

SANTA FE MAKING A MOVE

San Francisco & North-Western
Corporation for New
Coast Road

San Francisco, May 11—The San Francisco & Northwestern Railway Co., filed incorporation papers today with a capital of \$5,000,000. This is the new road to connect with the Santa Fe at a point near Richmond, and run through Marian, Sonoma, Contra Costa and Mendocino counties. This marks the advent of the northern extension of the Santa Fe.

OREGON'S GREAT FUTURE

Irrigation Will Furnish Homes For
Thousands, Says Elwood Mead

An interesting lecture on the subject of irrigation, particularly as it applies to Oregon, was delivered before the Board of Trade at Portland Tuesday by Elwood Mead, chief of the Division of Irrigation in the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Mead is one of the foremost authorities on the subject in the United States, having made it a life study, and his views carry with them the result of many years of experience and investigation. There was a large attendance of the members of the Board who listened to his remarks with great interest.

After explaining that the present was his first visit to Oregon, and that he was favorably impressed with what he had seen of the state, and particularly the city of Portland, he said in part:

"The present is the greatest period of immigration which this country has ever known. This is due largely to the unprecedented advance in the value of farm lands in the Mississippi Valley. Farms are becoming so valuable in that section that the average farmer cannot afford to work them, and finds the greatest profit to be made by selling his land to business men, who are seeking safe investment. These men are displacing the tiller of the soil, who naturally, having sold his farm, seeks a newer and less highly developed section. He has the capital to improve wild land and make the necessary outlay to bring it into a high state of cultivation. Practically all the remaining wild land in the country which is tillable is arid or semi-arid, and irrigation is the first step toward making such land profitable. I believe that Oregon has the largest area of unimproved land, whereon irrigation is possible, of any state in the Union. In consequence of this the state offers the largest and most profitable field for the immigration in the country. My visit to the state at this time is to investigate the irrigation possibilities of the state, a question which is claiming much attention from the Department of Agriculture.

The Derivation of Gibraltar.

In 711 A. D. the Arabs crossed the narrow strait of Gibraltar and established themselves around the famous rock whose name is derived from their leader. Field Marshal Tarik was one of the leaders of the Arab invasion of Spain. Gobel is an Arabic word meaning mountain. The great rock, which was by far the most conspicuous object along the shores of the strait, was accordingly named after Tarik, Gobel of Tarik, or the mountain of Tarik. It is easy to see how this name became changed into its present form, Gibraltar.

BURNING OIL RUNS AMUCK

Causes Panic Among
N. Y. Shipping
Sailors Busy Fighting
Flames

New York, May 11—A wild panic today was caused by the explosion of a tank in the yard of the Standard Oil Company at the foot of 10th street and East river.

The blazing oil flowed into Treks creek where a number of barges and small lighters were moored. Some caught fire and a lighter was towed into East river, leaving a trail of blazing oil in its wake and threatening scores of vessels moored along the banks. The crews were kept busy fighting fire. The oil was allowed to burn out.

One employee of the oil company is missing and is supposed to have been killed by the explosion.

DRILLED A WELL FOUND A LAKE

Queer Result of Work on University
Campus

An interesting incident occurred at Eugene Thursday on the University of Oregon campus, where the engineering department is sinking a well.

The force was engaged in drilling the well at the depth of 340 feet when the drill dropped from the end of the rope. Upon removing the pipping from the well and sounding for the lost drill it was found to be 363 feet below the surface, having dropped 23 feet further than drilling had been done.

The incident gave rise to numerous conjectures as to the existence of a subterranean cavity. One theory is that there is a small lake or underground river there. This latter theory is supported by the fact that immediately upon the breaking away of the drill the water in the well rose to within 26 feet of the surface of the ground.

The water, previous to the incident, has been slick to the touch and distasteful, but at present it is as pure and cool as that of any mountain stream.

BUBONIC PLAGUE SCARE

Washington, May 12—The United States consul general at Guayaquillo reports that the quarantine has been re-established against San Francisco on account of the bubonic plague.

If rabbits are bad in your vicinity, protect your shrubs by tying paper around the stems up to eighteen inches from the ground.

