

THE SAN JUAN ISLANDER

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FRIDAY HARBOR, WASH.

Minor Happenings of the Week

Everett may issue bonds for a new high school building.

The Rainier reserve will be opened to sheep grazing June 15.

County Clerk Ralph Nichols, of North Yakima, is dead, aged 65 years.

Lee A. Johnson, of Sunnyside, may become a candidate for Congressman Jones' place.

The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business on May 14.

The Cooper Manufacturing Company of Boston has purchased 140 acres of land near Stellacom lake for a piano factory.

Two pioneers of Port Townsend, Captain H. L. Tibbals and Pat Farren, have been adjudged insane and ordered to Stellacom.

Captain John A. Rogers has been appointed commandant at the Puget sound navy yard to succeed Rear Admiral Burwell, who retires in July.

Emma Goldman will not be prohibited from speaking at Spokane May 29, but she will be held responsible for any disturbances which she may cause.

King Edward will spend a week shortly with the emperor and empress of Russia. This will be the first time that the king has met the emperor since his ascension.

Mrs. Edgar C. Steele, wife of a district judge of Idaho, has been elected vice regent of the national D. A. R.

Kellar, the magician, gave his last performance in Baltimore last Saturday night and intends now to forsake the stage for good and reside in Southern California.

Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan, will be the temporary chairman of the national Republican convention and John R. Maller, of Columbus, O., will be the general secretary.

Arthur Vorys, manager of the Taft campaign, claims that the war secretary will be nominated on the first ballot, according to the instructions to the various state delegations.

In the presence of 30,000 persons in the New York navy yard the big United States collier Vestal was launched Monday. The collier was christened by Miss Goodrich, daughter of Rear Admiral Goodrich.

The National Retail Grocers' Association will hold the 11th annual convention in Portland, Ore., next year. According to a federal court decision, Japanese "sake" is classed as wine and pays duty as such.

Representative James E. Watson has resigned from membership on the committee on ways and means, and Speaker Cannon has announced the appointment of Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, as his successor.

In the Prohibition state convention at Trenton, N. J., Dr. Day, the presiding officer, criticized President Roosevelt for drinking in public; Secretary Taft, for saying that prohibition would not solve the liquor question, and Mr. Bryan, for remaining silent on the subject.

GOVERNMENT FORBIDS

USE OF COPPER SALTS

Peas, beans, spinach and other vegetables; cherries, plums and other fruits and preserves now imported from abroad in large quantities, particularly from France, and used most extensively by the high-class hotels and restaurants, which products are kept green by the use of sulphate of copper or copper salts, will be excluded from this country after January 1, 1909. This order has just been issued by the department of agriculture. The sulphate of copper and copper salts are used to give the vegetables or fruits a natural green appearance.

In the past, where these chemicals were not used excessively, the food-stuffs have been admitted without question.

Inasmuch as contracts have already been made for the present year's pack, the law will not be enforced until January 1, 1909, after time has been given jobbers to dispose of their stocks.

Fire in Piano House.

Seattle, May 23.—Fire from an origin unknown did damage to the stock of the Cline piano house, 2009 Second avenue, to an amount claimed to be \$20,000. Fifteen minutes after the place was closed for business a great flame burst forth near the rear of the room. An independent telephone cable was burned so that 200 phones in the north end of the city were put out of order as to be useless for the night. An insurance of \$30,000 was carried by the piano house.

Moscow Against Saloons.

Moscow, Idaho, May 23.—The special election on the prohibition question held here was a victory with wide margin for the temperance movement. Both parties exerted themselves to poll as heavy a vote as possible, and the total far exceeded that of the last regular election. The result was 814 against the saloon, 392 for the saloon.

Washington State News

Moscow, Idaho, will henceforth be a "dry" town.

Denver has elected Robert Speer, democrat, for mayor.

Fees for naturalization papers have been increased from \$5 to \$15.

The Southern Pacific has declared war in earnest against ticket scalpers in California.

The city census of Vancouver, B. C., just completed, shows Vancouver's population to be 85,000.

Wardner and Kellogg, Idaho, are without a hardware store, the firm formerly established at both places moving away.

An explosion of gas wrecked the big furniture factory of John A. Colby & Sons, Chicago, and the damage will amount to \$50,000.

Denver is ready for the democratic convention. The large auditorium has been completed and all that remains is the placing of the seats.

Anacortes is to ask Carnegie to provide a \$10,000 free public library.

