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RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

News Items Gathered From All Parts of the World.

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

The Wright airship has made a successful flight in France.

English churches are starting an agitation for church union.

The Baldwin airship has been accepted by the government.

Japanese are declining to go to work for the Canadian Pacific as strike breakers.

The battleship fleet has arrived at Auckland, and a warm reception was tendered it.

The Crystal Palace, one of London's famous institutions, will be closed on account of financial troubles.

A hurricane destroyed a factory in Hungary, burying 100 persons. A number were killed or injured.

A Pittsburg doctor has just effected a cure of lockjaw and claims to have discovered the secret of the malady.

In an address at Warsaw, Ind., a preacher advocated tattooing all married women on the chin as a remedy for the divorce evil.

The business world of France is demanding a revision of their tariff laws. They say the loopholes in the present law are too wide.

The first act of violence in the Canadian Pacific strike has been recorded. A policeman on duty was brutally assaulted, but it is not known if strikers did it.

More Turkish ministers have been dismissed and arrested.

A heavy rainstorm at Boston flooded the streets, doing much damage.

A Philadelphia woman provided in her will for the care of her cats and parrots.

Much timber is being destroyed and mining camps threatened by forest fires in Montana.

New Zealand is making extensive preparations for the reception of the battleship fleet.

Roosevelt has assumed all responsibility for the discharge of the negro troops at Brownsville.

London is cleaning house and has just succeeded in convicting 10 municipal officers of grafting.

A San Francisco man lived 48 hours after breaking his neck and was conscious a part of the time.

Thaw has filed a bankruptcy petition, claiming the doctors' fees and cost of his trials have left him without anything.

A man at Victoria, B. C., who had spent six days of a ten-days sentence in jail because he did not have the money to pay the fine is heir to \$100,000.

Pope Pius has just celebrated his fifth anniversary as pope.

A woman balloonist in Wisconsin fell 900 feet and will live.

A strike of electricians in Paris has placed the city in darkness.

The New York betting law does not forbid bets between individuals.

Honduras refuses to restore ex-convicts of American and other consuls.

The Canadian Pacific railway is importing strikebreakers from the United States.

A whole detachment of Japanese troops has been massacred by Korean insurgents.

A Japanese sealing schooner has been captured in Bering sea by a Russian cruiser.

Germans are raising a great fund to build a new Zeppelin airship to replace the one destroyed.

A viaduct at Cincinnati was dynamited and 15 persons hurt. The damage is \$10,000.

A whist game has just been played in Los Angeles for a \$15,000 fruit crop which was in dispute.

Erickson, the Danish explorer, and two companions, have perished in the ice off the Greenland coast.

Harriman has started for the Pacific coast, still talking of higher freight rates.

One hundred sheep were killed by a single bolt of lightning near Bridgeport, Cal.

Railroad presidents will confer with shippers on rates. The meeting will be held at Chicago.

RECEIVER FOR BIG MILL.

Pillsbury-Washburne Company Needs to be Reorganized.

Minneapolis, Aug. 10.—Incident to a reorganization certain of the stockholders of the Pillsbury-Washburne Flour Milling company Saturday petitioned the Federal District court for the appointment of receivers.

Whatever action is taken by the court, the business will be continued. The indebtedness of the defunct company is set at more than \$5,000,000, without security. The book value of the company's property exceeds \$15,000,000. The total secured indebtedness covered by debenture bonds, is \$4,000,000, or a total indebtedness of \$9,000,000. Liquid assets are estimated at \$3,500,000, to pay \$5,000,000 unsecured debts.

The company has \$800,000 of its products stored in 25 states outside of Minnesota.

The application for receiver has created surprise, but it is not expected to cause any flurry in milling or financial circles. The milling interests in Minneapolis have enjoyed an exceptionally good year and the conditions that affected the Pillsbury-Washburne company have been peculiar to that organization.

The receivers have been appointed with full power to operate the company's manufacturing plants and with confident expectation that this expedient will be found only temporary and that ample property, over and above all debts, will be ultimately left for the holders of shares. It is proposed to operate the mills under receivers and in charge of the receivers, so that labor interests will not be seriously affected at this time, and this is regarded as promising good results, in view of the very satisfactory condition everywhere of the milling and grain business, no other company engaged in similar lines here being in any way involved.

