman, was struck on the head with a stone and knocked from the railroad right of way into the Columbia River.

PORTLAND—J. Thoburn Ross, convicted of having converted state school funds to the use of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company contrary to the state laws governing the handling of state school money, has been granted an extension of 30 days by the State Supreme Court in which to perfect his appearance before the United States Supreme Court.

COTTAGE GROVE—A farmers' institute will be held in this city on May 14, when several prominent agriculturists and dairymen of the state, including Dr. Withycombe and Professor Kent of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station and State Dairy Commissioner Bailey of Portland, will be present and deliver addresses. A dairymen's association will be organized here at that time.

LEBANON—May 14 has been decided upon by the Lebanon Civic Improvement League, auxiliary to the Lebanon Business Men's League, as "clean up" day, when the citizens of Lebanon will get busy with an endeavor to make Lebanon "shine." Seeds and flowers have been collected and these will be distributed among the school children for the purpose of beautifying all parts of the city.



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