The Waitsburg Commercial Club offers a prize for the best button.

Employees of the Spokane Traction Company have refused to vote a strike.

W. W. Robinson, of Ellensburg, has secured a contract for 5,000 tons of hay for the government.

The Boosters' Club of Dayton has already been instrumental in bringing scores of homeseekers to Columbia county.

Building activity has resumed at Montesano, several large business blocks being in the course of construction and many residences being built.

The conference committee on the fortifications bill cut Senator Ankeny's amendment for Puget Sound fortifications from an appropriation of \$1,750,000 to \$300,000.

Students of the Washington High School at Seattle observed the anniversary of the opening of The Hague peace conference by a special program. The observance of Peace Day followed the recommendation of the National Educational Association.

The Stevens County Meat Company is completing a \$5,000 cold storage plant at Chewelah, from which will be distributed all of its stock to its numerous markets in the towns throughout the county.

The Montesano Lumber and Manufacturing Company has sold a large tract of timber land on Dalzencreek, estimated to have 20,000,000 feet of timber on, to the Saginaw Timber Company for \$25,000. The receipts will be used in enlarging and repairing the company's plant at Montesano.

The Catholic Order of Foresters for the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho united with St. Alphonsus court at Ballard Sunday in celebrating the silver jubilee of the founding of the organization. The order was started the 24th day of May, 1883, in Chicago, and from that beginning has spread until there are 1,600 courts in the United States, with a membership of 135,000.

Sea Ice Breaking at Nome.

Nome, May 23.—The ice broke away Tuesday and is now almost out of sight and going fast. It is believed it means a general breakup and a very early season. The cleanup is in full swing and so far the results are most promising, everything pointing to a very prosperous season.

SEATTLE MARKET REPORT.

Purchasing Prices.

The following prices are offered to the producer by the local dealers for delivery in round lots f. o. b. Seattle, and are subject to change without notice.

Grain—Oats, Puget Sound, \$28@29 per ton; barley, \$24@25 per ton; wheat, chicken feed, \$27@28 per ton; Eastern Washington oats, \$28@29 per ton; corn, \$31 per ton; barley, \$25@26 per ton.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$16@17 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$10@11 per ton; wheat hay, \$12.50 per ton; alfalfa, \$10@11 per ton.

Eggs—Select ranch, 18@19c per doz. Poultry—Live hens, 13@13½c per lb.; springs, 25c per lb.

Live Stock—Steers, 5¼c per lb.; cows, 4¼c per lb.; wethers, 6¼c per lb.; lambs, 10@12c per lb.; hogs, 6c per lb.; veal, 6@8c per lb.

Tacoma Quotations.

Wheat—Unchanged; bluestem, \$9c; club, \$7c; red, \$5c.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed, 20..22c; spring chickens, dressed, 25c; hens, dressed, 18c; ducks, dressed, 18c; dressed, 18c; live turkeys, 16@18c; hens, 13@14c; spring, 20@21c; ducks, old, 12c; young, 12c; geese, 11@12c; squabs, live, \$2.50@3 dozen; dressed, \$3.50 dozen.

Jack rabbits, 8c.

Butter—Washington, 24@26c; Oregon, 24@25c.

Eggs—Washington ranch, strictly Oats—\$31@32; rolled oats, \$32@33; Hay, Alfalfa, Etc.—Wheat hay, \$16@17; timothy, \$22@23; mixed, \$20@21; wild, \$14@15; clover, \$16@17; timothy and clover, \$19@20; alfalfa, \$14@15c; straw, \$12.

Feed—Corn, \$35; wheat, \$31@32; barley, whole grain, \$27@28; rolled, \$30@31; shorts, \$28@29; bran, \$26.50@27.50; middlings, \$32@33; oil meal, \$44@45.

Poultry Supplies—Granulated bone, \$40; granite grits, \$21; ground oyster shells, \$23; ground clam shells, \$22.

FLEET AT SEATTLE

CITY AND VISITORS TURN OUT EN MASSE TO WELCOME BATTLESHIPS.

City's Normal Population Nearly Doubled by the Throngs of Guests Arriving From All the Western States—Golden Key Presented to Admiral Sperry by Mayor Miller.

