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SOME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

Items Gathered From All Parts of the World.

Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Military and Commercial.

of the paper trust denies its... indications point to an immense... wheat crop this year.aska railroad employes will aid... broads in fighting rate laws. an is being shadowed by an officer... re have been threats of violence. meet car strike is on at Cleveland... There has been much rioting and... bloodshed. A conduct marked the stay of the... and marines of the Atlantic... San Francisco. men, who are accused of robbing... Mexico express office of \$35... have been captured. appropriations will be made for... and harbors this session, accord... leaders in congress. Secretary Taft's managers claim he... assurance of support from 592... des to the national convention. Ford has sprung up in the inter... commerce commission. Some of... confidential clerks" may lose... places as a result. Two members... given employment to their sons... re charged working hardest when... over their pay. ever Cleveland is rapidly gaining... with and strength. ible is brewing between China and... along the Manchuria-Siberia... 50,000 memorial to Abraham Lin... to be erected at his birthplace... Kentucky. est estimates of the dead in the... Louisiana tornado place the... er at 56. mercial bodies all over the countr... protesting against the increase... light rates. h sides in the Dimond-Hyde land... case being tried at Washington... a victory. sian troops will destroy the Per... troubles near the border, where the... trouble occurred. adus at Calcutta attempted to blow... number of whites by placing a... on the car tracks. liquor will be sold or brought into... republican national convention hall... ting to a decision of the leaders. an encounter with Arabs the... h troops lost 13 killed and 65... died. The Arab losses are de... as heavy. e old plant of the Omaha Packing... ny has been destroyed by fire... er with 3,000,000 pounds of meat... ing a loss of \$500,000. ntana republican delegates have... instructed for Taft. ither woman now figures in Sen... Platt's domestic affairs. e governors' conference plans to... a permanent organization. e Oklahoma house has passed a bill... that the state shall fix wages. enesota democrats have declared... Johnson, and refused Bryan as see... choice. eedlings in the endeavor to re... Thaw from the New York asylum... the criminal insane are in progress. ease Bryan receives the domes... presidential nomination, his... ter says she will take the stump... overal Western states for him. eech and Spanish soldiers making... the allied army in Morocco had... an enter in which several were wound... in both sides and one Spaniard... e national convention of Socialists... sion at Chicago, chose Eugene V... for presidential candidate on the... ballot. Benjamin Hanford, of... York, was chosen for vice-presi...

FACES FINANCIAL PANIC.

Mexico Takes Steps to Improve Situation by Adjusting Duties.

Mexico, May 18.—Limantour, the secretary of the treasury, being interviewed concerning current rumors about the intention of the government to take some positive and active measures to improve the financial situation, limited himself to saying that the only measures proposed by the government for any such purpose will be presented to congress for its action, and consist in abolishing the duties on the exportation of hemp, for the encouragement of its producers in Yucatan. The secretary added: "In reality, our economic situation does not inspire either anxiety or fears of any class. There has never been a period during the economic stringency abroad and which has affected the whole world, that there has been in Mexico a moment of the fear of a panic or anything like it. Moreover, the attention of the government of Mexico to the financial condition is not a thing of today or yesterday. It begins always at the first sign of an epoch of stringency in any of the money centers of the world; and this constant vigilance has never ceased. The government, watching affairs in the money world, does not believe any extraordinary measures are necessary in the present situation. The normal condition is everywhere re-established, and our banks, following my instructions, have maintained a system of circumspection and caution, limiting their operations to affairs that offer ample security. The solidity of our banks is beyond doubt, and they are in a condition to meet whatever contingency. The fact that business conditions in Mexico are improving daily is very satisfactory to the government, and our financial connections, though there has never been here grave fear of trouble. We are like an individual, who suffers an attack of indigestion, which does not on danger his life of health, but for the moment annoys and takes away his appetite, obliging him to rest his stomach a little. This is the case in all such cases, the only remedy necessary, efficacious and beneficial."

CONGRESS BREAKS RECORD.

Appropriations Now Exceed Those of Previous Session.

Washington, May 18.—The present session of congress, to end this week, is a record-breaker. The appropriations of this session so far authorized exceed those of the first session of the 59th congress by more than \$300,000,000. The total appropriations made up to this time aggregate approximately \$574,844,807. This amount will be increased by the general deficiency and omnibus public buildings bills and such other measures as may go through before adjournment. The session has also established a high record for the number of bills, resolutions introduced and considered, and for the transaction of executive business. There have been 7,127 bills introduced in the senate, and 21,940 in the house. In the senate 90 joint resolutions were offered, of which 30 were passed and nine have become laws. The senate considered 184 simple resolutions. Up to this time 115 bills and 15 joint resolutions have become laws. The senate has passed 484 bills, 17 of which were omnibus pension bills.

