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LEXINGTON OREGON

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 Chinese crops will be short again this year.

Adams is to be forced to testify in the Haywood case.

Nicaragua has sent an army to assist revolutionists of Salvador.

A cloudburst near Tilford, a small South Dakota town, caused the death of five people.

All employes of the Western Union throughout the United States are ready to go on strike.

Mayor Schmitz remains a prisoner in jail and the board of supervisors will elect his successor.

The German Insurance company has offered its San Francisco policy holders 50 cents on the dollar.

Japanese hope the visit to their country by Secretary Taft may lead to a new treaty being framed.

Harriman has given up control of the Alton railroad to the stockholders after making a nice profit.

According to report a plot has been found the victim of which was to be Vice President Fairbanks.

The launch of the battleship Minnesota has been found, together with the bodies of the men drowned.

Stolypin, premier of Russia, demands the arrest of conspirators against the czar under threat of dissolving the duma.

Several severe earthquakes are reported in Chile.

Idaho land fraud trials have been delayed by the illness of a juror.

The Portland gateway will not be opened to Washington lumbermen until next year.

There is a movement among Union Pacific stockholders to force the sale of stock of other roads.

The French chamber of deputies is trying to provide some means of relief for the winegrowers.

The Northern Pacific may sell the Burlington to the Great Northern, fearing government inquiry.

The trial of Louis Glass, once president of the Pacific States Telephone company, has been postponed.

There is a promise of warm sessions of the Hague peace conference.

China is establishing a model government in Manchuria.

Russia has established a military frontier along the boundary of Siberia to guard against encroachment by Chinese from Manchuria.

Haywood says Orchard is a great liar and promises to prove it.

Washington lumbermen demand a through rate to the East and South via Portland.

Three men were instantly killed by the premature explosion of a blast at Butte.

Railroad presidents have agreed to make test cases of the new 2-cent fare laws in five Western states.

Defense in the Haywood case at Boise tries to shake Orchard's testimony, but makes very little headway.

Inhabitants on both sides of the border between Mexico and Guatemala are in a state of excitement and only a spark is needed to start a war.

As the result of an automobile accident while touring in England, H. C. Johnson, of California, is dead, and James Blake, of Philadelphia, fatally injured and the wives of both men slightly injured.

The city council of Aberdeen refuses to accept a \$15,000 gift from Carnegie.

Government crop reports show a decrease in the acreage of spring wheat this year of 7 per cent.

Heney has closed his prosecution against Schmitz, having brought out plenty of evidence to secure conviction.

A sister-in-law of the Duke of Westminster is traveling as a gypsy in search of material for writing a book.

The mayors and city councils of many towns in France are resigning and joining the strike against impure wines.

The Water-Pierce Oil Company of Texas, goes into the hands of a receiver as a result of a jury verdict against them.

Howard Gould can't go on his usual vacation abroad this year. He will stay in New York to fight his wife's divorce suit.

SCHMITZ IS GUILTY.

Jury Agrees That San Francisco Mayor Extorted Money.

San Francisco, June 14.—A jury of 12 of his peers has declared Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz guilty of the crime of extortion as charged against him by the Oliver grand jury.

The jury was out just one hour and thirty-five minutes. It elected Charles E. Capp foreman and at once proceeded to an informal ballot. This was cast verbally and stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal. Mr. Burns, a shoemaker, cast the dissenting vote. Then the 12 men began a discussion of the evidence, which lasted for nearly an hour. At the end of that time the first formal ballot was cast. It was a written ballot and was unanimous for conviction. The jurymen issued this statement to the Associated Press immediately after their dismissal by the court.

The mayor received the verdict quietly and without emotion. He sat at the table talking with his counsel, while a few loyal friends came up and shook him by the hand. Many of the city employes, appointees of Schmitz, were present and they showed the greatest surprise and consternation.

Assistant District Attorney Heney, who has borne the brunt of the battle for the prosecution, was not in the courtroom when the verdict was brought in. Even the prosecution did not expect such a quick decision by the jury, and was unprepared for it. There were no signs of jubilation when the result of the trial was known among the forces of the prosecution. They took their victory quietly.

Among the crowd were heard expressions of satisfaction that justice had been done, but they were mingled with words of regret that Schmitz, who had played such a gallant part during the fire and earthquake, had succumbed to the influence that had brought about his conviction of felony. Sentence will be pronounced June 27.

MAY HAVE DISPUTE AT HAGUE.