BUILD \$20,000,000 DEPOT.

Northwestern Plans Costly Structure for Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The Chicago & Northwestern railway announced yesterday that its engineers and architects have completed the plans for its new Madison street passenger terminal, which will cost when completed in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000, and which will include facilities for handling over a quarter of a million passengers every 24 hours. This station will surpass in point of ground covered and length of trackage every railway terminal in the United States, it is said, except the South Station, in Boston.

The new terminal will occupy practically four entire city blocks, bounded by Madison street on the south, Kinzie street on the north, Clinton street on the west and Canal street on the east, passing under Washington and Randolph streets by means of brilliantly lighted subways.

The structure will be of gray granite of classic design, the essential features of which is the great colonnaded entrance or portico, of lofty proportions that will tower to a height of 120 feet above Madison street.

Before this imposing front will be a broad pavement or esplanade, from which will rise the granite columns that guard the inner vestibule.

ARRESTS ARE MYSTERIOUS.

Immigration Authorities Busy in Detroit After Long Chase.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 10.—Great secrecy is being maintained regarding five arrests made here today by the local police and the local immigration authorities on a telegraphic request received from Helena, Mont. The prisoners are three men and two women of striking appearance, and a small boy and two dogs form a conspicuous feature of the party.

The arrests are said to have followed a search by United States officials which began in San Francisco in 1905 and has been carried since to Boston, Pittsburg, Omaha, Helena, Chicago and several other points. Both the city police and the local immigration inspectors say they do not know why the arrests were ordered. The prisoners deny that they are identified with any persons wanted by the United States.

After Wells-Fargo.

Los Angeles, Aug. 10.—An important complaint against the Wells-Fargo Express company was filed today with the Interstate Commerce commission by the California Traffic association and several commission men. The complaint says the express company charges excessive and unreasonable rates on shipments, and for icing fruits and vegetables. It is also asserted that the company furnishes faulty and inadequate equipment. This is said to be the first action of its kind ever been against the company.

New Wool Market Sets Record.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 10.—Wool shipments at Baker, a new station on the St. Paul in Eastern Montana, for this season, amount to 1,000,000 pounds. The price paid is 18 cents or better, the highest average of any market in Montana.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

MAY LOSE WATER.

North Powder Company Has Prior Right Over Farmers.

Baker City—That the ranchers in some portions of the North Powder country are to suffer the loss of water at this important time of the year is evident if the order goes into effect that was made by the North Powder M. & M. company, which owns and operates the flouring mill at that station.

The company has prior water rights, but in the past has had a surplus of water. It was decided to divide the water with ranchers who would put land in cultivation, the division to continue until any time it was found necessary to have the whole supply for milling purposes. Crops have been planted and the desert soil responded admirably to the tiller's efforts.

Now, however, the water supply is short, and the milling company was forced to order all water belonging to their water right to be turned into the canal that feeds the mill supply.

The hardship that will be worked on those who have spent their time and work in cultivating lands that were watered by the mill's surplus will probably be hard. According to the opinion of many, however, there was nothing else for the mill to do in order to protect its business.

GOOD ROADS MEET.

Every County in State Will be Represented This Year.

Portland—Nearly every county in Oregon will be represented at the good roads conference to be held in Portland, August 11. Among the Portland delegates will be Lake county, which will send delegates to counsel with the men from Eastern and Western Oregon on the best remedies for existing road conditions.

County Judge B. Daly, of Lakeview, has written to the Portland Commercial club, assuring the management that his county will be represented. He said:

"We have not been saying much, but we have been up and doing until we now have 300 miles of as good roads in Lake county as can be found in any county in Oregon. Lake county, with its 5,000 acres of land to every voter, has already a per capita income of over \$250 per man from the livestock industry alone. When we get railroad facilities to ship to the markets the splendid products of our orchards, farms, mines and forests, then watch Lake county grow."

Big Hay Crop in Tillamook.

