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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Minister Conger left Pekin for home.

England rejects the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

A Filipino band was defeated near Santa Cruz.

Sixteen lives were lost by the storm in Arkansas.

President McKinley will start for the Pacific coast April 30.

Victims of the plague are dying in the streets of Cape Town.

A secret society buried alive natives friendly to Americans.

The French ex-consul at Manila is accused of dealing with insurgents.

Eight persons were killed and many injured by an explosion in a Chicago laundry.

Carnegie has offered $75,000 for a library to Davenport, Ia., and also to Springfield, Ill.

Kirby Graves, Bill Johnson and Henry Brooks, negroes, were hanged at Richmond, Ark., for murder.

The Pennsylvania house of representatives adopted a resolution favoring the election of senators by the people.

Relatives of Oregon school directors cannot be employed as teachers without unanimous consent of the board.

A cloudburst in Maricopa county, Arizona, carried away five miles of track of the Maricopa & Phoenix railroad.

Oregon law which abolishes office of fish commissioner, and creates a similar one, involves question of whether latter repeals former by implication.

Two highwaymen entered the village of Ilpe, near Emporia, Kan., and held up a dozen people, the occupants of two stores.

Antonio Leonardodi, Antro Dimet and Abram Sarturi, miners at the Nellie mine, in Bear Creek, Colo., were caught by a snowslide.

Two men were killed outright and three injured by a dynamite explosion at a quarry near El Paso. All were Mexicans except the foreman, Chas. Shely.

Navajo Indians, in New Mexico, are becoming restless because of the absence of two or three of their number, who are attending a Chicago exhibition.

County Judge Gregory, at Louisville, held that the Pullman Palace Car Company is not a railroad and that its rolling stock cannot be taxed as railroad property.

The Colorado Stockgrowers' Association adopted a resolution requesting the department of the interior to send an inspector West to inquire into local conditions and give settlers, cattle-owners and others a hearing relative to forest reserve regulations.

Li Hung Chang is again seriously ill.

Willspoint, Tex., was wrecked by a cyclone.

Ex-President Harrison is very seriously ill.

Dewet, with 400 Boers, has escaped to the northward.

Russia assures the powers she will not annex Chinese territory.

Japan has ordered new battleship from England to Yokohama.

Megler's cannery, at Brookfield, Wash., was damaged $15,000 by fire.

It is reported that Kitchener demands unconditional surrender from Boers.

England declines to modify the canal treaty without a satisfactory quid pro quo.

General Chaffee refuses to allow the decapitation of several Boxer chiefs condemned by a Chinese judge.

Radical Cubans still hope for absolute independence, and that the United States will not enforce Platt amendment.

Lieutenant General Miles, accompanied by his staff, will leave for a trip to Cuba, where he will make an inspection of the principal military posts.

The mill plant of the Centralia Shingle Company, Centralia, Wash., was destroyed by fire. The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace. The loss is estimated at about $5,000; insurance, $2,000.

The officials of the foreign office at Copenhagen deny that the negotiations with the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indies have been discontinued, and they confirm the statements from Washington that no peremptory note has been sent to Denmark by the United States.

Orders have gone forward from the navy department for the return of the battleship Oregon, which has been so long a time on the Asiatic station, to the United States. She will probably sail for home about May 1, to be replaced by the Wisconsin when the vessel has finished her official trial.

The silk industry of China employs, it is estimated, from 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 people.

A writer on modern waterways says that in the near future electric traction will be universally adopted on canals.

The great Salt Lake is said to be in imminent danger of drying up, the drain upon it being due to irrigation requirements.

REPORT ON INDEMNITIES

Has Been Completed by the Ministers' Committee at Pekin.

PEKIN, March 11.—The ministers' committee has completed its report, and the general principles to be adopted in cases of indemnities based upon laws in harmony with the Roman and English systems. This decision was not reached without considerable discussion, some believing that the claims of men of good reputation should be paid in full without further consideration. On the other hand, a case was mentioned where a man of high repute claims $10,000 each for his own, his wife's and her daughter's nerves and $20,000 for property destroyed, whereas it is known that the latter estimate is more than twice the value of all.