Shooting Through Glass.
A rifle ball may be fired through a pane of glass, making the hole the size of the ball, without cracking the glass. If the glass is suspended by a thread it will make no difference, and the thread will not even vibrate.

Europe's Largest Churches.
The largest churches in Europe will contain the following numbers: St. Peter's, Rome, 54,000; Milan cathedral, 37,000; St. Paul's, London, 25,000; St. Sophia's, Constantinople, 23,000; Notre Dame, Paris, 21,000; Pisa cathedral, 13,000; St. Mark's, Venice, 7,000.

THE WORLD STIRRED By Action of Russia in Manchuria

ALL EYES TURNED
TO UNITED STATES

England Afraid We may Conserve Our
Own Interests Instead of Stand-
ing in With Her

London May 9. The eyes of Europe are now turned toward Washington, as it is admitted that which ever side America favors in the matter of Russia's reentry of Manchuria will be the victor.

There is considerable uneasiness in England lest the Czar should succeed in convincing the United States that the occupation of Manchuria will result in the development of a vast commercial field which will be opened to American conquest. British statesmen are leaving no stone unturned to persuade Washington authorities that American interests lie with the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

It is understood that Hay already favors the alliance, but officialdom fears that Roosevelt will take the attitude that Manchuria must naturally in time become Russian, and he will therefore take advantage of the opportunity to gain Russia's good will for the purpose of advancing American trade.

Washington, May 9—Hay is now in communication with the Ambassadors at London, Tokio and St. Petersburg, and also with Roosevelt regarding the Russian situation. He expects important dispatches in answer today.

The State Department is today being visited by all the foreign representatives concerned, even some whose countries are not directly interested. At no time has the action of the United States been awaited with greater interest by the other powers than at this crisis, as it is generally believed this country's course will decide the most

important question in the Orient which has sought solution in the last century.

Japanese Minister Takahira, was the first visitor to the State Department, remaining some time. He said he had received no advice from his government. He is said to have told Hay that the presence of a large number of Japanese warships near Niu Chwang is merely in line with the program for the regular summer maneuvers.

Secretary Hay this afternoon denies that he has communicated with the President. He says his efforts so far have been confined to learning the truth regarding the situation, when it will be time to decide whether the State Department will take any action.

Special to the Mail.

London, May 9—Dispatches from Tokio say there is great disquiet throughout Japan over Russia's action. The dispatch adds that Japan has nothing but peaceful aims in the Manchurian matter, hence the Czar's action comes as a shock.

Peking, May 9—Officials of New Chwang who sent yesterday's news of Russia's alleged action at New Chwang and elsewhere in Manchuria today telegraphed that the occupation of the forts at the mouth of the Liao river was only temporary, the Russians having now withdrawn.

Official circles are much mystified and say they have but slight news of the affair.

BRIBERY REPORT DENIED

In Connection With
Panama Canal

Washington, May 12—General Counsel Cromwell, of the new Panama canal company, denies the truth of the report circulating in Panama that the company offered or intends to offer twelve million dollars or any part of that sum to the government of Columbia to promote the ratification of the canal treaty. He will issue an official statement regarding the charge of bribery and the general canal situation this evening.

Cautious.
She—How do you like my new hat?
He—What did it cost?—Somerville Journal.

RUSSIA GOING AHEAD

Strengthening Lines
in the East

Japan Jockeying for
Position

Manchester, May 12—According to a dispatch received today, Russia is putting forth extraordinary efforts in the reinforcement of her fleet in the far east, especially with torpedo boats.

Japan, Russian papers assert, jockeying for strategic position in Korean waters.

LIPTON MAY GET THE CUP

New Shamrock Won-
derfully Fast

Uneasiness This Side
the Pond

Bristol, May 11—The remarkable showing made by Shamrock Third is causing uneasiness among the syndicate owners of the Reliance, and orders have been given to expedite the work of refitting the defender, in order that she may be thoroughly tried out and put in racing shape as soon as possible. The admission is openly made here that Shamrock Third must be a wonderfully fast boat to defeat Shamrock Second so easily, and it is conceded by yachting authorities around here that this shows that the new boat is faster than Shamrock Second, which pressed the Columbia so closely two years ago.