Japanese Scheme Of Aggression Opposed by America.

New York, June 14.—A Vienna dispatch to the Herald quotes a delegate to The Hague conference, said to be the representative of a great power, as declaring that Japan is to hurl a bomb into the conference by bringing forward the question of right of a conqueror to annex territory subjugated with all that is upon it.

This will be warmly denied by both Russia and the United States, the Herald's informant is quoted as saying. The Russians have large private properties in Manchuria, and the United States considerable mining and other interests in Corea. Of such interests Japan proposes to deprive them. At all events, that is to be the object of her proposition.

The United States proposes to bring a motion diametrically opposed to that of Japan, and this, in view of the present existing controversy between Japan and America, it is easy to see has all the makings of a first-class international row.

FINISH WITH ORCHARD.

Chief Witness for State on Stand for Six Days.

Boise, Idaho, June 14.—The cross-examination of Harry Orchard closed yesterday. He had been on the stand six full days and parts of two, having been called at 9:30 o'clock on June 4, and his cross-examination being finished at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. In his direct examination eight and one-half hours were consumed, while his cross-examination occupied 26 hours. He left the stand apparently stronger than when he began his testimony, and he is in excellent spirits, according to the statement of the warden, feeling relieved after thus unburdening himself of his long story of crime of every grade from murder down.

Men Instat on Straight Raise.

Butte, Mont., June 14.—A Miner special from Helena states that the American Smelting & Refining company today announced a proposition to its employes whereby a second increase in wages of from 15 to 25 cents a day is granted. The scale for yardmen and mechanics remains unchanged but the men will work eight hours instead of ten. The company also announces more liberal terms governing the recently inaugurated bonus system. The employes have presented demands for an increase of 50 cents a day.

Russia Will Borrow Again.

New York, June 14.—A Paris dispatch to the Times states that arrangements are being made by European financiers to supply Russia with \$50,000,000 in gold, of which sum the United States is to furnish \$12,000,000. The understanding is that the money is to be applied exclusively to domestic needs.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BY RAIL TO KLAMATH FALLS.

Last Few Miles Will Delay Completion Until Fall of 1908.

Klamath Falls—The California-Northeastern Railroad is expected to reach Darris, seven miles from Teeter's Landing, by November 1. Steamers ply between Teeter's and this city, so that next winter there will be but seven miles of staging in the trip to this city.

A regular train service over the new railroad will be established July 1, when the road will be completed to Orr's Meadows. The road is being built in a substantial manner, which gives assurance that it will one day be used as the main line of the Southern Pacific between Portland and Sacramento.

The road will in all probability not reach Klamath Falls until the fall of 1908, as it will require considerable time to complete the dike across the marsh and to construct the drawbridge across Klamath river.

Berry Prices Up Again.

Hood River—Cold weather and rain which fell here for the first time in many weeks is holding back the strawberry crop, the season for which is thought to be about half over. Prices for berries have taken an upward tendency, bringing in the neighborhood of \$2.75. So far 30 cars have been shipped out this season with the expectation that as many more will be moved before it is over. This does not include the number of crates shipped by express, which has reached about 8,000. The total number of cars shipped last year was 28, so that although the crop is not as large as expected it is a better one than that of 1906. Growers now look for it to reach 60,000 crates against 75,000 or 80,000, which was predicted early in the season.

Planing Mill for Silverton.

Silverton—A movement is on foot in this city to establish another lumbering enterprise, which promises to be a very important addition to lumbering interests in Silverton. C. J. Simeral, Brewer Bros., Al Porter and LeRoy Browne, all owning sawmills near here, have purchased eight acres of land south of the depot and will in the very near future erect a large planing mill, where all kinds of dressed lumber will be manufactured. The four mills interested in the enterprise have a capacity of 50,000 feet of lumber a day. They will incorporate, and it is expected that one or two other millowners will become interested in the transaction.

Holds Option on Water Power.

Oregon City—M. F. Donahoe has secured from Frank Habelt a renewal of an option on 280 acres of land three miles from Cazadero on the Clackamas river. Habelt's property commands the site for the development of immense water power, as two corners of the land cross the Clackamas. It is understood that Donahoe is representing a company that is operating on the Sandy.

Eight Killed During May.

Salem—Eight killed and three injured is the record of railroad casualties in Oregon during the month of May, as shown by reports received by the Oregon Railroad commission. Of the killed two were trainmen, two were other employes and four were persons not employed by the roads. Of the injured two were employes and one was not. No passengers were killed or injured so far as reported.