The negotiations, Mr. Rockhill says, are going on well and he sees no reason why they should not be completed in two months, with the exception of the commercial treaties, which will probably take a long time.

General Chaffee replied to the copy of General Yin Tschang's letter sent him by Count von Waldersee that he had given instructions to the American troops when any detachments were sent against robbers and Boxers to obtain to the fullest extent possible the assistance of Chinese officials in making arrests and punishing the guilty. Regarding indemnity for losses sustained by missionaries and native Christians, General Chaffee pointed out that his sentiments were well known to the American missionaries; that he was opposed to extortion in every form, and that he favored strict justice in every case, and that he would agree quickly to his excellency's proposition that the indemnities Sir Robert Hart mentioned should be settled by the diplomats.

Count von Waldersee will leave soon for Tsin Tau the trip possibly extending to Shanghai. He says he expects to return to Pekin temporarily.

It is asserted that China has decided to delay her answer to Russia regarding the Manchurian convention for a fortnight.

The ministers of the powers have resolved to modify the legation plans so as to allow the five government boards to remain in the occupation of the Chinese.

RADICALS IN MAJORITY.

Not a Bright Outlook for the Platt Amendment.

HAVANA, March 11.—The committee on relations of the Cuban constitutional convention, to which was referred the Platt amendment, is made up of three radicals—Silva, Villanuenda and Gualberto Gomez—and two conservatives—Tamayo and Quesada. Tamayo, it is understood, is now in favor of accepting the amendment in its entirety. He intends taking a firm stand on this position, and will send a minority report to the convention, if necessary. His political influence and position are expected to have a good effect with the others. Senor Tamayo is chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the convention. The committee held a short secret session this afternoon and appointed Gomez secretary.

Political demonstrations have ceased, and there is absolute quietness throughout the island.

The strike has been settled, the stevedores, lightermen and carmen returning to work this afternoon. The stevedores agreed to compromise on $2 50 American money for a day's work, and $4 for night work. The Ward line agent agrees to send home the American longshoremen.

Struck Gold in Mindanao.

New York, March 11.—Frank W. Redding, formerly of Newark, who was a member of the Astor battery during the Spanish war, has, it is said, discovered a gold mine on the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines. A quantity of the dust he has forwarded to his brother, William F. Redding, of Newark. The latter sent it to the United States assay office in New York, and he has received a report from the government assayer that the dust proved to be 897 fine, and that it is worth in its crude state $18 50 an ounce.

Exports of American Corn.

American exports of corn have averaged 173,000,000 bushels a year since 1895, an increase of 254 per cent over the preceding five years.

Suicides in Germany.

The number of suicides in the German empire last year was 10,700.

Fiji Sunday Schools.

There are 40,000 native pupils in the Sunday schools of the Fiji islands.

An Unsolved Mystery.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 11.—The mystery surrounding C. B. Howland, or Harrison, the alleged English earl who died in the Allegheny general hospital of typhoid fever yesterday, has not been solved. The claim that he was "Earl of Wargrave" was based on letters found among his effects, in which he was addressed as Cecil Sherbrooke Beaumont Howland, Earl of Wargrave.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Eugene—A new opera house is to be built at Eugene.

Athena—Athena has elected T. B. Page school director and J. W. Smith clerk.

Baker City—The Baker City postoffice will have a stamp-cancelling machine.

The Dalles—The Dalles treasurer had an available cash balance March 1 of $1,655.64.

Eugene—A large electric transformer has arrived at Eugene for the lighting company.

Baker City—Improvements to cost $20,000 will be made in the Warshuer hotel at Baker City

Eagle Point—It is reported from Eagle Point that early frosts have not injured growing wheat.

Pendleton—Water meters for the Pendleton water system have arrived and are being sold for $10, $15 and $20 each.