Tillamook—The hay harvest will be completed this week, with the exception of oat hay. The weather has been fine the past two weeks for hay-making, but previous to that the heavy fogs at night made curing somewhat slow. Another bumper hay crop is in the barns, and the large dairy herds in Tillamook county are well provided for the next winter, and as the meadows are green and will remain so all summer with abundance of green pasture, the cheese factories are receiving a much larger amount of milk than in previous years.

Smut Eats Up Machines.

Pendleton—Smut has caused the destruction of two threshing machines in Umatilla county during the past week, and another was burned, but the origin of the fire in the third instance is uncertain. Those who lost machines are: Isaac Christopher, Frank Brotherton and J. Hudeman. The Christopher and Hudeman machines were blown up by the explosion of smut dust, a fire following in each instance. The other machine burned while being moved from one field to another.

Hop Crop Worth Picking.

Salem—Salem hopmen do not agree with Joseph Harris that the hop crop will be larger than the demand and that the crop will not all be picked. Dealers interviewed estimate the crop at from 90,000 to 120,000 bales, and indicate their belief that there will be few, if any, growers who will not pick their hops. The dealers agree that the crop will be good if the weather continues favorable. No one will venture an estimate as to price.

Gobbling Up New Wheat.

Pendleton—Wheat has advanced another two cents in the Pendleton market, with the result that probably 200,000 bushels have changed hands within the past two days. The purchases are being made on a basis of 75 cents, and it is not recalled when the prices were so good and so much wheat changing hands so early in the season.

Reporter of Supreme Court.

Salem—Frank A. Turner, a Salem attorney, has been appointed Supreme court reporter to succeed Judge R. G. Morrow, who resigned. Judge Morrow had been reporter for the Oregon Supreme court 16 years and had issued more reports than all his eight predecessors combined.

BIG APPLE CROP.

Over 1,000 Cars of Shipping Stock Will be Produced This Year.

Portland—Oregon will have over 1,000 cars of fine apples to ship this year, as compared with about 600 cars last year. Crop prospects on the whole are favorable, though some sections of the state are doing better than others. Hood River will have its banner crop, though it was feared earlier in the season that some damage had been done. The shipments from Hood River valley will be between 400 and 500 cars, against 200 cars in 1907. The Grand Ronde valley is preparing to send out 300 cars, double the number shipped last year, while Medford growers expect to dispatch about 200 cars, as they did last season. In the other apple sections of the state the conditions are reported as good or a little better than they were last season, though it is known that some varieties, Baldwins especially, will run lighter than last year in the Willamette valley, and it is also said the valley Newtowns and Spitzenbergs will not produce the crop they did a year ago. Prices that will be realized on shipping stock will be governed by conditions in the Eastern states, where the yields are reported to be comparatively light.

Knights of Grip Win.

Salem—William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, has advised the committee of the Travelers' Protective association, having the matter in hand, that if the traveling men would withdraw their complaint before the railroad commission 2,000-mile books would be immediately issued, good on all the Harriman lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, for the flat rate of \$50. This is what the traveling men have been fighting for for two years past, and they are jubilant over the successful outcome of the matter.

Dairying Exhibit to be Feature.

Portland—An immense dairying exhibit will be the feature of the coming Oregon state fair in September, if plans of the Dairy association officers are carried out. These plans now promise to be more than fulfilled. Mrs. S. A. Yoakum, vice president of the association, who has been touring the Willamette valley in the interest of the exhibit, came to Tillamook county and departed for Tillamook county. She is said to be doing much good in arousing the enthusiasm of dairy cow owners.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c per bushel; forty-fold, 88c; red Russian, 85c; bluestem, 90c; barley, 87c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; roll-ed, \$25.25; brewing, \$26.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Fruits—Apples, new California, \$1.25@1.75 per box; cherries, 36@10c per pound; peaches, 40c@41c per box; prunes, \$1 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.75 per box; plums, 40c@50c per box; grapes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate.

Berries—Raspberries, \$1 per crate; loganberries, \$1 per crate; blackberries, 60c@61c.