Sixty Five Graduates at O. A. C.

Corvallis—Ex-Senator John M. Gearin made the annual address to the students of the O. A. C. at the commencement, which saw 65 graduates in various departments get diplomas. The salutatory was by Belle Bonney, of Woodburn, on "The Prime Wisdom of Life." The valedictory was by Darwin G. Thayer, of Rainier, on "American Agricultural Education."

Extend Central Oregon Canal.

Bend—The D. I & P. Co. will soon commence work on a 60-inch inverted stave pipe or flume, to be built across the old river bed in the Powell Buttes region. This pipe is the first work in an extension of the Central Oregon canal, and the extension has long been desired by the settlers of this region.

Rain Helps Grande Ronde Crops.

La Grande—The rain of last week has greatly benefited the Grande Ronde valley farmers, stockmen and fruit growers. Nearly an inch of water has fallen. Farmers are assured of more than an average crop of hay and grain while the fruit crop is normal and much better than average in quality.

\$1,000 Fourth at Bend.

Bend—Bend will celebrate the Fourth. A grand fish barbecue will be given, and there will be sports of all kinds, such as ball games, horse races, broncho riding and dancing. A purse of \$1000 has been raised and a good time is assured.

WILD BELGIAN HARES.

Begin to Overrun Woods and Fields of Linn County.

Albany—As an aftermath of the Belgian hare fad which swept this part of the state about 10 years ago, considerable country west of Albany is populated with the little animals. People driving along roads out of this city can see them any evening and many have been killed recently by farmers. They live in the thickets along the roadsides.

The Belgian hare fad found a strong foothold in Albany. Hundreds of the animals were imported and for a time a public display was maintained by enthusiasts, a large hall being rented for that purpose. Many local citizens became as familiar with Belgian hare pedigree as is a horseman with his horses.

But the fad died out and what hares were not killed were turned loose. A few evidently found their way into the country west of Albany and have lived there ever since. This year for the first time they have become numerous enough to attract considerable attention. The number is growing every year but the hares do very little damage.

Rain Welcomed in Clackamas.

Oregon City—Light rains are falling in nearly every section of Clackamas county, and with a falling barometer there is prospect of wet weather continuing for several days. General satisfaction is expressed by farmers, as the rain of last week was not of sufficient duration to be of material benefit. Crops generally are in prime condition, and with favorable climatic conditions give forth every promise of a prolific harvest. June rains are always beneficial to late potatoes, and will be welcomed, as there is a heavy increase in the potato acreage this year. Farmers in the south end of Clackamas county have planted extensively, because of the late floods in the Sacramento valley.

Athena Will Have a Fair.

Pendleton—Citizens of Athena have formed a fair association, and are preparing to incorporate under the name of the Athena Agricultural Stock and Fair Association. A fair will be held this year for the first time during the month of September, the exact date not yet having been set. Committees have been appointed for all the detail work, and all the features known to a country fair are being provided for.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86@87c; bluestem 88@90c; Valley, 86@87c; red, 85c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$28@30; gray nominal.

Barley—Feed \$22@22.50 per bushel; nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, \$26; cracked, \$27 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.

Domestic Fruits—Strawberries, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; cherries, 40c@1.65 per box; apples, \$3@3.50 per box; gooseberries, 5@6c per pound; cantaloupes, specials \$2.50, crates \$8@6.50; apricots, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; peaches, \$1.75 per box.

Root vegetables—Turnips, \$2 per sack; carrots, \$2.50 per sack; beets, \$2.50 per sack; garlic, 8c per pound.

Fresh vegetables—Artichokes, 50@60c per dozen; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 12½@15c per pound; cabbage, 2½c per pound; corn, 35@40c per dozen; cucumbers, 75c per dozen; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; lettuce hothouse, \$1.50 per box; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 2½@5c per pound; peppers, bell, 45c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, 3½c per pound; spinach, 6c per pound; squash, 50c@1 per box; tomatoes, \$3.50@4 per crate.

Onions—Texas, \$2.25 per crate; new California, 3@3½c per pound.

Potatoes—Jobbing price: Oregon and Eastern, \$2.20 per sack; new potatoes, 4½@5c per pound.

Butter—City creameries: Extra creamery, 24@25c per pound; state creameries: Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; store butter, 17½@18c.

