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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Strikes are breaking out in many Russian cities.

The judge who tried Nan Patterson says she is guilty.

The Russian fleet is said to be anchored south of Hong Kong.

Loomis and Bowen each have stated his side of the controversy to the president.

Japan is growing more angry with France and may involve her and Britain in war.

A fire in the heart of Vienna caused an explosion of celluloid which injured between 35 and 40 policemen, firemen and passers-by.

The Federal grand bujry, sitting in Chicago, has secured all the innermost workings of the beef trust from the trunks seized a short time ago.

Government officials say there are already too many mints and the hopes of the Northwestern cities for mints or assay offices are not likely to be realized.

Statistics show that there has never been a president who did not take several vacations during his term of office. Washington was absent from the capital 181 days.

Recent arrests in Chicago have revealed the fact that hired sluggers are being employed by the Chicago unions engaged in the strike. A regular scale of prices exists.

The Chicago strike will be continued and extended.

Strikers are again breaking out in many Russian cities.

France is becoming alarmed lest Japan attack Indo-China.

The Japanese have pushed back the Russian left in Manchuria.

Secretary Morton says he has no intention of resigning from the cabinet at present.

The beef trust officials will appeal to Roosevelt against the prosecution's methods.

Tornadoes have struck several towns in Kansas and Texas. All were small and not much damage was done.

All charges against Colorado miners for participation in the Victor riot in June, 1904, have been dropped and the men released.

The president will not appoint a successor to the late Judge Bellinger for some time. This being a life position, he wants to be sure he has the right man when he is named.

The president has removed W. F. Matthews, United States marshal for Orgon, and appointed C. J. Reed. This action was taken at the request of District Attorney Hepey, who was able to show that Matthews is too friendly with accused land fraud men.

Seven miners were killed in an explosion at Butte, caused by careless handling of dynamite.

The Chicago grand jury investigating the beef trust has secured Armor's secret code used in making rebates.

The financial loss at Snyder, Oklahoma, will reach $500,000. Several more injured persons have been found.

Togo's fleet has been seen off the Pescadores islands, and it is believed a battle will occur near Hong Kong soon, as the Russians must fight before June or be caught by the typhoons.

The president has established a forest reserve in Wallowa county embracing about 300,000 acres of land, and will create several more in Oregon. Altogether nearly 10,000,000 acres will be placed in reserve.

Nan Patterson has been released from jail. It is not probable that she will be called upon to face another jury, as District Attorney Jerome believes his assistants have done their best and further efforts would be useless.

The Chicago Teamowners' association say they have the strikers beaten.

American employes in the Panama canal zone are leaving as fast as possible on account of yellow fever, and charge the officials with taking no steps toward protection of health.

France accuses Japan of bluffing on the neutrality question.

The Union Pacific is building six gasoline motor cars at the Omaha shops.

The Japanese have made the first move towards a new flank attack.

An earthquake throughout central and southern Mexico damaged many houses.

During the next 12 years Italy expects to spend $27,000,000 for new war vessels.

Judge Bellinger is growing weaker and his physicians hold out little hope of his recovery.

The Klamath Canal company in Southern Oregon has offered to sell out at a reduced price.

CONGER BACK FROM CHINA.

High Words of Praise for Condition of Chinese Government.

San Francisco, May 16.—E. H. Conger, ex-American minister to China, who was recently appointed ambassador to Mexico, arrived today on the steamer Siberia, from the Orient. Mrs. Conger accompanied him. It is Mr. Conger's intention to proceed almost immediately to the City of Mexico, unless he receives orders to the contrary. Mr. Conger said that diplomatic matters in China are in a satisfactory condition. To a question as to China's neutrality in the Russo-Japanese war, he said:

"China has always been disposed to maintain the strictest neutrality between the warring nations, and, although there has been considerable criticism from both Japanese and Russian sources, I believe that the Chinese government has never shown partiality one way or the other, but has always adhered strictly to the requirements of the international law."