Potatoes—New, 75c@1.25 per hundred; old, Oregon, 75c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 5c per pound.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2@2.75 per crate; watermelons, 90c@1.25 per 100 loose; watermelons, 90c@1.25 per 100 loose; casabas, \$2.75@3 per dozen.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 7c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; corn, 25c@30c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; egg plant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 4c per pound; peppers, 8c@10c per dozen; radishes, 12c per dozen; spinach, 23c per pound; tomatoes, 75c@81c per crate; celery, \$1.25 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen.

Butter—Extra, 27c per pound; fancy, 25c; choice, 20c; store, 18c.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 25c per dozen; firsts, 23c@24c; seconds, 22c@23c; thirds, 15c@20c; Eastern, 22c@24c.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11c per pound; fancy hens, 12c; roosters, 9c; spring, 14c; ducks, old, 8c; spring, 12c@12½c; geese, old, 8c; goslings, 10c@11c; turkeys, old, 18c@19c; young, 20c@24c.

Veal—Extra, 8c@8½c per pound; ordinary, 7c@7½c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.

Mutton—Fancy, 8c@9c.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4½c@5c per pound; old, 2c@2½c; contracts, 9c@10c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 10c@16½c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15c@15½c; mohair, choice, 18c@18½c.

RATE HEARINGS SET.

Interstate Commerce Commission to Meet in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—It was announced here today that the Interstate Commerce commission will meet in San Francisco August 18, to take up matters relating to the freight rate controversy between the commission and the railroads that have grown out of the new freight tariff order by the commission on shipments of lumber from points in the Willamette valley to San Francisco and Bay points.

It is likely that the commission will also hear complaints from the transcontinental railroads regarding the new ruling on Oriental tariffs, which its San Francisco meeting, which will be one of the most important sessions of the year.

The government officials here profess to be ignorant of the commission's program, but admit that the lumber rate controversy is to be considered.

The commission has been subpoenaed to answer in Federal Judge Morrow's court to show why an injunction should not be issued restraining the enforcement of the new lumber rates. The officials of the Pacific Mail company are preparing to submit their objections to the late ruling of the commission regarding the publication of overland tariffs on Oriental shipments. The new rule requires the publication of overland tariffs and the steamship people say they would be forced to go out of business because competition on the Pacific ocean forces them to give the Oriental shipper a lower rate than they give the American shipper. A strong protest is to be made.

FIGURES ON FIRE LOSSES.

Railroads and Coal and Lumber Companies Make Estimates.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 7.—J. L. Lindsay, president of the Crow's Nest Coal company, summarized the Northwest fire situation thus in a dispatch received here:

The fire area is about 30 miles long and from two to ten miles wide, and is still burning in many places at the outskirts, but Michel is safe, except in the case of high winds, and may be even then. Hosmer is quite safe and Coal Creek may be said to be almost certainly safe.

The loss of the Crow's Nest Pass company, owning mines at Coal Creek and Fernie and Michel, will be \$200,000, and the Canadian Pacific railway will lose \$200,000. The Great Northern railway will lose about \$250,000, and the lumber company not less than \$1,000,000. The loss of timber to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company will not be less than \$1,000,000. The loss to the city of Fernie will be not less than \$2,000,000.

STARTS GRAIN-RATE WAR.

Great Western Makes Slashing Reduction From Western States.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Changes in grain rates which may have a far-reaching effect upon the movement of the coming crops have been announced by the Chicago & Great Western railroad. That line has filed tariffs putting equalized rates into effect between Omaha and St. Paul on grain coming from west of the Missouri river. The new rates vary between 8 and 10 cents, the former charges having been 11 and 12 cents.

The new rates apply to all territory on the Missouri Pacific and Burlington systems, where the through rates are less than the sum of the local rates in and out of Omaha. The Great Western says that in all such cases it will take the haul East for what is left of the rate.

Officials of other roads assert that a general grain-rate war may result.

Booster Up Hop Prices.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 7.—There is a rumor to the effect that the hop-growers and dealers in this and Yolo counties will hold a meeting in this city in a few days to take drastic action to steady the hop market, which it is said is now suffering from overproduction. The movement which is said to be under way contemplates bringing the growers and dealers of the entire Pacific coast into line, with a view to letting a portion of this year's crop, possibly 20 to 25 per cent, go unpicked.