Gold Hill—It is reported that a rich three-foot vein of gold-bearing quartz has been struck on the old Clock place near Gold Hill.

Perry—The Grand Ronde Lumber Company will start up its mill at Perry this week. About 4,000,000 feet of logs are on hand.

Coquille—Farmers on the north fork of the Coquille report hay scarce in that part of the country; but stock is in fine condition.

Henderson—The wagon bridge at Henderson station, which went out with the last freshet, is replaced and opened for travel.

Foots Creek—Several tons of ore from the Dixie Queen mine, in the Foots Creek district, are said to have yielded over $100 a ton.

Lakeview—The old electric system for lighting the town of Lakeview has been discontinued, and will be replaced by the town plant.

Eagle Point—There is considerable anxiety over the proposed ditch from Fish Lake to the valley, fears being entertained that the company will take so much water out of the streams that there will not be enough left for irrigating purposes and to run the grist mill.

Pilot Rock—A painful accident occurred at the Warner sawmill, twelve miles south of Pilot Rock. Will Warner, while riding on a log carriage, was struck on the head, and while stunned leaned over in such a manner that a large piece of flesh was cut out of his thigh by the saw

Unity—It is reported from Unity, on upper Burnt river, that there was a disastrous fire in that burg. James Payton's general merchandise store was totally destroyed, including quite a stock of goods The building was practically new, two stories high, the upper story being used as a dance hall.

Ashland—A petition has been forwarded to Washington for the proposed free rural delivery route south of Ashland. The route reaches from Ashland eight miles to W. H. Shepherd's place, and returns via Emigrant creek. The number of families which would be served on this route is 125, and the number of people 498, and one postoffice, Baron, would be discontinued.

Fort Klamath—Melhase Bros., of Fort Klamath weighed 184 head of beef cattle last week at the Mitchell ranch and delivered them to George Kohlhagen of Roseburg. The average weight was 1252 pounds, from which was deducted four per cent, making the selling weight 1201 pounds. The price paid was 7½ cents, an average of $45.03¾. The total price paid for all was $8,286.90.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55@56c; Valley, nominal; bluestone, 57½c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2.80@$3.40 pre barrel; graham, $2.60.

Millstuffs—Bran, $16 per ton; middlings, $21.50; shorts, $17.50; chop, $16.

Oats—White, 44@45c per bushel; gray, 42@43c.

Hay—Timothy, $12@12.50; clover, $7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 18@20c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12@12½c; per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50@4; hens, $4.50@5; dressed, 11@12c per pound; springs, $4@4.50 per dozen; ducks, $5@6; geese, $5@6 per dozen.

Potatoes—45@60c per sack.

Dried fruits—Apples, evaporated, 5@6c per pound; sun dried, sacks or boxes, 3@4c; pears, 8@9c; prunes, Italian, 5@7c; silver, extra choice, 5@7.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, $4.75; ewes, $4@4.50; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5@5.25; light, $4.75@5; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@7½c per pound; small, 8½@9c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $4.50@4.75; cows, $4@4.50; dressed beef, 7@8c per pound.

After careful and patient investigation the historical committee of the Society of California Pioneers has learned that January 24, 1848, was the exact date of the discovery of gold in California by James W. Marshall.

Black walnut canes from a tree on the farm formerly owned by Abraham Lincoln in Harristown township, Macon county, Ill., were given to the members of the cabinet by the president to whom they had been sent from Illinois.

PROPOSED BY COLOMBIA.

Scheme for the United States to Acquire the Panama Canal.

NEW YORK, March 12.—According to a special to the Herald, Senor Silva, the Colombian minister to the United States, has already informally submitted proposals to Secretary Hay for the acquisition of the Panama canal by this government, and has been invited to discuss them further. Preliminary protocols were entered into some time ago with Costa Rica and Nicaragua, so that these two countries during the summer will probably be merely interested spectators of the moves which the United States, Great Britain and Colombia will make.

