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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

J. Pierpont Morgan is in deadly fear of assassins.

Grover Cleveland has just celebrated his 69th birthday.

Coal miners are working hard to prevent a general strike April 1.

Nebraska thermometers are registering from 5 to 10 degrees below zero.

John D. Rockefeller maintains an armed guard at his house in New Jersey.

The house and senate are likely to disagree on the type of canal to be built.

General Wood defends the action of the American troops at Mount Dajo, Philippine islands.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte insists that the United States should build a greater navy.

Customs authorities have decided that Chinese joshone fittings are subject to a duty of 15 per cent.

Snow slides in Colorado have caused a number of deaths and a property loss that will reach close to a million dollars.

Latet returns from the Colorado train wreck give the number of killed as 22. Telegraph operators are blamed for the accident.

New York proposes to establish a municipal seashore resort.

The president will not appoint a supreme judge for six months.

Susan B. Anthony's sister will stump Oregon in the suffrage campaign.

The Japanese parliament has voted to buy all railroads in that country.

The house will take up the amended statehood bill Wednesday, March 21.

Official figures show the population of Germany to be 60,905,183, against 56,367,178 in 1900.

The Ohio legislature is considering a bill which will give the courts power to punish witnesses who refuse to talk.

King Charles, of Roumania, is near death. The crown prince is unpopular and a movement has been started to crown his 13-year old son.

The District of Columbia court has overruled Binger Hermann's demurrer to indictments for destroying public records. He will ask for an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Western railroads are facing a labor famine. Twenty-five thousand men are needed in the Northwestern and Southwestern states to build the roads that are already under way, and it is estimated that before June twice that number will be needed.

Denmark may put a tariff law into effect.

Russia suspects Japan of hostile designs in Siberia.

All railroads through Colorado are blocked by snow.

Senator Depew is too ill to attend to his duties in the senate.

The first severe blizzard of the winter has just swept New York.

The house will reject the senate amendments to the statehood bill.

The car has ordered extreme measures to be taken to protect Jews from massacre.

Secretary Taft has consulted with three of his brothers regarding the place on the supreme bench.

A Chicago man has asked a divorce from his second wife that she may marry his son. The husband is 56, the wife 25.

Chicago is now about to oust the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies or make them pay a good price for the use of streets.

The anthracite coal miners will arrange another schedule for presentation to the mine operators in the hope it may be accepted and thus prevent a strike.

Colonel Knight, Major General Wood's chief of staff, has returned from a reconnaissance of the situation in China. He reports that there is absolutely no danger of trouble and that tranquility abounds.

A new French cabinet has been formed.

Mrs. Dowie denies the rumor that she has deserted her husband.

Taft's retirement from the presidential race revives the hopes of Fairbanks.

The Standard Oil company will only give evidence at the trust investigation under compulsion.

The Iowa legislature has passed a law preventing the employment of children under 15 years of age in any occupation injurious to health.

Vice President Fairbanks honored Senator Fulton by calling the senator to his chair and turning over his gavel to him for the greater part of an afternoon.

WILL QUIT CANAL.

Shonts Will Give Entire Attention to His Railroad.

Chicago, March 19.—A Washington special says:

Information from trustworthy sources makes it seem practically assured that Theodore Perry Shonts, of Chicago, chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission, intends soon to send his resignation to President Roosevelt. It is unquestionably the intention of President Roosevelt to nominate John F. Stevens, the chief engineer, to succeed Mr. Shonts. Mr. Stevens will combine the duties of the two offices.

Pressure from his associates on the railroad with which Mr. Shonts is connected has been strong for some time to bring about this result—his return to railroad work and his resignation from the canal board. Mr. Shonts had withstood the pleas of his business associates, but recent events have induced him to consent.

Mr. Shonts is still president of the Clover Leaf railroad, and it is said that the interests of that road, in the mind of his colleagues, demand that he return and take active charge of the property. It is said he owns securities in the road to the value of about \$3,000,000, and in the interest of these holdings, as well as the holdings of others, it is declared that he feels he must no longer divide time and his labor.

There has been no secret that the relations between Secretary Taft and Chairman Shonts have been strained at times. They are probably today not of the most amicable nature. It is probable that Mr. Taft will succeed to the vacancy in the United States Supreme court caused by the resignation of Justice Brown, but will not take his seat before next October. Mr. Taft has his own views about the canal work, which are not in accord with those of Mr. Shonts.

When Mr. Taft goes to the Supreme court, it is the intention of President Roosevelt to turn the supervision of the canal over to Secretary Root's department. The secretary of war desires to arrange the construction plans to suit his own judgment before the transfer is made.

TIMBER LAND BILL READY.

