

## LEXINGTON WHEATFIELD

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

The Union Pacific will make a test case of the Nebraska 2-cent rate law.

Butte is overrun with holdup men. Three and four robberies occur a night.

A new combine is now under way which will control the rubber trade of the world.

The South American war is believed to be over now that the Honduran president has surrendered.

Austria and Germany are to confer regarding their attitude at the coming Hague peace conference.

Three Los Angeles Home Telephone men are afraid they will be indicted by the San Francisco grand jury.

Eleven Japanese are to be returned home from Seattle for coming to this country under contract.

Trains in California have all resumed their regular service, as all trace of the recent washouts has disappeared.

The Thaw jury has disagreed and been discharged by the court. A new trial will commence in October. The trial has cost the county and family \$300,000. An effort will be made to let the defendant out on bail.

Chicago packing house men threaten another strike.

A new Anglo-Spanish alliance has been concluded.

Morocco is endeavoring to end French occupation of Oudja.

Dr. Thompson, M. P., will likely be appointed governor of Klondike.

President Bonilla, of Honduras, has surrendered to Nicaraguan troops.

Lord Cromer has presented Great Britain with his resignation as ruler of Egypt.

Senator Burrows says Roosevelt would decline even if nominated for a third term.

Topeka, Kan., has set aside a holiday on which the people propose to dig up all the dandelions of the city.

The San Francisco grand jury is almost ready to turn in a bunch of indictments against millionaires.

The Kansas attorney general has started proceedings against all brewery companies and whiskey jobbers doing business in the state.

The Carnegie institute at Pittsburg has been dedicated. It is to be devoted to fine arts and cost \$6,000,000. Six thousand tons of marble alone were used in its construction.

The Ruef jury has not yet been completed.

April 9 five inches of snow fell in New York.

Pearly will make another start for the pole in June.

A new labor dispute has broken out at Goldfield, Nevada.

Ten Denver men have been indicted for selling mining stock in a worthless cave.

Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, declares Roosevelt to be the greatest ruler in the world.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, has called a special session of the legislature to pass anti-gambling laws.

Six automobiles are being built in different parts of the world to use in attempts to reach the north pole.

Secretary Taft believes it will be impossible to restore the government of Cuba to its people before July 4, 1908.

The Canadian minister denies that a treaty is being negotiated by the United States and Great Britain concerning the boundaries between Canada and the United States.

An army officer is to ride one of Daverpor's Arab horses from Portland to New York. If its staying qualities show up better than those of American horses a change may be made in cavalry mounts.

Taft and Cummings are Roosevelt's ticket for 1908.

Delmas has begun his argument to the jury in Thaw's defense.

The English house of lords is not disturbed by the move to abolish them.

Jacob Riis, a lifelong friend of the president, says a third term will positively not be accepted.

The warehouse district of Harbin, Manchuria, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is placed at \$2,000,000.

## REDUCE HARRIMAN POWERS.

Union Pacific Directors Believe He Has Too Great Control.

New York, April 12.—Some of the directors of the Union Pacific railroad favor a material reduction of the extraordinary powers conferred upon its president, Edward H. Harriman, which make the company a one-man affair.

At present the executive committee has all the powers of the directors when the latter are not in session, and Mr. Harriman has all the powers of the executive committee when that body is not in session. In other words, Mr. Harriman can do as he pleases, except for the few minutes once a week or once a month, when the committee is in session.

He has a power of attorney and could sell the millions upon millions of the securities of other roads owned by the Union Pacific at what price he pleased, or he could hypothecate securities, borrow tens of millions upon them from banks and engage in stock market operations on a colossal scale.

In the hope of appeasing the Union Pacific stockholders and eliminating the public distrust in the securities of the Harriman roads, it is proposed to put some new blood in the executive committee, reorganize the body and adopt resolutions taking away from Mr. Harriman some of the powers which have provoked so much criticism.

## GIVE GOOD REPORT.

Congressmen Say Work on Canal Is Progressing Rapidly.

Washington, April 12.—Chairman Tawney, of the house committee on appropriations and Representative Olcott, who have recently returned from a visit to the isthmus of Panama, today discussed with the president conditions as they found them. Mr. Tawney is favorably impressed with the progress being made in the canal work, and told the president he thought that at the present rate the waterway should be completed in five years.