It is understood that these are the essential points which the Colombian government will urge: A lease for a term of years, so long as the United States may desire, not exceeding 200 years, of the territory across which the Panama canal is being constructed; in return for such lease Colombia is to receive either a percentage of the tax on tonnage passage through the canal, or a lump compensation; recognition of the rights of the French company, which will sell its concession with Colombia's consent to the United States.

IS CLOSE TO DEATH.

Li Hung Chang's Life Hangs by a Thread.

PEKIN, March 12.—Li Hung Chang is again seriously ill, and his physician says his life hangs by a thread.

Prince Ching and Earl Li seem to think that by spreading rumors of the court's unwillingness to return to Pekin, unless this or that thing is done, they can influence the deliberations of the ministers of the powers. As a matter of fact, according to reliable reports from Sinan Fu, the imperial personages are extremely uncomfortable at Sinan Fu, where they live in the house of the governor, which is only a small structure. French missionaries who have just returned from Sinan Fu believe that the empress dowager would bring the court back to Pekin on the first offer of the allies, having as a basis the removal of the troops, except the legation guards.

HARRISON IS WORSE.

Ex-President's Condition Now Regarded as Serious.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 12.—The condition of ex-President Harrison is serious. Dr. Jameson stated today that the upper part of General Harrison's left lung was inflamed. There is some danger of the congestion extending to the rest of the lung and to the right lung. Until 3 o'clock this afternoon, General Harrison was resting easy, but at that time he became slightly worse and Dr. Jameson was called. He said that he was certain nothing was to be apprehended for the next 48 hours, but the age of the patient renders all calculations uncertain. At 8 o'clock this evening General Harrison was suffering some pain, but was resting comparatively easy.

TO ORGANIZE GOVERNMENT.

Philippine Commission Leave for Lucena.

MANILA, March 12.—Judge Taft and his associates of the United States Philippine commission, accompanied by their wives and a number of prominent Filipinos, embarked today on the United States transport Sumner and sailed for Lucena, Province of Tayabas, Luzon, where they will organize the provincial government. At the time of their departure the pier was thronged with natives.

The insurgents have surrendered 500 rifles in the Province of Pampanga, Bulacán and Bataan during the last four weeks.

The Methodists report 120 converts in Manila last week, and the Philippine Evangelical church claims to have secured many new members.

Three Persons Killed by Tornado.

Forest City, Ark., March 12.—Three persons were killed and many injured in this vicinity last night by a tornado, and 16 houses, and miles of fences and many trees were leveled to the ground. Ten miles northeast the tornado shattered the house of J. A. Woody, killing Woody and seriously injuring his wife and his stepson, Bob Allen. The other victims were negroes.

German plantation experts claim that the Samoan islands have a great future in coffee, tea, tobacco, cotton, etc.

The Bell Telephone Company has bought for $500,000 a system of self-induction coils which makes conversation between New York and London as easy as between near-by points.

Rich Strike in Republic Mine.

Spokane, March 12.—A well-founded report from Republic is to the effect that $1,400 ore has been struck in the Morning Glory raise. A streak of eight inches assayed that amount. Assessments will cease, according to the directors. The Butte & Boston mine at Republic has 18 inches of ore worth over $200 per ton, according to a statement of Superintendent Nickerson. The strike is at a depth of 160 feet.

ENGLAND SAYS "NO"

Declines to Accept the Amended Canal Treaty.

GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY IS RECEIVED

No Counter Proposal Made—If Negotiations Are Resumed It Must Be on this Side—The Text Withheld.

Washington, March 13.—The long expected answer from the British government to the state department's communication reciting the action of the senate upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was returned at noon today. Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, had already acquainted Secretary Hay with the fact that he had received a communication from his government on the subject and it had been in his possession for several days. Secretary Hay had acquired a general knowledge of the character of the British response. Lord Pauncefote came to the state department at noon by appointment. He brought the answer with him and read it to Secretary Hay. It was in the form of instructions from Lord Lansdowne, the British minister of foreign affairs, to Lord Pauncefote, and he left a copy of these instructions with Secretary Hay. At the conclusion of the conference, it was stated that the instructions to Lord Pauncefote were to notify the government of the United States that the British government did not see its way clear to accept the senate amendments.