Seattle, May 23.—The city of Seattle capitulated today to the fleet of battleships under command of Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry. The gates of the city were thrown open wide and Admiral Sperry was given the key made of Alaskan gold. As the fleet came into sight around Point No Point it was caught sight of by many thousand people assembled on the heights, terraces and high buildings overlooking Elliott bay, and the shore of the bay was black with a patriotically impelled people.

The city's normal population was augmented by immense numbers who came from Montana, Idaho and Oregon and from across the Canadian border to witness the unusual naval spectacle.

Great Fleet Reassembles.

At 9 o'clock this morning the different divisions of the fleet, which was divided two days ago, reunited at Port Townsend. The Missouri came up from the navy yard at Bremerton, and from Bellingham came the flagship Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Vermont, Georgia, New Jersey and Rhode Island. From Port Angeles came the Louisiana, Virginia and Ohio. Out of the harbor of Port Townsend steamed the Illinois and the Kearsarge. Forming a single line, the reassembled fleet began the advance on Seattle in precision.

As the flagship arrived off West Point it was met by a flotilla of excursion boats, which turned and followed in its wake as it rounded the forested points of jutting land under the lee of the snow-capped Olympic range along the channel into which in the days primeval the wooden paddle of the Indians' war canoe was dipped.

Mayor Greets Admiral Sperry.

Nearing the city the steamer Umattila, carrying the reception committee, came abreast of the Connecticut, turned and escorted her to the anchorage ground, while the hundreds of boats in the welcoming flotilla formed into a quoble line and escorted the remainder of the fleet into the harbor. Anchors were dropped amid the firing of salutes, blowing of sirens and cheers from thousands of throats. The reception committee, headed by Mayor John F. Miller, boarded the Connecticut and officially assured Rear Admiral Sperry that he, his officers and men were "welcome to our city."

In the name of the city, Mayor Miller presented Rear Admiral Sperry with a golden key fashioned from Alaskan gold. The battleships began to receive visitors and the harbor was soon thronged with excursion launches.

Tonight every ship is outlined from masthead to waterline in electric lights and the Japanese residents are discharging novel fireworks. The only official ceremony tonight was a reception to the officers of the fleet at the New Washington Hotel, which was brilliantly decorated for the occasion. The fleet will remain in the harbor until the morning of May 27.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Following is the official program for the four days of the fleet's visit:

Saturday, May 23.

Fleet arrives at 2 p. m.—Official call by mayor and fleet committee on Admiral Sperry aboard flagship Connecticut, and presentation of golden key to the city of Seattle.

3:30 p. m.—Daylight fireworks on the bay by Japanese residents; bombs and aerial display; distribution of 50,000 street car and theater tickets to enlisted men.

8 p. m.—Concert by Wagner's military band at reviewing stand, Second avenue, opposite New Washington hotel.

9 p. m.—Illumination of fleet and fireworks display on bay by Japanese residents.

9:30 p. m.—Reception by Seattle Chamber of Commerce at New Washington hotel.

Sunday, May 24.

Special services at all churches.

9:30 a. m.—Automobile trip to Snoqualmie Falls for senior officers.

Informal receptions for officers at Rainier, University and Seattle Athletic Clubs, afternoon and evening.

3 p. m.—Band concert at Woodland park; band concert at A.-Y.-P. grounds. Cruise of Yacht Club for officers who do not care to go automobiling.

7:30 p. m.—Grand concert at reviewing stand by Wagner's military band.

Monday, May 25.

10 a. m.—State University and schools to visit fleet. Two battleships are to be set aside on this date exclusively for school children, and the new Pacific Coast steamship dock is reserved for the assembling of the school children who wish to visit the ships.

At Woodland Park All Day—10 to 12, athletics and boxing tournament; 12 to 2, grand barbecue; 2 to 5, athletics and boxing tournament.

2 p. m.—Free tickets for enlisted men to Star and Coliseum theaters.

3 p. m.—Grand band concert by

Sixth Band Coast Artillery Corps at Woodland park.

4 p. m.—Tea and reception to ladies of the fleet and officers and visiting dignitaries by the ladies of Seattle at Rainier Club.

7:30 p. m.—Grand band concert by Sixth Coast Artillery Corps at reviewing stand.

Free tickets for enlisted men to Star and Coliseum theaters.

8 p. m.—Banquet to senior officers at Rainier Club.

8:30 p. m.—Illumination of fleet and grand aerial fireworks display from barges anchored in Elliott bay 2,000 feet off shore.

9 p. m.—Grand ball for enlisted men and officers at Leschi pavilion, given under the auspices of Seattle Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Tuesday, May 26.