Mr. Conger was asked concerning the periodic rumors of Boxer uprisings and replied:

"There is absolutely no truth in such reports. There is no danger of another Boxer outbreak. Of course, there are occasional troubles in the interior, but they arise from purely local causes which have no bearing on the presence of foreigners. There is no organized movement in China against foreign people. There never has been a time in the history of the country when the government was more ready or better prepared to put down any incipient organized effort that might be directed against resident foreigners."

FIGHTING MOROS.

American Troops Slay 300 Members of Outlaw Band.

Manila, May 16. — Fierce fighting has been going on the last few weeks on the island of Jolo, between the outlaw chief Pala, with 600 well armed followers, and troops under the personal command of Major General Leonard Wood. Pala's losses thus far are 300 killed, while those of General Wood are seven killed and 19 wounded. Pala and his remaining followers, in accordance with Moro tradition, prefer death to capture.

Pala was a noted slave trader and warrior when the Americans occupied the islands. Later he escaped with his followers to the island of Pula Sekar, near Borneo. One of Pala's leaders deserted and took refuge on the British settlement at Lahad. Pala, discovering his whereabouts, landed with a following and demanded of the British magistrate that he turn the deserter over to him. The demand was not complied with, and Pala ordered a massacre. Twenty-five persons, including several British, were killed.

BIDS ON PANAMA LUMBER.

Commission Extends Time Ten Days Upon Request.

San Francisco, May 16.—The efforts made by the commercial bodies of San Francisco to have the time extended for Pacific coast people for making bid to fill contracts for supplies of lumber for the Isthmian canal commission to be delivered at the Isthmus of Panama have been successful. Altogether 26,000,000 feet of lumber are needed immediately by the canal commission for use in the great works to be undertaken.

Recently the personnel of the commission was changed and the offices at Washington, D. C., were also removed from one place to another. In the confusion that resulted the coast cities failed to get blank proposals early enough to compete for the lumber orders, which alone amount to more than $300,000 at a conservative estimate. A dispatch was received by Secretary Burke, of the chamber of commerce, from Washington, which said:

"Referring to poster circulars inviting bids for yellow pine and Douglas fir, to be opened on the 16th and 19th, inform bidders on Pacific coast that opening of May 16th postponed until 26th."

Investigation To Go Further.

Chicago, May 16.—Following the present investigation of the packing industries by the Federal grand juries, according to the Chicago Chronicle, steps will be taken by the Federal authorities to make an investigation of the drug and steel industries, with a view of determining whether or not the larger firms controlling the bulk of these industries are not violating the anti-trust laws. The Secret service men, it is said, are now at work securing evidence to be used in connection with the two industries.

Porto Rican Strike Ends.

Washington, May 16.—The strike of the 14,000 agricultural laborers in Porto Rico has ended, according to a cablegram received today by President Gompers, from Santiago Iglesias, the organizer of the federation. The cablegram reads: "Strike ended satisfactorily." A recent mail report was received by Mr. Iglesias that 800 of the 14,000 who went on strike four weeks ago had secured 30 per cent increase in wages and a nine-hour day.

Route of Irrigation Committees.

Washington, May 16.—June 1 a congressional party, formed of members of both irrigation committees of congress and others, will leave Kansas City on a personal trip of inspection of irrigation construction at El Paso, San Francisco and other California points; Hazen, Nev.; Ogden, Salt Lake and points in Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. The trip will conclude July 4, in Denver.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LAND FRAUD TO BE SCARCE.

Stringent Rules for Filing Made by State Land Board.

Salem—The new form of applicaiton which has been adopted by the State Land board for use in applying for the purchase of state land has been made public, and it is found to be even more stringent in its requirements than the first reports indicated. In making application, the intending purchaser must give his postoffice address and make the usual affidavit that he wants the land for his own use and has made no agreement express or implied to sell or dispose of it.