HOPMEN ASK PROTECTION.

British Hold Great Demonstration Favoring Import Duty.

London, May 18.—A great army of men and women interested in the hop industry in England, estimated to number more than 50,000, held a demonstration in Trafalgar Square this afternoon in favor of imposing a duty of 40 on every hundredweight of hops imported into this country. Special trains brought in thousands from Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Worcester and Hereford, the great hop-growing counties, while the east end of London, whence emanate almost all the hop-pickers, furnished a contingent perhaps twice as large as the growers and laborers from the provinces. After being marshaled on Victoria Embankment, the demonstrators with banners flying and bands playing, marched to the square, where English men with a grievance always have been accustomed to assemble. Speakers from half a dozen platforms harangued the multitude on the ruin of the industry through the dumping of American hops into England, and resolutions were adopted by acclamation calling upon the government not to delay in helping to re-establish the industry and placing a duty on all imported hops.

Six Killed in Tornado.

New Orleans, May 18.—A tornado swept across the central part of Louisiana late this evening, killing six and injuring more than 50 persons. Chatagnier, La., 150 miles northwest of New Orleans, was practically wiped out of existence. Chatagnier was a place of about 100 inhabitants. Crossing the Mississippi river a few miles below St. Francisville, the twister devastated one of the finest timber sections of the state, destroyed many fine farm mansions, tore down all fences in its path and injured many people.

Chicago Employs Chinese Police.

Chicago, May 18.—For the first time in many years, the Chicago police department has engaged Chinese detectives to aid in preserving peace in Chinatown. The result of the trial of three Chinamen has so exasperated the Chinese merchants as to wish the Chicago Chinese that further warring between the tongs is feared.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

FRUIT PROSPECTS GOOD.

Umpqua Valley Fruit Men in Good Spirits.

Roseburg.—The report of President H. N. Cobb, of the Douglas County Fruit Growers' association, shows the fruit crop in the Umpqua valley will be very good this year. The strawberry crop is good, and the berries are coming in pretty fast now. The peach crop is fair, and the last frost was a detriment in only a very few sections. The pear crop is fair. Apples will be good. The prune crop will also be good, as only a few of the small sections of the county were late enough to be caught by the frost. The cherry crop is good. All kinds of berries are excellent. The crop in general was not damaged to any noticeable extent, and the fruit growers are greatly pleased to note that this section, while it was reported to have been damaged by the late frost, will be as good or even better than last year, and will be first in the market with all kinds of berries and cherries. Many large shipments of berries will be made to Portland the latter part of the week. Several small shipments have already been made. The local markets will be supplied with home-grown fruits of all kinds from now on.

Brownsville Adds Vehicle Factory.

Brownsville.—Brownsville has a new manufacturing enterprise. W. J. Moore, a hardware dealer of the north side, has put in a wagon and vehicle plant. He will make a specialty of wagons and wheelbarrows. Several men and boys will be employed. The plant will be running in a short time. It will be a credit to the city. Brownsville has many manufacturing, but the citizens are after more. It is doubtful if any other city in the state of like size can boast of as many automobiles as are owned here.

Teacher to Visit Europe.

Salem.—Miss Ida M. Case, instructor in grammar, literature, English and rhetoric at the Ashland normal, has been selected by the executive committee of the board of normal school regents to take part this year in the annual tour for teachers conducted by the national civic federation. Each year the federation sends 500 teachers to Great Britain and Ireland for the purpose of observing methods in those countries. The school boards recommend the teachers, and the list is made up from those recommended.

Commission Remedies Extortion.

Salem.—Acknowledgments of material assistance rendered by the state railroad commission are coming to Secretary George Goodall daily. The most recent fruit is that of the Blue Mountain Produce company, of Cove, overcharged \$33 by the O. R. & N. and \$255 by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, both of which overcharges were refunded by the railroads through the offices of the Oregon state railroad commission.

Railroad Doings at Dorris.

Klamath Falls.—The depot on the California Northwestern railroad at Dorris is now in course of construction. Newcomers are arriving in Dorris at the rate of 30 and 40 a day, and it is a common occurrence for many to be unable to find accommodations at night. A large force is at work just over the hill from Dorris, in every indication points to the completion of the road in a few months.