Senate Committee Favors Repeal, but Fulton Will Fight It.

Washington, March 19.—The senate public lands committee today virtually completed the bill to repeal the timber and stone act and authorize the sale of public timber at not less than its appraised value, small dealers to be given preference in the sales and miners free use of timber for domestic purposes, the same as in forest reserves.

An amendment insisted upon by Senator Fulton will be adopted giving the counties 10 per cent of the amount of sales in their respective limits in lieu of taxes.

The committee is also framing a bill to permit honest entry of agricultural land in forest reserves. This bill is designed particularly to meet the principle objection to reserves in Idaho. Senator Dubois is strongly urging this measure and predicts its passage.

Mr. Fulton is the only member of the committee opposed to the repeal of the timber and stone act, but other Western senators agree with him and will join him in opposition to the bill when it comes up in the senate. In case it is impossible to prevent the passage of the bill by the senate, Mr. Fulton will seek to increase the amount to be paid counties from the receipts of timber sales from 10 to 25 per cent.

The Oregon senator is so thoroughly convinced of the inadvisability of repealing the timber and stone act that he will carry his fight to the house and seek to induce the house committee to table the senate bill, just as it has heretofore tabled a similar bill in the house. He feels certain that this legislation will be killed in the house, if not in the senate.

Kaiser Would Be Boss.

London, March 19.—Reynolds' Newspaper prints a dispatch from Berlin stating that Kaiser William is more determined than ever to have his own way in regard to the Moroccan question at the Algeiras conference. His latest ambition is to pose as the dictator of Europe, and he seems to consider the present moment a favorable one to assume the role. The more moderate of his ministers are anxious lest the kaiser shall provoke France too far, for fear that France and England may throw down the gauntlet to Germany.

Constitution is Saved.

Washington, March 19.—The famous old war frigate Constitution, "Old Ironsides," is to be saved from rotting at the Boston navy yard and will also escape the worse fate of being used as a gallant old craft is to be patched up and rehabilitated, so she may indulge in an occasional cruise in mild weather. This is the decision of the house committee on naval affairs. It is estimated that it will cost just \$6,000.

Started 1 000 Rivets.

Baltimore, March 19.—The British steamer Belfast, Captain McKee, which arrived from Las Palmas, Grand Canary, today, brought mails from the drydock Dewey. Captain McKee reports that when he left Las Palmas repairs were being made to the dock, which had started a thousand rivets on the trip across the Atlantic.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

VOTERS CANNOT CHANGE.

Attorney General Says Original Registration Must Stand.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford is of the opinion that there is no authority for the changing of a voter's registration after it has once been made. He has not rendered a written opinion upon the subject, but after hearing the report that changes have been permitted in Linn county, he examined the statutes governing registration and said that the only change provided for by law is that which becomes necessary when a voter changes his residence from one precinct to another.

Mr. Crawford said that if a voter registers as a Socialist and then changes his registration so that it shows him to be a Democrat, this would be in effect a second registration, and more than one registration is expressly forbidden. If the clerk should make a mistake and write the word "Socialist" after a man's name, when the voter had announced himself as a Democrat, Mr. Crawford thinks it would be permissible for the clerk to correct the error, but where the party affiliation has been recorded as given by the voter, there is no authority for a subsequent change.

It has been many times asserted that in Marion county many Democrats are registering as Republicans in order to take part in the contest for the Republican primary nominations. Inspection of the registration books shows that this is not true, and that if any persons are registering improperly the instances are so few and so unimportant as to escape notice. The disposition here is for each to register his party affiliations honestly and fairly, if given at all.

Farmers Tired of Waiting.

Ontario — The farmers of Dead Ox Flat, tired of waiting for water from the various projects contemplated, have taken steps to organize an irrigation district under what is known as the Wright law. A petition to the County court will be considered at a special session April 16. The proposed district includes about 10,000 acres of the best land on Dead Ox Flat, in Malheur county, just across the Snake river from Weiser, Idaho. When this district is organized and the means of watering it have been installed, there will have been added to Malheur county many thousands of dollars of taxable property. The success of the enterprise means much for the county.

Wallowa Bridge by July 1.

Wallowa—When the O. R. & N. Co. started to secure right of way in this county for an extension of their line it was not definitely known how soon the road was to be in operation. In a recent conversation with a gentleman who is in a position to know the activity of all projected railroads, it was learned that the extension to the O. R. & N. was expected to reach the Wallowa bridge by July next. With railroad accommodations so early, much of the crop raised in Wallowa county, as well as the surplus stock, will be shipped from that point.

Change Wool Sale Dates.