Fined Under Pass Law.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 7.—Convicted on a charge of violating the anti-pass law, S. C. Watts was fined \$500 and Gertie Williams \$100 in the Federal court today. Watts, who is a Great Northern brakeman, secured a pass for his wife and gave it to the Williams woman. Both were indicated. This was the first conviction of this kind ever had in Montana.

Flames Kick Up Whiskey.

Midway, Ky., Aug. 8.—Six immense bonded whiskey warehouses of Greenbaum Bros.' distillery at this place are threatened with total destruction by fire. Four of the warehouse buildings were reduced to ruins and the others are now on fire. A conflagration is threatened which will wipe out the whole of the town.

MACHINISTS ON CANADIAN OUT

Tie-Up of Railroad from Ocean to Ocean Is Their Aim.

Arbitration Award is the Cause—Men Refuse to Abide by Board's Decision—Twelve Thousand Men Obey Order of Union and Walk Out When Called.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 6.—Trades unionism in Canada has given its defy to the Canadian Pacific railway. Without any untoward incident or ostentatious show, the mechanics and kindred workmen yesterday quit work and all shops, big and little, on this great system are idle.

It is estimated that 12,000 men went out, the largest number being 2,200 in Montreal and 1,500 here. Two thousand men left work between Fort William and Vancouver, all at the dictates of the executive board. Even old workmen in line for pensions went home, and it seems to be the most complete tie-up in the history of railway shops in Canada. All the workmen employed around the trainheads at the depots went out and conductors and engineers caused some delay in the service by insisting on trains being properly made up before they would take trains out. Every wheel in the shops stopped and every fire died out when the whistle blew several short blasts, caretakers and shop foremen alone being left to put the pieces in shape for the period of idleness bound to follow.

The Canadian Pacific railway's view is that the finding of the board appointed at the request of the men should, in the company's opinion, be binding on the men. The Canadian Pacific railway not only did not seek arbitration, but, believing the board to be hostile to its interests, withdrew its representatives and the government appointed another arbitrator to represent the company, who therefor was not accepted by the company. Despite these facts the board so constituted gave a finding which was accepted by the Canadian Pacific under protest.

REFORMS BY SULTAN.

New Cabinet Asked for and Several Grafters Arrested.

Constantinople, Aug. 6.—The sultan, the grand vizier, and the newly formed ministry have resigned. The sultan has accepted the resignations, and tonight invited Lemalledu Etfendi, the Sheikh ul Islam and Kiamli Pasha to form a new cabinet.

The notorious Fehmi Pasha, ex-president of the council of state, has been lynched at Yenishair, in the vilayet of Brusa, Asia Minor.

Recid Pasha, San Rami Pasha and Mendid Pasha, respectively ex-ministers of the interior and marine and ex-prefect of Constantinople, were arrested today and conducted to the ministry of police amid hisses of the populace.

The arrests have been ordered of prominent officials of the old regime, and Tehin Pasha, ex-first secretary to Abdul Hamid, and Abdul Huda, court astrologer, have been taken into custody.

REPORTS EXAGGERATED.

Loss of Life at Fernie Not So Great as First Believed.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 6.—Prospectors in the region of Fernie are brighter today, and everyone is taking new heart.

The coroner said today that the deaths in Fernie City will not exceed 20. Of the 62 persons said to have been burned in the Elk River Lumber company's logging camp, all but two are now accounted for. The relief organizations are doing systematic work. Patrols of special constables are in charge of the camps, and sanitary rules are strictly enforced. During the past two days there have been 18 births and hundreds of young children are being brought back to the camp by their mothers from temporary places of refuge. The sale of liquor has been prohibited and Fernie is more orderly than ever before.

Funeral Service for Allison.

Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 6.—The funeral service for Senator William Boyd Allison will be held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the family home on Locust street. A brief eulogy will be pronounced. A simple prayer service will be said. There will be no flowers. The burial will be private. It is presumed that Rev. Bergen, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, will officiate. There will be no honorary pallbearers. Interment will be in Linwood cemetery here. A committee of friends will attend.

Algeria Is Shaken Again.

Constantine, Algeria, Aug. 6.—Renewed shocks of earthquake were felt here this afternoon and tonight. No casualties were reported.