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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 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 Oregon, and appointed C. J. Reed. This action was taken at the request of District Attorney Heney, who was able to show that Matthews is too friendly with accused land fraud men.

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

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 Armour's secret code used in making rebates.

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

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.

Togo's fleet has been seen off the Pescadore 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 Wallawa 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.

France accuses Japan of bluffing on the neutrality question.

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

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

The Russian fleet is reported to be in Vafong bay, which is French waters.

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.

Twenty persons are known to be dead and more than a hundred injured in the railroad disaster at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Prosecuting Attorney Heney says the illness of Judge Bellinger will make no difference with the land fraud trials. Some other judge will preside.

It is said that negotiations for peace between Japan and Russia were nearly complete when the appearance of the Pacific squadron in the China sea revived Russia's hopes.

An earthquake in Persia killed 50 persons.

A visitor to the Russian fleet gives a bad account of the crews.

Roosevelt reiterates his decision not to be a candidate again and says he will accept no compromise rate law.

Secretary Hay will return to the United States in June, after visiting all the great capitals of Europe.

The Carnegie Steel company proposes to erect new furnaces and mills at Youngstown, Ohio, which will cost \$20,000,000 and employ 3,000 men.

Chicago employers are running more teams, but rioting continues. More unions are expected to become involved in the trouble.

Germans feel much satisfaction at the uncomfortable position England has been placed in by the violation of neutrality by France.

CONGR 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 Pala 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 Burks, 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."

Bowen Arrives at Washington.

Washington, May 16.—Herbert W. Bowen, recently American minister to Venezuela, accompanied by Mrs. Bowen, reached Washington today from New York. Mr. Bowen, after leaving his bags at the hotel, went to the White house and left his card for the president. He spent the evening quietly at his hotel, where he received a number of friends. It is expected that the president will send for Mr. Bowen tomorrow and receive from him his statement concerning the charges which have been brought against Mr. Loomis.

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.

TO GREAT BEYOND

Judge C. B. Bellinger Succumbs to Inroads of Malady.

DUE TO THE LAND FRAUD CASES

Hearing of Cases Occupied All His Time Since Last November—Mitchell Case the Climax.

Portland, May 13.—United States District Judge Charles B. Bellinger succumbed in his long struggle for life yesterday afternoon and passed peacefully away at 3:45 o'clock, surrounded by the members of his family and a few of his most intimate and long-time friends.

The outcome was expected and the family had been waiting for the worst during all of the day. The judge passed a restless and unsatisfactory night on Thursday and was much weaker when day dawned yesterday morning. During the morning he sank into a semi-conscious condition, and as the day lengthened into the afternoon the stupor became more marked, until it was impossible to rouse the patient to consciousness.

The death of Judge Bellinger can be traced directly to the Oregon land fraud cases, which have filled his time from the middle of November last. On Sunday, April 23, the judge worked all day on the decision which he was to hand down the following morning on the Mitchell plea of abatement. He went early to his office, and the weather being warm, worked in his shirt sleeves until noon, when he walked home to luncheon, returning again directly afterwards and working until late in the afternoon. The next day he also worked on the decision, and Tuesday, the day upon which it was delivered, he awoke with a fever and feeling ill.

Judge Bellinger was born in Maquon, Illinois, November 21, 1839, and crossed the plains with his parents in 1847 and settled in Marion county. He was a veteran of the Modoc war. In 1863 he was admitted to the bar and served as clerk and official reporter of the Supreme court from 1874 to 1878. He was judge of the Fourth district circuit court from 1878 to 1880, and was appointed United States district judge for Oregon by Grover Cleveland in 1893.

SHORT NOTICE ON BIDS.

Canal Commission Allows the Coast but a Few Days.

San Francisco, May 13.—A great stir was created today among San Francisco merchants when it was ascertained that the Isthmian Canal commission will open bids May 16 and 19 for supplies, the contract prices for which will easily aggregate \$1,000,000. One commodity—lumber, rough and dressed—will call for the expenditure of more than \$300,000 alone. In all, 26,000,000 feet of lumber are needed at once. The other supplies range all through many lines, and in all instances the quantities demanded are large.

For several days the wires between San Francisco and Washington have been kept busy carrying dispatches from San Francisco asking for blank proposals. Wednesday last there were no lumber proposals in the city, and no one here knew what the commission wished to buy in that line, and consequently no bids could be framed.

Local merchants say the entire coast has been shabbily treated, and a loud wail has gone up. Today there was a rush for proposals to supply, among other commodities, steam pumps and pipes, hydrants and water meters, fire extinguishers, linen hose and hose reels, equipments for bridge gangs, railroad tools and supplies, foundry supplies, belting, roofing, wagons and so on through a list of hundreds of articles.

Both the chamber of commerce and the Manufacturers' and Producers' association have requested Major Gallagher, the purchasing agent at Washington, D. C., for the Canal commission, to extend the date for making the proposals.

Not Unjust, Says Cummins.