Pendleton—Owing to dissatisfaction with the schedule of wool sale dates recently announced for Eastern Oregon, the executive committee of the State Woolgrowers' association has made out a new one, as follows: Pendleton, May 22-23; May 29-30; Heppner, May 24-25; June 7-8; June 21-22; Condon, May 31, June 1, June 27-28; Shaniko, June 5-6, June 19-20, July 10-11; Baker City, June 25-26, July 12-13; Elgin, July 13. The sale for the Wallowa county wool has been set for Elgin instead of the town of Wallowa as previously arranged.

Closed Season To Be Enforced.

Oregon City—"A strictly closed season will be maintained on the Columbia river this year," says Deputy Fish Warden H. A. Webster, who has gone to the Lower Columbia. The closed season began on the 15th inst. and continues for a month, and in order that all illegal fishing may be prevented the authorities of Oregon and Washington will co-operate and maintain a thorough patrol of the river. Oregon this year has two patrol boats and Washington has one, and all three will do service onto the Columbia.

Seaside to Astoria.

Salem—Charles M. Cartwright, William L. Dudley, Edgar J. Daly, Sanborn Reed, E. F. Allen and J. Frank Watson have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state for the Astoria & Coast Interurban company. They propose to build a steam or electric railroad from Astoria to Seaside, ending at the Halladay or Old Seaside property, in Clatsop county. The capital stock is \$300,000 divided into 1100 shares.

Prospects Good in Sumpter.

Baker City—Conservative mining operators are of the opinion that during the coming summer greater results will be obtained from the mines of the Sumpter district than ever before. In an interview on this question I. R. Bellman, a well known operator and manager of the Crack Oregon, at Bourne, stated that this is assured by the fact that so many properties have been fully developed and are now on the verge of being placed among the regular producers.

FRUIT CANNERY FOR ALBANY.

Gardeners and Orchardists of Linn County Take Stock.

Albany—Active work looking to the erection of a cannery and packing plant in Albany has begun by the gardeners and fruitmen interested. The new company will be known as the Fruit-growers and Gardeners' Co-Operative association, and will be owned by the men who sell their products to the company or by citizens of Albany. Stock in the new company is selling under a restriction that no one man could secure more than 25 per cent of the stock.

Besides packing, preserving and canning fruit and vegetables, the new concern will handle all kinds of produce, acting as a kind of distributing point where all produce for the local trade can be secured at a uniform price. In this way all stores will be able to keep up with the market, and the farmers will have no trouble in disposing of their product.

The plan is to start with a cannery, prune packery and cider and vinegar works. All of these industries have been needed very much in Linn county, because of the immense amount of small fruits and garden products grown here, and because the county had no such enterprises the development of the fruit and gardening industry has been much retarded.

Wool Sales at Condon.

Condon—An effort is being made by the Condon Commercial club to establish at this place wool sales days. The secretary of the club is in communication with the State and National Woolgrowers' associations, and with the aid of the local woolgrowers' association, which it is expected will be organized, it is thought dates may be secured. Endeavors are also being made to secure a reduction in freight rates on wool from Condon to Boston, and also on local shipments of sugar, salt, etc.

Cannot Use State Money.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford holds in an opinion that the State Lewis and Clark commission cannot use the \$50,000 appropriated by the state for a memorial building, even if an individual is willing to supply the \$50,000 which the Portland Lewis and Clark corporation refused to donate. Mr. Crawford says the law is explicit in its declaration that the corporation must supply the money and the city of Portland donate the site.

Beet Acreage Largely Increased.

La Grande—Manager F. S. Bramwell, of the sugar factory, has been in Cove, making contracts for the growing of sugar beets for this season's run, and reports having contracted for about 1,000 acres of beets in that locality. The sugar company expects to have a larger acreage this year than ever before. Heretofore the factory has never had more than 2,800 acres but this season is counting upon at least 4,000 acres.

Big Yield in Gilliam.

Condon — Crop prospects for a large yield are said to be better than ever before in Gilliam county. There is a greater acreage of wheat than ever seeded in this county before and conditions are unusually favorable at this time. The ground is wet to a depth of more than 100 feet. Range is improving rapidly, owing to the splendid growing weather of the past two weeks.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 66@67c; bluestem, 66@68c; red, 64@65c; valley, 70c.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray, \$27 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$23@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@25.50.
Buckwheat—\$2.25 per cental.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13@14 per ton; valley timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7@8.