The amendments were treated in detail at some length in argumentative fashion, the purpose of the British government being to show that it had sound reason for declining to accept them. After disposing of the details, the note concludes with an expression of regret that such a course was forced upon the British government. There was nothing in the nature of a counter proposition, nor was any opening left for further action by the British government. It was stated that if there is to be a further attempt to amend the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, so as to authorize the United States to construct a waterway across he isthmus, then it is for the United States to make the overtures. The British government simply drops the matter at this point.

The Hay-Pauncefote negotiations have been in progress for something over two years, and owing to the great interests involved, they have constituted the leading international question at issue before the state department. The treaty was signed prior to the opening of the 56th congress, and was submitted to the senate in December, 1899. It at once encounutered opposition in that body, but after some delay was finally ratified after several amendments had been adopted. The chief issue was made on what was known as the Davis amendment. While in terms this did not give the United States a right to fortify the canal, yet in general language it expressed the right of this country to adopt such measures in regard to the canal as were deemed necessary for the proper maintenance of American authority. After extended debate in executive session two other amendments were adopted, and the treaty was ratified as amended. The other two amendments abrogated the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and struck out the provision of the treaty which invited other foreign governments to express their approval of it.

BOERS HELP BRITISH.

Two Thousand of Them Are Ready to Enlist.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 13.—General Dewet is reported to be moving northward steadily, at the rate of 25 miles a day, with a view of crossing the railway to the eastward. He should now be west of Kroonstadt. Several small commandoes are in possession of the southeastern portion of the Orange River colony, from which the garrisons of Dewetsdorp, Weepner, Smithfield and Rouxville have been withdrawn.

It is impossible not to be struck with the fact that a great portion of the former enemies of Great Britain in South Africa now frankly throw in their lot with the British. Brandfort, Kroonstadt and Bloemfontein companies of ex-burghers are now bearing arms against the Boers. They state their object is not to operate against their former comrades, but to defend their homes and property against marauding bands. Every town in the Free State occupied by the British will soon become a center of British influence, extending a long distance in their vicinity. Over 13,000 refugees are now within the British lines, and many of them demand arms and permission to take the field. If their requests are granted it will be easy to get 2,000 ex-burghers enrolled on the British side.

JAPS WITH BOGUS PAPERS.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 13.—It is reported that a number of Japanese immigrants attempting to cross the boundary line from British Columbia to Washington recently had in their possession fraudulent British naturalization papers, the date of their passports showing they had resided in this province only a fraction of the statutory period It was supposed the traffic in fraudulent papers had been broken up when the commissions of several notaries connected with the practice were canceled by the government some months ago.

Burglars Took $6,600 From Bank.

Argonia, Kan., March 13.—The private bank of J. H. Springer was robbed by three men, and $2,600 in cash and $4,000 in registered government 3 per cent bonds secured. About $140 in gold and $8,000 in bonds were left untouched. The robbers secured their tools from the Santa Fe section house near-by. The vault was entered through the brick wall, and the safe blown open with nitroglycerine.

NEW COMPANY FORMED.

Ultimate Object is to Operate Boats and Cars From Spokane to Portland.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 13.—The Upper River Transportation Company has been incorporated for the purpose of controlling a line of steamers on the Columbia river. The boats will make regular daily trips from Priest Rapids to The Dalles and carry the great wheat crop of Eastern Washington to market. The incorporators of the company are J. M. Russell, George C. Blakely and T. A. Hudson. In addition to operating on the Columbia, they will run a line of steamers to Lewiston, Idaho, on the Snake.