Washington, May 13.—Governor Cummins, of Iowa, testified today before the senate committee in interstate commerce, which is considering railroad legislation. He criticized the statement by railroad men that rates were low enough now, and the impression he said they endeavored to convey—that the object sought was to give power to the commission to fix rates. He said that 'here was nothing unjust in giving the commission the power which the proposed legislation would confer upon it.

Survey to Bear Creek Mines.

Butte, May 13.—A Billings dispatch to the Miner says: The survey of the line of railroad which will extend from Bridger to the Bear Creek coal district began today. It is said that contracts for grading the roadbed will be let within a fortnight and actual construction will begin about June 1. The Bear Creek coal district is one of the best in the state, and covers over 10,000 acres. The road will be completed, it is believed, in the early autumn.

Streator People's Narrow Escape.

Streator, Ill., May 13.—A tornado struck Streator today, tearing down trees and barns. No one was injured, although there were many narrow escapes.

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 exposition 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 telephone 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 Chicago, 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.

Judge DeHaven Will Try Cases.

San Francisco, May 15.—United States Circuit Judge William B. Gilbert, presiding justice of the United States Circuit court of Appeals, has announced his intention of detailing United States District Judge DeHaven to the United States District court at Portland, Oregon, to take the place temporarily of the late Judge Bellinger of that court. Judge DeHaven will be requested to open the court on June 12, the date set for the trial of the land fraud cases, and proceed with the trial of the cases.

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 nearly four solid gold bracelets of beautiful design and set with emeralds, a pair of pearl earrings, two golden necklaces set with pearls and emeralds, and two emerald rings. The articles of jewelry, being from the Pompeian epoch, are of great artistic value.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FOR BETTER ROADS

Linn County Spending Hundreds of Dollars in Uniform Work.

Albany—Some of the best road work in Oregon is being done on the roads of Linn county. The work is systematic and uniform throughout the entire county. Last spring the county court, in fixing apportionment of money for road purposes, offered as an additional inducement to build good roads that every district which by subscription should raise \$100 would be given \$100 by the county.

Many of the districts took advantage of this offer, and not content with raising \$100, doubled that amount, the county producing its proper proportion. As a result, more money has been spent improving the roads of Linn county this year than ever before, and the money has been spent to some purpose, because the work is uniform throughout the county.

One of the actions looking to good roads was the purchase of about a dozen reversible road scrapers, thus making 20 in all the county. The preceding county court put \$3,500 into a big steam road roller, which was not a success for roads in this county. This machine was traded to a scraper company for the 12 machines.

Wherever the land is white or clay-like, the roads have been rounded up and will not be graveled. They become compact and hard, and make the best roads in the county. Where the land is low, roads are rounded up with fine gravel.

Grass Outlook is Promising.

Sumpter—There is promise of an unusual grass yield this season on the Blue mountain ranges. Rainfall this spring has been far in excess of that of previous years, which, coupled with the warm weather that prevailed during the latter part of February and first of March, is accountable for this favorable condition. Cattle and sheepmen are elated over the grazing prospects, and expect to carry their stock well through the season of 1905 with little expense of feeding. The Blue mountain ranges are still covered with snow on the uplands, while the valleys are showing a good, healthy growth of grass. This ought to mean a continued supply of grazing land until the snow again comes late in the fall.

Telephone War On.

Albany—As a result of a petition to the Pacific States Telephone company, which was numerously signed by Linn county patrons of the company, a reduction has been made in the telephone rates between Albany and Shedd, Halsey, Brownsville, Lebanon, Scio, Crabtree and Jefferson, the principal towns of the county. The rate was reduced from 25 cents to 15 cents, and is good only for subscribers to the Pacific States system. This is considered by many as the beginning of the war between the independent telephone lines and the Pacific States lines in Linn county.

Blue Mountain Creamery.

Pendleton—The Blue Mountain creamery has commenced to receive cream from Umatilla county points in addition to that being shipped from the Grand Ronde valley. In a short time Charles Berkeley, who recently purchased a \$10,000 ranch on McKay creek, will commence milking 20 cows, increasing to 30 or 40 this winter. T. G. Hailey will milk 22 cows on his Wild Horse ranch, and F. B. Clifton a number on his farm near this city. They are professional men of Pendleton and enthusiasts on dairying.

Independence School Exhibit.

Independence—The Independence public school has forwarded its exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair. Before shipping, the work was on display at the school building, and was viewed by a large number of the parents and friends of the scholars. Each grade's work is represented. A large model map of the "Blue Ribbon County" shows the different products and natural resources of this section of the Willamette.

Do Combines Spread Weeds?

Pendleton—E. L. Smith, who sells combined harvesters, says that the report that the combines spread weeds in the fields is not a fact, as the tendency of those machines is to gather the seeds in sacks where they can be transported from the land and burned, if so desired. Mr. Smith says that the combines are taking the place of steam threshers in Umatilla county, there being nearly 200 in the county.

Y. M. C. A. is Formed.

Grants Pass—Through the assistance of Secretary Stone, of the state association, final work has been done in the organization of a Young Men's Christian association in this city. The association starts out with a membership of over 100. Many of the prominent business men are interested in the association, and plans are already under way toward the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building.