The notary public, in taking the oath of the applicant, must also certify that he knows him to be the person whose name is signed. Two witnesses must sign the application, give their own postoffice addresses and certify that they know the applicant and believe that he wants the land for his own use and benefit and is applying in good faith.

The witnesses must swear to their statement and the notary must certify that the witnesses are personally known to him. The requirements in making an application for the purchase of state land are now more strict than the formalities in executing a deed.

The grand jury of Marion county having reported that certain certificates were issued on fraudulent applications, further payments on these deeds or certificates are suspended until the board has an opportunity to investigate.

Cities Get New Days.

Portland—Owing to difficulties in getting adequate railway facilities, a long list of city official days at the Lewis and Clark fair have been changed. Following are the Oregon cities affected:

June 5, Monday—Dallas, Newberg and Dayton.

June 6, Tuesday — McMinnville, Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

June 7, Wednesday—Pendleton and Heppner.

June 8, Thursday—The Dalles, Prineville and Moro.

June 9, Friday—Ashland, Grants Pass, Medford and Jacksonville.

June 10, Saturday—Astoria, Salem, Oregon City and Woodburn.

June 12, Monday—Roseburg and Cottage Grove.

June 13, Tuesday—La Grande and Union.

June 14, Wednesday—Corvallis and Independence.

June 15, Thursday—Joseph, Lostine, Wallowa and Elgin.

June 16, Friday—Eugene and Albany.

June 17, Saturday—Baker City and Sumpter.

Shear at Nolin and Yoakum.

Pendleton—The two Stanton sheep shearing crews that have been shearing in the vicinity of Nolin and Yoakum have finished and are preparing to leave for the vicinity of Pilot Rock, where they have a large number yet to shear. At Nolin they sheared 14,000 sheep for William Slusher, the fleeces averaging 14 pounds apiece. These were the best they have yet sheared this season. Mr. Slusher received 17 cents a pound for his wool, the Pendleton Scouring mills being the purchasers.

Wasco Out of Debt.

The Dalles — Wasco county is now clear of debt, every warrant of the county having been called and cancelled by the treasurer. During the past month County Treasurer Donnell paid and canceled over $81,000 worth of outstanding warrants, which cleared up the county's debt, and still left money in the treasury with which to pay current expenses. It is the first time in many years that Wasco county has been able to cash its warrants the day they were drawn.

Wool 27 Cents at Salem.

Salem — The Salem Woolen Mills company has now a standing offer of 27 cents per pound for good valley wool. Although this offer is from 1 to 1½ cents in advance of the regular market quotation, there are few takers and very little of this year's product is changing hands. Eastern Oregon wool is worth from 25 to 26 cents here, but there is none offered for sale of either quality, and indications are that the price may mount still higher.

Co-Operative Company to Build.

North Powder—The North Powder Co-Operative Mercantile company has begun erection of a corrugated iron building 40x80 feet, which will be used as a hardware and implement store. It is expected that June 15 will mark the completion of the structure. Two weeks will mark the completion of the Farmers' and Merchants' State bank, and the opening of that institution for business.

Oklahoma Potato Experiment.

Vale — Ex-County Treasurer J. C. Kelley will experiment during the coming summer with seed potatoes from Oklahoma, of which he received severval hundred pounds recently. This variety is said to produce two crops in one year. Mr. Kelley will have them planted on his farm, adjoining Vale.

Cottage Grove Grows.

Eugene—The census of Cottage Grove and Florence has been completed by Assessor Keeney's deputy. Cottage Grove has a population of 1,410, an increase of 437 over the census returns of 1900. Florence shows a population of 258, an increase of only 36 in five years.

NO MORE SUMMER SMOKE.

Oregon Forest Fire Law is Intended to Stop Nuisance.