MARSHFIELD CO-HEIRS WITH PRES. ROOSEVELT

To Claims on Big Acreage of
New York City Real
Estate.

The following press dispatch from New York, which appeared a few days ago is of interest here from the fact that a number of the heirs to the rights in question are residents of Marshfield. George Campbell and the family of the late Cliff Campbell are direct descendants and they have been communicated with by the attorney who has been looking the matter up and proposes to push their claims on a contingent fee. The dispatch reads as follows:

Most of the land owners in Harlem are not the rightful possessors of their holdings, according to a lawyer of this city. Heirs of Dutch freeholders of 250 years ago, some thousand in number, on the authority of this lawyer, are owners of Harlem, of a large part of Central Park and of about all of the front property on the East River from Seventy-fourth street to Harlem River, along the Harlem River and down the Hudson to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street. The present day value of the property is conjectured to be \$1,000,000,000.

Prominent among the descendants of the alleged rightful owners are President Roosevelt, Governor Odell and Patnam Bradlee Strong, son of the late Mayor Strong.

In 1866-67 the Duke of York, through Colonial Governor Nichols, gave grants and charters to 23 men who were created a corporation known as the town of New Harlem, and later further grants and patents were issued to the 23 and to "their heirs, successors and assigns forever."

The plan of the lawyer in charge of the matter is to gather a majority of the descendants and as he says, they are all by inheritance members of the corporation, have them hold a meeting, elect officers and parcel out the land among themselves. It is argued that quitclaims, leases or deeds executed by any descendants of the grantees are void because no individual had a right to dispose of the property, but only a right to vote at the corporation meeting.

President Roosevelt, who traces his ancestry to the Brevoorts of colonial times, will, it is announced, appear at the meeting of the descendants.

GROVER WOULDN'T DECLINE

If Nomination Were
Offered Him

But Evades the Direct
Question

Middle Bess, Ohio, May 12—Grover Cleveland may be said to be a receptive candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1904. These questions were put to Ex-president Cleveland today by the Cleveland Press correspondent.

Shall you be a candidate for the nomination?

I cannot answer that question. But if the nomination tendered would you accept it.

I cannot answer that question at this time either as I would only be inviting the censure of the people."

Charles Foster, ex-governor of Ohio, and ex-secretary of the treasury, under Harrison is here with the Cleveland party, and when asked if he thought Cleveland was a candidate he said:

"Though I am not authorized to speak I know he does not want the nomination, but would take it as a duty to his party. He possesses the confidence of the people and he deserves the nomination."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ATTENDING TO BUSINESS

The Board of Directors of the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce held a called meeting Monday evening with the following members present: I. J. Simpson, president, J. H. Flanagan, T. W. Rennie, H. Sengstacken, Peter Loggie and C. F. McCallum.

The work of the Chamber was discussed, with plans for future action.

It was decided to try to get the government to extend the harbor line down the entire shore line of the bay to the entrance.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to enter into correspondence with the Engineer in charge, relative to the shoal or bog-back opposite the mouth of Poney slough, and the procedure necessary to have it removed.

The matter of a bridge across the mouth of South slough, was also discussed. This bridge was turned down by the county court at its last session, but the chamber proposes to take hold of the matter and see if a reconsideration can not be brought about. Petitions will be circulated all over the Bay, and if necessary the Chamber is likely to go over in a body to present the matter to the county court at its next session.

The Chamber will also take further steps in the matter of the removal of the Life Saving station from its present location to Charleston, which would be a great improvement.

J. B. Flanagan and H. Sengstacken were appointed a committee of two to interview the business men and property owners relative to taking stock in a steam boat to be built at North Bend for the Coos Bay trade.

It was decided to order, for advertising purposes, 15,000 maps, which Portland parties have agreed to furnish for \$475. This will include a map of western Oregon and a vicinity map of Coos Bay. And on the back will be printed matter descriptive of the country and its resources.

The next regular meeting of the Chamber will be held next Monday evening.