Excursion to See Fleet.

Salem.—An effort is being made by the Salem board of trade to have an excursion train run from Salem to Newport at the time the Atlantic fleet will pass Yaquina bay on its northern trip. The train will also carry all who wish to go to the coast to see the fleet from the valley towns along the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern railroads. It is expected that arrangements will be completed for the excursion within the next ten days.

Will Clear Stump Land.

Astoria.—Dr. L. F. Hawley, the expert of the forest service of the United States, has arrived here with a plan whereby the stump land of this section may be profitably cleared for agricultural purposes. He will be in this vicinity all summer. Dr. Hawley proposes the calling of a convention of owners of all stump lands throughout the Northwest, which the members of legislatures shall be invited to attend.

Asparagus at Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—J. D. Carroll, of the Henly ranch, has brought in the first asparagus of the season raised in Klamath county. This section produces asparagus of the finest quality, and Mr. Carroll has been demonstrating what can be done here. Several farmers are planting celery this year on quite an extensive scale, as no section on the coast can rival Klamath for celery.

Fine Float from Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—Money has been appropriated by the Klamath chamber of Commerce for the \$600 float that will represent Klamath county at the Rose Festival in June and a float is being prepared which will be the equal of any in the parade.

COLONY IS ASSURED.

Settlers Arriving to Found New Center of Fruit Culture.

Wolf Creek.—Wolf Creek colony is now a settled fact. Development work goes steadily on. The freighthouse has shown a congested condition for some time, several Eastern families bringing considerable of their belongings with them, and on their great satisfaction household goods shipped from Pennsylvania less than two weeks before they started awaited their owners on arrival here.

For a week a surveying party has been at work on the outside lines, ranging through to government section corners, then making corrections so that the work may be of a satisfactory character. Several tracts have been staked off in subdivision No. 1, and tracts Nos. 2 and 3, comprising 78 acres, were purchased last evening by a young man from Chicago, who has been on the ground for three weeks, awaiting the survey. Inquiries are being received from all parts of the country, and the "no-saloon" feature is commented on and commended more than any other single feature.

Wolf Creek is the first valley south of the Umpqua divide, introducing the traveler southward on the scenic Southern Pacific to the famous Rogue River Valley. In formation, soil and climate this southernly sloping valley is much like the first valley north of the Siskiyou divide, in which is situated, on rich red soil which so abounds here also, the A. D. Helms new town apple orchard, which, without a single failure, has yielded its owner net annual average profits of \$791 per acre for the past seven years.

Recent showers have wonderfully stimulated growing crops, and a considerable acreage of corn is now being planted.

Klamath Canal Holds Water.

Klamath Falls.—Klamath county land holders will pay but \$1.50 an acre for water again this year. It is expected that 10,000 acres will be signed under the temporary arrangement, and if more is signed the rate will be reduced, as it is intended to charge only for maintenance and operation. Next year the regular rates will prevail. Water is now flowing in the main canal, and out very little trouble has been experienced with the breaking of banks. They have settled during the past season, and the squirrels have done but slight damage.

Corvallis Cannery Completed.

Corvallis.—The Corvallis cannery is complete, and has been accepted by the "cannery" company. It is a thoroughly up-to-date plant, well equipped, and ready for business. W. W. Gill, of Wilcoxon, a man of ten years' experience, has been engaged as "processor," and is already on hand. W. K. Taylor, manager of the plant, reports that he has a sufficient quantity of tomatoes contracted for the season's run, and all together the prospect is bright for a successful season for the new enterprise.

Rains Help Growth.

Brownsville.—Warm rains have fallen in this vicinity for several days. They have been a boon to farmers, as the earth was getting dry. This section will produce good crops now without any more rain, although more will be welcome a month later. Strawberries are getting ripe, and roses are blooming.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.
Potatoes—Select, 70¢ per hundred; Willamette Valley, 45¢ per hundred; East Multnomah, 55¢; Clackamas, 55¢ per hundred; sweet, 54¢ per pound.
Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 40¢@3.50 per crate.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, 40¢ per cwt.; beans, wax, 12¢@13¢ per pound; head lettuce, 35¢ per dozen; celery, 85¢@1 per dozen; artichokes, 50¢ per dozen; asparagus, 70¢@80¢ per pound; egg plant, 25¢@30¢ per pound; parsley, 25¢ per dozen; peas, 60¢ per pound; peppers, 20¢ per bushel; radishes, 15¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 20¢ per pound; spinach, 85¢ per crate.
Wheat—Club, 80¢ per bushel; red Russian, 86¢; bluestem, 91¢; valley, 89¢.
Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28 per ton; gray, \$27.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.
Butter—Extras, 24¢ per pound; fancy, 23¢; choice, 20¢; store, 16¢.
Eggs—18¢ per dozen.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13¢@14¢ per pound; fancy hens, 14¢@15¢; roosters, old, 9¢; fryers, dozen, \$4; broilers, doz., \$4.50@5; dressed poultry, per lb., 1¢ higher; ducks, 15¢@17¢; geese, 10¢@9¢; turkeys, alive, 17¢@18¢; dressed, 16¢@20¢.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4@6½¢ per pound; olds, 1¢@1½¢ per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11¢@15¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 10¢@12½¢.
Mohair—Choice, 18¢@18½¢ per lb.