Loth to Lose Land Office.

Independence—B. C. Curry, attorney, of Oregon City, has been in the city circulating a petition against the removal of the United States land office from that place to Portland.

State School Fund Loans.

Salem—The state land board a few days ago approved applications in 22 instances for the loan of the interest upon the state school fund, aggregating \$81,950.

PURCHASE 40,000 SHEEP.

McCandless & Burgess Will Ship 118 Carloads from Shaniko.

Kent—McCandless & Burgess have purchased 40,000 sheep and expect to commence shipping them in a few days to Soda Springs for feeding for the market. Following are the hands they bought: Charles Hinton, Antelope, 1,000 head; McGreer, Antelope, 3,400; McGilvery, Antelope, 800; McCandless, Antelope, 2,300; Charles Lavene, Antelope, 1,100; Brogan, Antelope, 1,100; Smith, Condon, 1,600; A. Stahl, Condon, 800; Tobey, Condon, 1,900; McIntyre, Condon, 550; Josh Hardy, Condon, 400; Barker, Condon, 2,100; Barker, & Fliter, Condon, 2,600; Reeder & Fisher, Shaniko, 1,300; A. C. France, Antelope, 3,400; Farnhouse, Antelope, 1,600; John Thornton, Antelope, 1,000; Morrow & Keeney, Hay Creek, 4,100; McCoin, Hay Creek, 600; Wurzeiler & Thompson, Prineville, 3,000; Col. Nye, Prineville, 1,800; C. W. Colly, Prineville, 1,150; J. E. Roberts, Prineville, 800; Jones Bros., Prineville, 500. Total, 39,400. They will all be shipped from Shaniko as follows: May 23, 15 cars; May 25, 16 cars; May 28, 18 cars; May 31, 16 cars; June 2, 18 cars; June 5, 15 cars; June 8, 20 cars. Total, 118 cars.

CONTRACTS PRUNE CROP.

Union Fruitdrier Ties Up Cove and Union Farmers for Five Years.

Union—S. A. Lamsalle, of Albany, Or., owner of the Union fruit drier, has just closed a five-year contract with the prune growers of Cove and Union, whereby he agrees to buy at \$10 per ton the entire prune crop of this section, estimated at 1,200 tons per year. To aid in handling this product, a new drier will be erected at Cove in time for this season's crop, and both plants will be run to their capacity for about 40 days during the drying season. Estimating the crop at 1,400 tons, the dried product will be 400 tons, weight being reduced two-thirds by the drying process. The market for prunes is found principally from Colorado eastward.

It will be seen that the running of these driers will mean a revenue each year to the growers of from \$10,000 to \$12,000, or about \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the total time under contract—a period of five years. A certainty of a market for prunes will stimulate their growth, and it is fair to presume that at the end of five years the yield may be even greater than present estimates indicate.

Game Laws are Violated.

Pendleton—Deputy Game Warden Joe Nolf has returned from a tour of inspection through Union county. He finds that in the mountain streams the game laws have been totally ignored and violated in every way. On Catherine creek, above Union, the sawmills have dumped their sawdust into the streams and have nearly ruined the fishing in that stream. In a ride of nine miles down the Grand Ronde river Mr. Nolf found 13 dams over which fish could not leap in the endeavor to go up stream.

On Malheur Project.

Pendleton—After a two days' session here, the board of consulting engineers of the reclamation service adjourned and left for Ontario, from which place the members will make a personal investigation of the land included in the Malheur project. According to D. C. Heney, one of the members of the board, practically all the attention of the board was given to the plans for the Malheur and Owyhee projects. The Umatilla project was not taken up at all, and will not be on this trip.

Charged with Stealing Mail Pouch.

Woodburn—One result of Government Inspector Butler's investigation of the theft of the registered mail pouch at Woodburn, on April 12, is the arrest of B. J. Kuper. He was charged before Justice Overton on two charges. He gave \$1,000 bond for his appearance for preliminary hearing. At the time the mail pouch was stolen Kuper was Southern Pacific baggage-man at this point and carried the mail bags from the post office to the trains.

Taking Oregon State Census.

Pendleton—The first reports of the state census being taken by the deputy assessors scattered over the county are coming in. A few days ago the assessor of the northern part of the county reported that Helix had 180 inhabitants, and the deputy from the Pilot Rock district reports that Pilot Rock has 210 people. Other reports will continue to come in until the whole number of people of Umatilla county may be counted.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84@85c per bushel; bluestem, 90@92c; valley, 85@90c. Oats—No 1 white, \$28@29.00 per ton; gray \$28 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, new, 24c. Potatoes—Old, 75c@81c; new, 2 1/2c@2 3/4c per lb. Apples—fancy, \$1.50@2.50 per box. Strawberries, Oregon, 10@15c box. Hops—Choice 1904, 23c@25c per pound. Wool—Valley, 25@27c; Eastern Oregon, best, 17@20c; mohair choice, 31@32 1/2c per pound.