Salem—If a "scare head" warning will call the attention of the people of Oregon to the new forest fire law and secure obedinence to its provisions, there will be no smoky days this summer. Secretary of State Dunbar has just caused to be printed a large quantity of large posters, on cloth, to be tacked up in conspicuous places all over the state. "Fire Notice! Warning!" are the words in large type at the head of the poster, and then follows a statement of the purpose of the law and a summary of its provisions. Mr. Dunbar will send a bundle of these posters to each county clrek, with the request that they be sent to different parts of the several counties to be posted. If tacked where they will not be too much exposed to the weather, the posters should last two or three seasons. The law becomes effective May 19, but its provisions do not affect the setting of fires until June 1.

Lewis and Clark Fair Events.

Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, Portland, June 1 to October 15. Events: National American Woman Suffrage association, June 29-July 5; American Medical association, July 11-14; Transcontinental Passenger association, June 5; United Commercial travelers, interstate convention, June 9; Traveling Men's day, June 10; National association State Dairy and Food departments, June 20; Pacific Coast Electric Transmission association, June 20-21; American Library association, July 2-7; Interstate Anti-Cigarette association, July 15-17; Charities and Corrections association, national conference, July 15-22; Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association, July 17-19; Gamma Eta Kappa traternity, national convention, July 20-22; North Pacific sangerbund, July 21-23; W. C. T. U., national conferences, June 27-28; Sportsmen's association of the Northwest, annual tournament, June 22-24; Dominion of Canada day, July 1; Odd Fellows day, June 9.

To Run Special Train.

Baker City—As a result of the visit here of General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig and Traveling Passenger Agent H. O'Neil, of the O. R. & N. Co., arrangements are being made under the auspices of the Development league, Elks and other organizations, for a grand excursion from Baker City, by special train, to Portland, on the occasion of Baker City day at the Lewis and Clark fair, June 17. During the same week there will be special Masonic doings and exemplification of work by the Portland Elks, and the 17th is also Sumpter day, so that it is estimated that hundreds will take advantage of the opportunity and visit the fair in a body on a special train with decorated cars and delegates wearing uniforms and badges.

Portage Road Salary List.

Salem—At a special meeting of the State Portage board the wage schedule for the employes of the road was practically decided upon and all arrangements made for the engaging of an entire force of operatives before its completion and acceptance by the state. It was decided to pay the locomotive engineer, who must be qualified to keep his engine in constant good repair, $90 per month; the locomotive fireman, $60; hoist engineer, $75; conductor, who must also act as brakeman and trainman generally, $60; section foreman, $60; and three section hands, $50 each, per month. This, including the superintendent's salary, will bring the monthly salary account up to about $690.

Expert County Books.

Pendleton— For the first time in the history of Umatilla county, so it is said, the books of all the Umatilla county officials will be experted. A contract has just been made between the county commissioners and Clark & Buchanan, of Portland. The work of the clerks, sheriffs, assessors, treasurers, recorders and school superintendents for the past six years will be gone over by a force of men. For some reason the work of the various county officials has never been experted in the past.

Land Office Must Go.

Oregon City—Officials of the United States land office have received positive notice of removal of the office to Portland July 1. Copies of the notice will be sent to every postoffice in the district and the location of quarters in Portland will be determined soon. A remonstrance against the removal has been circulated throughout the district and several thousand signatures secured. It will be forwarded to Washington in a few days.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Club, 84@85c per bushel; bluestem, 90@92c; valley, 85@90c.

Oats—No. 1 white, feed, $28@29 per ton; gray, $28.

Hay — Timothy, $14@16 per ton; clover, $11@12; grain, $11@12; cheat, $11@12.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 18@20c.

Potatoes — Oregon fancy, 90c@$1; new potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

Apples—$1.50@2.50 per box.

Strawberries—Oregon, 10@20c.

Hops—Choice, 1904, 23½@25c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 25@27½c; Eastern Oregon, best, 17@21c; mohair, choice, 31@32½c per pound.

WILL OPEN FAIR.

Vice President Coming to Portland as Representative of President.