He said he regarded it as unfortunate that the engineering world had been representing to the people that an almost impossible engineering problem confronted it. The principal conditions now to be met, he said, were those of sufficient railroad capacity to take care of the dirt excavated, and sanitation with the view to keeping the place in a good, healthful condition.

Mr. Tawney also discussed with the president questions affecting congressional appropriations for canal work, and it is likely some legislation bearing on the subject, will be recommended to congress as the result of the visit to the isthmus.

## PREMIER DEFIED BY PUBLIC.

Questions Authority to Forbid Gathering of Statistics.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—Premier Stolypin, in attempting to limit the competence of the lower house of parliament by forbidding its committees to obtain statistics from the Zemstvos and avail themselves of outside expert advice, has been defied by the public. President Golovin had written a curt letter to the premier asking him on what grounds and under what law he is entitled to address such demands to the imperial parliament. The law, M. Golopin says, contains a paragraph authorizing the lower house of parliament to interpellate the government but nowhere was there a reciprocal right on the part of the ministers.

The actions of President Golovin and the budget committee were taken after a long conference between the president and leaders of all the parties in parliament except the extreme right, and brings the issue squarely before the cabinet.

The discussion of the budget in committee is expected to last from four to six weeks. The estimates probably will be accepted, with minor changes by the house, when presented.

## Obey Colorado Laws.

Denver, April 12.—Insurance Commissioner Rittenhouse, who has been in Indianapolis for several days conferring with the officials of the State Life Insurance company, of Indiana, whose license to do business in this state was revoked recently, telegraphed State Auditor Statler yesterday to issue a new license to the company, which was done. The company agreed to abandon its plan of issuing stock to policyholders, which was construed as a violation of the state law, resulting in their permit being cancelled.

## Navy to Have Four Bases.

Shanghai, April 12.—It is said the organized navy of China is to have four bases, one on Chang Chow island, one in the Miao Tao group, a third in the Chusan archipelago and a fourth on Hainan island. The scheme involves the outfit of 12,000,000 taels annually for the construction of new moderate sized armored cruisers, a number of torpedo boats and a dozen submarines.

## FOR OREGON CLAIMS

Commissioner Ballinger to Rush Action on Land Patents.

## GREAT WRONG HAS BEEN DONE

Assures Senator Bourne That No More Claims Will Be Held Up on Mere Suspicion.

Washington, April 13.—Land Commissioner Ballinger today assured Senator Bourne of his intention of "raising the lid" in Oregon, meaning that he intended to take up and pass all valid public land entries that have long been under suspension in that state.

A great many entries were held up by the old administration on mere suspicion that there was something crooked about them. There was no actual evidence of wrongdoing or wrong intent on the part of these entrymen. Mr. Ballinger will pass to patent every Oregon entry which, upon examination, appears to be made in good faith, and those entries that are irregular or show evidence of fraud will be examined as promptly as possible and appropriate action taken.

Mr. Ballinger agrees with Mr. Bourne that Oregon has suffered unjustly in late years, and he is willing to do everything in his power to place the state on the same footing with all others. He has hopes of disposing of all pending entries during the coming summer, and it is his expectation that a great many will pass to patent in the near future.

The commissioner is rapidly putting the land office on a sound business basis, he himself working until midnight every night at reorganization. He is determined to make the land office a thorough business institution and bring its work up to date.

## DOLLAR SAVES A LIFE.

America Urged to Give \$3,000,000 for Chinese Sufferers.

Shanghai, China, April 13.—Telegrams received here from 20 points in the famine district reported that the conditions are growing worse.

The Chinese government and people, up to date, have contributed more than four million dollars for famine relief, and the sums received from all foreign sources total half a million dollars, including the supplies on their way from America.

The relief committee here is promptly sending supplies to the front, but the funds are not yet in its possession. Measures adopted up to date are inadequate. Ten million persons are suffering from lack of food and facing starvation.

A dollar, the relief committee reports, will save one life until the harvest, June 25, and \$10,000,000 is needed. The whole amount cannot be raised in China. The situation is desperate, and Americans are urged to give \$3,000,000 in the next three weeks, not for Christian, but for humanitarian works. It is suggested that it would be best to cable money to the consul here, James Linn Rodgers, as supplies can be purchased in Shanghai.