Fruit—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cranberries, \$12.50@14.50 per barrel.
Vegetables—Asparagus, 10@11c per pound; beans, 2½c; cabbage, 1½c per pound; cauliflower, \$2@2.25 per crate; celery, \$4.50@5; sprouts, 6@7c per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25 per box; parsley 25c; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions—No. 1, 70@80c per sack; No. 2, nominal.
Potatoes—Fancy graded Burlanks, 50@60c per hundred; ordinary, nominal; sweet potatoes, 2¼@2½c per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery 27¼@30c per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 16¼@17c per dozen.
Poultry—Average old hens, 13@14c per pound; mixed chickens, 12½@13c; broilers, 20@22c; young roosters, 12@12½c; old roosters, 10@10½c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, 18@20c; geese, live, 8@9c; geese, dressed, 10@12c; ducks, 16@18c.

Veal—Dressed, 3¼@7½c per pound.
Beef—Dressed, 1½@2½c per pound; country steers, 4@5c.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8½@9c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 8@9½c.
Pork—Dressed, 6@8½c per pound.
Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@10½c; prime, 8½@9½c; medium, 7@8; olds, 5@7c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 25@30c.

ACT ON JETTY BILL.

House Rivers and Harbors Committee Will Soon Meet.

Washington, March 16.—Chairman Burton, of the house rivers and harbors committee, said he would call a meeting of his committee at an early day to consider Senator Fulton's bill appropriating \$400,000 for work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. The committee is due to arrive here from its southern trip by Saturday or Sunday and it is probable the meeting will be held some time next week.

If it shall be the opinion of the committee that this separate bill should be presented to the house and pressed on its merits, the bill will be reported without amendment. There is every reason to believe that the committee will favor the appropriation of \$400,000 inasmuch as the chief of engineers and secretary of War have both stated that this amount is absolutely necessary to preserve the jetty work from destruction and have specifically stated that a less amount will not answer.

There is a report that the members of the house committee may favor enlarging the Fulton bill by adding provision for three or four other emergency projects, so as to make it virtually an emergency river and harbor bill, such as was suggested earlier in the session. This is not certain, however, as the committee has had no meeting this session, and its sentiments cannot be accurately ascertained. If the bill can be so amended without making it a general river and harbor bill, its chances of passing the house will be brighter than would the bill making an appropriation for the Columbia river alone.

CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA.

Commissioners Predict This as Result of Study of America.

New York, March 16.—Prince Tsai Tse, High Commissioner Sheng Chi Heng and Li Cheng To, envoys of the emperor of China, their secretaries and attaches, sailed on the White Star liner Baltic today to continue their investigations in England, France and Belgium. The prince said last night: "I have greatly enjoyed my visit to this country, and the uniform courtesy that has been accorded me, including the reception by President Roosevelt, has deeply impressed me with the friendly attitude of the American people. I believe that such contact makes for a better understanding and must bring benefit to both of our peoples."

That China will soon have a constitutional government is the opinion of some of the commissioners. Announcement of this belief was made by one of the secretaries of the commission just before the Baltic sailed. It followed a brief conference between all members of the party.

"We have been making a comprehensive study of the political situation in this country," he said, "and have seen the application of your laws and the workings of the governing bodies. I believe that China will soon have a constitutional government. It will probably be modeled much on the lines of the British constitution, but will contain some of the good features of your own constitution."

WRECK KILLS 150 PEOPLE.

Head-On Collision of Fast Passenger Trains in Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., March 19.—No. 1, southbound, and No. 3, northbound, passenger trains on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad collided head on near Portland, Colo., shortly after midnight, and it is reported at least 50 persons are killed and a large number injured.

Relief trains have been ordered from Pueblo and Florence. At this hour details are unobtainable. Meager but authentic information from several sources states that the number killed in the collision will reach 150. The craches caught fire and most of the victims were roasted to death.

Money for Guns and Powder.

Washington, March 16.—The senate committee on appropriations today completed the fortifications bill, and it was reported by Senator Perkins. It carries appropriations aggregating \$5,618,993, an increase of \$750,000 over the amount appropriated by the house bill. The increases are: For mountain field and siege cannon and equipment and machinery for their manufacture at arsenals, \$290,000; for the erection and equipment of a powder factory and machinery for their manufacture, \$365,000.

Did They Steal Money?

New York, March 16.—The grand jury which is investigating evidence in the insurance matter submitted by District Attorney Jerome is at sea as to whether a political assessment by a director of a corporation constitutes the crime of larceny. The members of the jury questioned Mr. Jerome on the matter and at his suggestion the matter was placed before Judge O'Sullivan, of the Court of General Sessions, who will render an opinion next week.

Will Nationalize Railroads.

Tokio, March 16.—The parliamentary majority in favor of nationalization of railways is reported to be increasing and there seems to be little doubt the project will be carried through. Work on the elevated railroad in Tokio, suspended during the war, has been resumed. Japan and Russia are planning to exchange imperial envoys to signify the restoration of peace.