Cheese—Oregon full cream twins, 15½@18c. Young America, 16½@17c per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 14c; mixed chickens, 13½c; spring fryers and broilers, 17½c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys live, 19@22c; turkeys, dressed choice, nominal; geese, live, per pound, 8c; young ducks, 15@16c; old ducks, 13c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.

Eggs—18½@20c per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 75@125 pounds, 8@8½c; 125@150 pounds, 7c; 150@200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@6c.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 4@4½c per pound; cows, 6@7c; country steers, 7@8c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 9c per pound; ordinary, 8@8½c; spring lambs, 10@10½c.

SCHMITZ IN A TRAP.

Plays into Heney's Hands by Opening Way for Ruef.

San Francisco, June 12.—What looked like a field day for Mayor Schmitz in his trial for extortion, was transformed by a sudden coup of Francis J. Heney into a distinct victory for the prosecution. With both Schmitz and Ruef on the stand, the day was replete with sensations, but capping all was the neatly laid trap into which the defense made a precipitous fall. The trap was carefully laid, even to the point where the Mayor himself unknowingly sprung in.

When Mr. Heney announced that the prosecution had completed its case, the defense, thinking that the danger from Ruef had passed, decided to put Schmitz on the stand. The Mayor, accordingly, appeared in his own behalf and, regarding Ruef as no longer a menace, rushed ahead with his denials. He reached the point on cross-examination where Mr. Heney asked him if he had received any of the money paid to Ruef by the French restaurants, and, despite the warnings from his own attorney, Schmitz answered in the negative.

In so doing he played completely into the hands of the prosecution, not only by laying a basis for the introduction of the testimony of Ruef in rebuttal, but by passing the entire extortion up to Ruef in such a manner that the captive boss will eagerly refute the testimony by declaring that he paid half the money, or \$2500, to Schmitz.

Both Mr. Heney and Mr. Burns were confident last night, and well satisfied with the turn of events.

"We look for conviction," said Mr. Heney. "We believe we have proved our case."

FIGHTING AGAIN.

Nicaragua and Salvador Ignore Peace Agreement.

Mexico City, June 12.—Nicaragua and Salvador are at war. Late yesterday afternoon Dr. Manuel Delgado, Minister to Mexico from Salvador, received the following telegram from President Figueroa:

"San Salvador, June 11.—This morning the revolutionists captured the port of Acajutla. They were commanded by General Manuel Rivas and came from Corinto on the gunboat Momometombo, armed by the President of Nicaragua. In this manner Zelaya complies with the treaty of peace of Amapala, which was entered into with the intervention of the American Government.

"FIGUEROA." Acajutla is the most important seaport of Salvador, where all of the Pacific liners made regular calls. It was but poorly defended, and the Nicaraguans and Salvadoreans, revolutionists landed with ease. It is in direct rail communication with the capital of the republic, to or from which point troops can be conveyed in six hours.

MIDSHIPMEN LOST.

Launch of Battleship Minnesota Lost With All On Board.

Washington, June 12.—The loss at one time of six young midshipmen fresh from the academy at Annapolis and a boatswain and four enlisted men attached to the battleship Minnesota, 11 men altogether, was reported to the Navy Department in a dispatch from the fleet at Hampton Roads which says:

"A ditty box belonging to the fireman of the Minnesota's missing launch has been picked up near berth No. 47, and I am forced to conclude that the launch with all on board is lost. I have ordered a board of investigation. The steamer was last seen at the exposition pier about midnight last night."

Senator Morgan Dead.

Washington, June 12.—United States Senator John Tyler Morgan, of Alabama, died here at 11:15 last night.

Senator Morgan had been in bad health for a number of years, but had more or less regularly attended the sessions of congress. He suffered from angina pectoris, which was the cause of his death.

At the death were his daughters, Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Cornelia Morgan, both of this city, and his secretary, J. O. Jones.

Mr. Morgan's home in Alabama was at Selma, where the funeral will take place, the body probably being taken there Thursday.

Establishes Colony.

London, June 12.—Letters patent establishing a responsible government in the Orange River colony were issued Monday night. With a few modifications the new government follows the lines laid down in the Transvaal constitution.

Devil Wagons in China.

Pekin, June 12.—Three French, one Dutch and one Italian motor-cars started this morning in the Peking-to-Paris race. The Chinese were much astonished, as this was the first time motor-cars had been seen in Peking.

Defeats Persian Rebels.

Teheran, June 12.—It is reported that Hissam Mulik, the rebellious prince, attacked Salar ed Dowles, Saturday, but was compelled to retreat with heavy losses.