In connection with the navigation of the rivers a plan is under consideration to construct an electric railway through the counties of Douglas and Lincoln, in Eastern Washington, and connect with Spokane. The road will reach all of the wheat centers and be used for hauling wheat to Priest Rapids. There it will be loaded on steel barges and hauled down the river to The Dalles. A portage railway will be used to haul the barges around the falls and into the Columbia below, when the boats will be towed to Portland and the Pacific coast points for shipment to the Oriental markets.

The steamer Billings, which has been lying on a rocky bar 20 feet above water a few miles below Pasco, is now being overhauled preparatory to launching for the upper river traffic. A line of steamers will be run from the upper Columbia to Priest Rapids and open up the trade from the great mining districts in the Republic and surrounding country.

MUTINY ON ALBANY.

Sailors on American Cruiser Rebelled at Hong Kong.

TACOMA, Wash., March 13.—Advices brought by the steamship Goodwin state that 75 sailors mutinied on board the cruiser Albany at Hong Kong last month. The cause was lack of money and liberty. The refractory sailors were placed in irons and taken to Cavite for trial.

The Mohammedan rebellion in Kan Su has assumed such alarming proportions that the empress dowager has commanded General Feng Tze Sai to proceed northward from Canton with haste and undertake their subjugation.

The gunboats Ball and Sugrib, built at Hong Kong, for Siam, have been turned over to that government, with the object of striking terror to the rebels at Canton. Fourteen brigands were executed February 14. Four other men are being starved to death in cages exposed to public view.

DEPUTY SHERIFF KILLED.

Fought a Pitched Battle With Two Highwaymen.

MILTON, Cal., March 13.—News has just been received here that Deputy Sheriff Holman, of Calavesas county, was shot and killed at Wallace, a small town near here, in a pitched battle with two highwaymen. One of the latter is reported seriously wounded.

Two prominent residents of Wallace were held up and robbed by the bandits. The men who were robbed immediately reported the affair to the county officials, and Deputy Sheriff Holman, with a small posse, went to Wallace to arrest the robbers with the result above noted.

General Young Returning.

Washington, March 13.—The quartermaster general is informed that the transport Logan left Nagasaki Thursday for San Francisco with Major General Young and the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Volunteer regiments. General Young, on his arrival at San Francisco, will relieve General Shafter of the command of the department of California, and the latter will be retired as a major general.

EIGHT LIVES LOST.

Forty-Two Persons Were Injured and Several Are Missing.

CHICAGO, March 13.—By the explosion of a boiler in the Doremus laundry, 458 West Madison street, this morning, eight persons were instantly killed, 42 were injured, and several are missing.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined with accuracy as yet, and it will probably require an official investigation to settle the matter.

Reports of the number of dead in the ruins run all the way from six to 20. It is known that 36 employes of the laundry had entered the place before the explosion occurred, because the automatic timekeeper found in the ruins showed that number of registered arrivals. Two or three were entering at the moment of the explosion, making the approximate total of 40 employes in and around the building.

It is reported that an officer of the boiler inspection department warned Mr. Doremus that the boiler was unsafe to use in its present condition. Laundry employes, however, declare that the boiler had not been inspected, and therefore not condemned.

The wreckage near the boiler and in the east part of the building at once took fire, and through the blinding clouds of dust and smoke and escaping steam could be seen struggling men and women, some of them half buried in wreckage, others feebly endeavoring to climb to some place of safety, while from various parts of the ruins came cries for help.

The fire department soon extinguished the flames and the work of rescue began at once. One by one the wounded and bleeding girls were carried to near-by stores, where they were given hasty medical attention and then taken to hospitals in ambulances.

Northwest Postal Orders.

Washington, March 13.—The postoffice at Jett, Baker county, Or., will be discontinued after March 15, when mail for that point will be delivered at Lime.

The name of the office at Victor, Mason county, Wash., has been changed to Allyn.

Power From Niagara.

About 12,000 horse power is transmitted in the form of electricity from Niagara to Buffalo.