Washington, May 15.—Vice President Fairbanks intended to leave for his Indiana home last night to spend the next two months with his family, but he received word that the president wanted to see him, and called at the White house at 11:30 today. The president told him of his deep interest in the Lewis and Clark exposition and his regret that he himself could not attend the opening of it. He said, however, that the administration should be represented, and to his mind nothing would be more appropriate than that the second official of the nation should represent the president on that occasion. Mr. Fairbanks promptly fell in with the president's suggestion, and expressed his thorough willingness to go to Portland, and has now changed his plans so as to reach Portland the last week in May. He and Mrs. Fairbanks will be present and participate in the opening ceremonies. The vice president will make the principal speech of the occasion.

Being unable to get to Portland either at the opening of the expoition or later in the summer, the president has accepted the invitation extended to him by President Goode to press the button which will be the signal for the formal opening of the exposition, at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of June 1—that is, 1 o'clock Portland time, 4 o'clock Washington time. A special through telegraph wire will be run from the East room of the White house into the exposition grounds at Portland. At the Washington end will be the same gold key which President Roosevelt used to open the St. Louis exposition last year, and which former presidents used to open the Clicago, Buffalo and other expositions of times past.

KITTITAS ASKS IRRIGATION.

Reclamation Service Promises Attention to Its Project.

Washington, May 15.—The Reclamation service has received a resolution passed by the Commercial club of Kittitas county, Washington, asking that it make a careful and speedy survey and investigation of the feasibility of the construction of a high line canal for the purpose of reclamation and cultivation of about 100,000 acres of land in that county, which are fertile in the production of all kinds of hay, grain, fruit and vegetables, including sugar beets. It is urged that the irrigation of this large body of land will result in effecting storage of the water so used for lands below in the Yakima valley, for the reason that all the water so used naturally drains back into the Yakima river.

The Reclamation service states that it fully recognizes the great importance of the Yakima project to Kittitas county, and that a careful investigation to determine its feasibility from an engineering as well as from a financial standpoint will be made.

GOMEZ CUBA'S PRESIDENT.

Liberals and Moderates Will Hold Nominating Conventions.

Havana, May 15.—The national nominating convention of the New Liberal party will open tonight.

All indications point to the nomination for the presidency of Cuba of Jose Miguel Gomez, who was appointed governor of Santa Clara province by the government of intervention and afterward was elected to that position. The convention will be made up of 150 delegates, of whom 90 will be Nationalists. Maximo Gomez having positively refused to be a candidate, the only other prominent person mentioned is Governor Nunez of Havana province.

The Moderates will shortly hold a convention to nominate President Palma by acclamation for the presidency and Mendez Capote, former president of the senate, for the vice presidency. The election will take place in December.

May Tell More Secrets.

Chicago, May 15.—Federal officials claim to have an important new witness in the "beef trust" inquiry. H. J. Streyckmans, who before the Interstate Commerce commission divulged the alleged secret system of rebates and overcharges by Armour & Co., and read a secret code, will today be brought before the Federal grand jury investigating the beef industries. The witness, formerly an employe of Armour & Co., is expected to give testimony before a grand jury similar to that of the coml mission.

Kansas Not Quite Dry.

Topeka, Kan., May 15.—Special reports have been received from 42 Kansas counties regarding the enforcement of the prohibitory law. Of these 19 report the existence of licensed saloons. Over 480 saloons in Kansas are paying licenses to the different city governments. The information has been placed before Governor Hoch to form a basis for his coming order to close all liquor selling enterprises in the state.

Valuable Relics of Pompeii Found.

Rome, May 15. — Excavations near Pompeii have resulted in the finding of a human skeleton and nearby four solid gold braclets of beautiful design and set with emeralds, a pair of pearl ear rings, two golden necklaces set with pearls and emeralds, and two emerald rings. The articles of jewelry, being from the Pompeiian epoch, are of great artistic value.