## SANTA FE MUST STAND TRIAL.

Judge Welborn Declines to Quash Indictments for Rebating.

Los Angeles, April 13.—In a lengthy verbal opinion, Judge Olin Welborn, in the United States District court, declined to quash the indictments against the Santa Fe Railroad company for alleged rebating, and the company must stand trial upon 65 separate counts. Judge Welborn's opinion reaffirmed the doctrine set forth in the American Tobacco company case, that a corporation is not a person, as defined in the fourth and fifth amendments to the constitution of the United States, and may be compelled to give testimony tending to incriminate itself.

Judge Welborn gave the defendants permission to file a demurrer, if they desire to do so, by April 22.

## Buy Off Canadian Sealers.

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, in the senate today, read a cable dispatch from Great Britain saying that an agreement had been reached between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, whereby Canada agreed to give up deep sea sealing rights for a monetary consideration. Mr. Scott said in reply that, as far as the Canadian government knew, nothing had been done toward abrogating the agreement made two or three years ago as to the seal fishers.

## Smuggled Japanese Caught.

El Paso, April 13.—Inspector Shumacker, in charge of the immigration office here, received a telegram today telling of the capture of eight smuggled Japanese. Five were caught at Fort Worth, one at Pecos and two at Albuquerque. They had slipped across the border west of the station.

## HERMANN FLOUNDERS.

Testimony While on the Stand Makes a Poor Showing.

Washington, April 10.—Binger Hermann literally went to pieces yesterday afternoon when subjected to cross examination by District Attorney Baker. Where previously he had been calm and suave, though sometimes evasive, he frequently exhibited temper, when pressed with embarrassing questions, and repeatedly avoided giving direct answers to questions put to him by the prosecuting officer. When pinned down he made several reluctant admissions that reflected anything but credit upon him. At other times, though confronted with documentary evidence showing that the district attorney styled violations of the law upon his part, Hermann repeatedly denied all guilt and undertook to explain away transactions which involved him in various land deals. The most pitiable feature of Hermann's explanations was that they did not explain.

Altogether Hermann showed up in an extremely bad light. Unless he improves when the bulk of the cross examination is conducted, it is evident he will have done his cause more injury than good by going upon the stand.

Hermann was asked if he had recommended Mays' appointment as district attorney. He had no recollection of taking such action. When the document was produced showing a joint recommendation of Mays, signed by Mitchell, Dolph and Hermann, the witness vividly recalled the circumstances.

## MAKE HARRIMAN ANSWER.

Commerce Commission Will Ask for Order From Court.

Washington, April 10.—According to a decision reached by the Interstate Commerce commission today, E. H. Harriman will be made to appear in the United States Circuit court in New York in answer to proceedings to compel him to answer certain questions which he refused to answer when he was on the stand at the recent hearing by the commission in New York. The action will be brought as Messrs. Kellogg and Severance, special counsel, can prepare the case for court.

The hearing at which Mr. Harriman appeared was in connection with certain transactions of the Union Pacific. On advice of counsel he refused to answer the questions put to him. It was brought out in the testimony that the Union Pacific owned a large amount of Southern Pacific stock. Mr. Harriman was asked whether any and, if so, how much of that stock belonged to himself, when he bought it and what price he paid for it, but he declined to answer.

Another question which he refused to answer and that on which the commission desires light was whether or not any of the directors of the Union Pacific were interested in the sale of certain shares of stock of the New York Central railroad at the time they were sold to the Union Pacific.

## DAY SPENT IN CONFERENCE.

Nicaragua Makes Counter Proposition to Salvador and Guatemala.

Washington, April 10.—A day of conference between the Central American representatives here in their efforts to reach a basis for peace had no marked results. Having deciphered the cable response from his own government to the propositions submitted to him yesterday by the representatives of Salvador and Guatemala, Senor Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, called today upon Senor Creel, the Mexican ambassador, who had taken the part of mediator, and acquainted him with President Zelaya's answer. This made necessary further conference, which fact was taken as an indication that the Nicaraguan response was in the nature of a counter proposition.

Messrs. Corea and Creel then repaired to the State department to confer with Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon. This conference also advanced matters only so far as to pave the way for another conference, which was held late in the afternoon between Messrs. Corea and Creel and Herrante and Mejia, the latter two representing Guatemala and Salvador, respectively.