SECURE BIG HAUL.

Robbers in New Mexico Get \$35,000 Intended for Miners.

El Paso, Tex., May 15.—Paroled by men and bloodhounds, three robbers with \$35,000 of loot in their possession, are fleeing through the rugged mountain passes north of French, a little station 59 miles from East Las Vegas, N. M., on the Santa Fe railroad, in an effort to escape the clutches of the law.

At French, late last evening, they broke down the doors of the depot, bound and gagged the station agent and special guard, blew open the safe, took the money and rode away, leaving their victims helpless.

A tramp wandered into the station half an hour later, released the almost unconscious men and gave the alarm. The news of the daring robbery was wired to every town in the neighborhood of French, and a special train bearing 30 deputies and 50 horses left East Las Vegas in half an hour, hot on the trail of the fleeing robbers. A special with four men left Dawson also, and a message was sent to the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe for bloodhounds, which were brought through as fast as a special engine and car could carry them.

The stolen money was sent from Albuquerque to pay the coal miners at Dawson, N. M.

TAFT GETS OREGON.

Ohioan Is Endorsed by State Republican Convention.

Portland, May 15.—Two republican parties, or factions, fought in yesterday's republican convention, the one Fulton, the other Bourne. This showed the party is not yet harmonized, though the two factions pledged support to the ticket.

The Fulton men had things all their own way, and ruled with an iron hand. They gave their rivals nothing and took away from them everything. The Taft power, overwhelmingly strong in Oregon, was in their hold, and they used it to shut out their opponents.

The delegates, alternates and electors chosen were:
Delegates to national convention—At large—C. W. Fulton, of Clatsop; George H. Williams, of Multnomah; A. N. Gilbert, of Marion; C. G. Huntley, of Clackamas.

First congressional district—Ralph E. Williams, of Polk; C. A. Solihede, of Coos.

Second congressional district—Dr. H. W. Cox, of Multnomah; Asa R. Thompson, of Umatilla.

Alternates—At large—J. H. Brown, of Portland; W. A. Williams, of Forest Grove; A. L. Tets, of Portland; H. C. Kinney, of Grants Pass.

First district—Frank Ira White, of Klamath Falls; E. D. Cusick, of Albany.

Second district—J. R. Gault, of Burns; J. W. Kelly, of Portland.
Presidential electors—R. R. Butler, of Gilliam; A. C. Marsler, of Douglas; J. D. Lee, of Multnomah; Frank J. Miller, of Lane.

FEAR A PLOT.

Government Orders Strangers Kept Out of Engine Rooms.

San Francisco, May 15.—A special order has been issued by Admiral Thomas directed to the fleet captains directing them to take every precaution to prevent any strangers from gaining access to the engine or firerooms of their ships.

The issuance of the order has caused a great deal of comment among the officers of the fleet, as a general order is already in force prohibiting strangers from entering the engine rooms.

That the government is in possession of information directly connected with the issuance of the order is the general belief of the officers. A feature of the fleet's visit to this port which has passed without notice until the present order was issued is the fact that not a single Japanese has been aboard one of the ships since the arrival of the fleet here.

Taken in connection with today's order, the sentiment is openly expressed by a number of the officers that the leaders of the local Japanese colony, knowing that the government was in possession of information leading to the belief that an attempt might be made to injure some of the ships, advised their countrymen to keep away from the ships.

No information concerning the issuance of the order except that it is a natural precautionary measure is given out from the flagship.

Death List Grows.

Atlanta, Ga., May 15.—Meager reports coming in slowly indicate that perhaps more than 150 persons are dead today in various parts of Louisiana, and that considerable property was ruined as the result of the tornado that swept that state late Wednesday afternoon. It is feared that in Gilliam, Louisiana, alone, 100 inhabitants were killed. Unconfirmed reports also say that the loss of life in Oil City and Edinger may also be heavy, though the storm was not so severe in these two towns as it was in Gilliam.

Meet Next at Portland.

Boston, May 15.—Having adopted several important resolutions, electing officers and voting to hold the next annual convention at Portland, Or., the eleventh annual convention of the National Retail Grocers' Association adjourned tonight.

TORNADO WRECKS TOWNS IN SOUTH

Gilliam, Louisiana, Wiped Out by a Heavy Wind Storm.

Seven Persons Known to Have Been Killed and Many Injured—Later Reports Expected to Increase the Number of Casualties—Property Loss Will Be Heavy.

Shreveport, La., May 14.—Seven persons are known to be dead and many others are injured as the result of a tornado which swept across Northwest Louisiana late yesterday. The little town of Gilliam, 25 miles north of Shreveport, was destroyed and the town of Bollinger, on the east side of the river, in Bossier parish, was badly wrecked.

Communication with the greater portion of the storm-swept section is interrupted, and it is believed certain that the later reports will increase the number of dead and injured. It is said the work of destruction at Gilliam was complete, only two houses remain intact. The town had a population of about 200. The dead at Gilliam are said to be Mrs. T. F. Gardiner and three negroes. Arthur Vaughan is said to be badly injured. At Bollinger the dead are Mrs. Mitchell Davis and two negroes. Mrs. Davies' mother is reported to be dying from injuries. Charles Isom and family of six are reported among the injured.

It was reported that Oil City, in this parish, was wiped out by the tornado, but this rumor is probably untrue, although great damage is thought to have occurred, involving the wreckage of a great many oil well derricks.

FIFTEEN DEAD IN NEBRASKA.

Fifty Persons Injured and a Property Loss of \$500,000.

Omaha, Neb., May 14.—Reports which came in slowly today from the tornado-stricken district south of this city add three victims to the list of dead, making a total of 15, and place the monetary damage at half a million dollars. The casualty list continues to grow as communication is partially restored with the five towns which suffered most from the storm, and the list of the injured, some of whom are fatally hurt, will reach at least 50. Two railroad laborers employed in a sand pit near Louisville were found dead, and Ed. Miller, who was injured near Papillon, died of his injuries. At least three other persons are believed to have received fatal injuries. Five Italian railroad laborers were injured on the line of the Burlington railroad between Council Bluffs and Pacific Junction.

Nearly every one of the five towns in the path of the storm—Bellevue, Papillon, Richfield, Meadows and Louisville—were badly wrecked, and the village of Fort Crook, and the post at that point suffered heavy damages. There are battalions of the Sixteenth Regiment stationed at the fort, and the men were put to work clearing up the debris and putting the barracks in shape. Many of the large buildings were partially unroofed, and a dozen or more large chimneys were blown down and scattered over the fort grounds. Nearly all the trees were blown down.

10,000 CHINESE KILLED.

Wall of Water 26 Feet High Sweeps Down River at Hankow.

Victoria, May 14.—News of one of the greatest disasters that China has known, a sudden tidal wave in the Yangtszekiang, which caused the loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Hankow, was brought by the steamer Titan, which arrived Tuesday night. A wave 26 feet in height, without warning, bore down the river, overwhelming some large river steamers. Some 3,000 Chinese sleeping in sampans, and small craft and mat sheds and huts by the river side at Hankow were enveloped by the great tidal wave, which swept the broken junk, splintered sampans and a mass of debris with swarms of drowned Chinese, mixed with the wreckage. The scenes for many days after the disaster were horrible, with the river side strewn with dead, and the debris of wrecked craft for many miles.

Oakland Children Visit Battleships.

San Francisco, May 14.—Hundreds of Oakland school children clustered on the sides of the battleships yesterday and for six hours they gave the sailors a lively time. Each boatload of youngsters were permitted to remain on board one hour, when another boatload took their places. In the hour's visit that each enjoyed nothing was overlooked, and Jack had his hands full from the time the first crowd stepped on board until the last crowd left. The children saw everything worth seeing, and what they did not understand their escort had to explain to them.

Chinese Students Uphold Japs.

Tokio, May 14.—Chinese students in Tokio are protesting against the anti-Japanese boycott being maintained in China. Twelve hundred of them have joined the movement, and are daily holding meetings to voice their feelings. Three hundred students who uphold the Chinese government in this matter are trying to break up the meeting by making noisy demonstrations.