## Standard's Rival Indicted.

Topeka, Kan., April 10.—H. H. Tucker, Jr., secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company, with headquarters in Kansas City, was indicted by the Federal grand jury this morning on the charge of using the mails to defraud. His arrest at Kansas City, Kan., followed a writ of capias having been issued. The penalty on conviction may be either a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for five years. In February, 1905, Mr. Tucker organized the Uncle Sam Oil & Refinery company and incorporated under the Arizona law.

## Texas to Close Bucket Shops.

Austin, Tex., April 10.—Both branches of the Texas legislature today passed a bill prohibiting the operation of bucketshops, cotton exchanges or any dealings in futures in Texas.

## WRECK ON O. R. & N.

Sinking Fill Near Cayuse Casts Train Into Ditch.

## CARS BREAK LIKE EGG SHELLS

Four Persons Killed, Four Seriously Injured and More Than Score Badly Hurt.

Pendleton, April 11.—Four persons were instantly killed, four seriously injured and more than a score of others cut, bruised and badly shaken up in the worst wreck in the history of the O. R. & N., which occurred yesterday morning about 3:30 o'clock near Cayuse station, about 15 miles east of this city, just at the foot of the Blue mountains. The monster engine turned a complete somersault in the air, and, now, completely wrecked, is standing on end in the Umatilla river. The mail car, two baggage cars and a smoker are piled in a heap, the former being smashed into kindling wood.

No passenger coaches with the exception of the smoker left the track, though passengers were hurried from their seats and berths, many of them receiving severe cuts and bruises. The smoker was left standing nearly on end and the occupants were thrown in a heap to the front end of the car, which was crushed in like an egg shell. Why many of them were not instantly killed and all seriously mangled cannot be explained by the trainmen.

The train was passenger No. 5, in charge of Conductor Coykendall, four hours late and moving at a slow speed, which accounts for the small number of passengers injured. The wreck was caused by a fill across the gulch giving way under the weight of the engine.

## COMING IN DROVES.

Thousands of Homeseekers Flocking Westward Daily.

Portland, April 11.—After making a careful estimate of the colonist business coming West, A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, who has just returned from the East, estimates that between 5,000 and 7,000 homeseekers are leaving the Eastern gateways daily and that this tremendous movement will continue during the season.

Mr. Charlton paid particular attention to the colonist movement while away. He personally visited the depots, where crowds of west bound homeseekers are flocking to the trains and crowding the coaches. Many, not finding seats, are even willing to stand, so eager are they to get to the new promised land.

The Northern Pacific, according to Mr. Charlton, is hauling between 2,500 and 3,000 colonists out of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth every day. The Great Northern and "Soo" lines, of course, takes a great many more. Taking the southern gateways into consideration, Mr. Charlton believes that the total number leaving for the West with the avowed intention of making their homes here will run close to 7,000 every day of the 60-day season.

## JUDGE BOISE DEAD.

One of Oregon's Ablest Jurists and Pioneer of Coast.

Salem, April 11.—Judge Reuben Patrick Boise, one of the earliest pioneers, ablest jurists, and founders of the fundamental laws, and moulders of the destiny of the state of Oregon, passed away at his old home in this city shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His malady was a combination of stomach and kidney trouble. He had reached the advanced age of 87 years, 9 months and 22 days.

There was perhaps no better known and prominent man in the public mind of the state of Oregon or the Pacific Northwest than Judge Boise. He was one of the three who framed the first code of laws of the Oregon territory; one of the few surviving members of the constitutional convention of the state.

## Try to Kill Grand Duke.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—It was announced today that another attempt on the life of Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch had been frustrated. The grand duke was returning from Tsarskoe-Selo by train at 2 o'clock this morning. When the train was 13 miles from St. Petersburg it was brought to a sudden stop by a fusillade of shots from the track side. The entry said he had seen four men hiding behind an embankment. The men succeeded in getting away, though several shots were fired at them.

## Drouth Kills Cuban Cattle.

Havana, April 11.—The rural guards report the death of hundreds of cattle throughout the island as a result of the continued drouth. Cuba has not had a good rain since the October cyclone and the crops are suffering.