10 to 12—Grand parade of marines, sailors, coast artillery, militia and uniformed organizations. To pass in review before reviewing stand on Second avenue between Stewart and Virginia streets.

Composition of Parade.

Platoon of mounted police. Colonel George B. Lamping, grand marshal, and staff.

United States troops from Puget sound forts, Colonel A. S. Cummins, U. S. A., commanding. Staff: Captain Russell Reeder, adjutant; Captain Mervyn Backey, engineer; Lieutenant H. S. Miller, ordnance officer; Lieutenant T. E. Williford, quartermaster.

First Battalion Coast Artillery, Major G. H. Bartley, commanding; Second Battalion Coast Artillery, Major J. L. Hayden, commanding; detachment Third United States Infantry, in command of Major A. Y. Stamer.

Six thousand sailors and marines from battleships.

Three companies, of Second regiment, N. G. W., and company A, Signal corps, N. G. W., under command of Major John Stringer.

Patriarchs Militant, seven cantons, with the First Battalion band, from Kent.

Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, five companies.

Modern Woodmen of America, four companies.

Ancient Order of United Workmen, one company.

Hibernian Knights, one company.

Militant Eagles, one company.

Foresters of America, one company.

Templars Militant, one company.

Knights of the Maccabees, one company.

Fraternal Brotherhood, one company.

Woodmen of the World, one company.

The fraternal military orders will be under the command of Major General E. P. Edsen, who will be assisted by Brigadier General Frank A. Dayton, both of the Patriarchs Militant.

1:30 p. m.—Aquatic sports on Elliott bay. Boat races between crews of the fleet; log rolling contests; Indian war canoe races. Prizes—Large silver cup for winning crews and specially designed medals for each member of winning crew.

2:30 p. m.—Grand band concert at reviewing stand by Sixth band, Coast Artillery Corps.

4 p. m.—Committee from fraternal societies to call on admiral and make presentation of cup.

7:30 p. m.—Band concert at reviewing stand by Sixth band, Coast Artillery Corps.

8:30 p. m.—Vaudeville smoker at Coliseum for enlisted men.

8:30 p. m.—Illumination of fleet and grand fireworks display from barges on Elliott bay; officers to be entertained informally at clubs and private residences and to be guests at Damrosch concert.

9 p. m.—Officers' ball given by the ladies of Seattle at the New Washington hotel.

PORTLAND GETS BAPTIST CONVENTION NEXT YEAR

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 25.—Portland gets the Northern Baptist convention for 1909. Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, backed by the entire Pacific coast delegation, made a determined stand for Portland and the convention unanimously and enthusiastically voted to go there next year.

About 1,000 delegates are in attendance, fifty from the Pacific slope. Dr. C. A. Woody, F. E. Dark, Miss Carrie Millsbaugh, Miss Kate Failing and Dr. Brougher are the representatives from Portland.

The sessions of the convention will continue until Wednesday. The meetings thus far have been remarkable for the great questions settled and the harmony and enthusiasm shown.

Spokane Next Meeting Place.

Portland, May 23.—Spokane was selected as the next meeting place of the eighth missionary department of the Episcopal church and the international clerics.

Senator Frank B. Brandagee of Connecticut inquired whether it was the intention to have the commission start its work at once.

"Certainly," replied Aldrich.

The resolution was adopted without further discussion.

Carload of Mail Burns.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 23.—An entire carload of United States mail was burned near the eastern end of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific. Fire broke out in a storage car containing several hundred sacks and before the train could be stopped the flames had gained such headway that the car and its contents were destroyed.

SHIP SUBSIDY DEAD

HOUSE REJECTS SENATE AMENDMENTS AND THE SENATE YIELDS.

Another Close Vote Killed Conference Report—House Also Wins Contention in Matter of Mail Weighing—After These Defeats Senate Yields Remaining Points.

Washington, May 25.—The house again wrestled with the subject of mail subsidies to steamship companies and once more recorded itself against the proposition by the vote of 145 to 154. The debate ran well into the night.

Having been overwhelmingly defeated Friday, the conferees on the post-office appropriation bill came into the house with a new report, agreeing with the senate on everything except the subsidy provision and that relating to the system for weighing the mails. The portion of the report on which there was no disagreement was adopted unanimously under an agreement to extend the time of debate on the subsidy question.

The senate amendment changing the standard of weighing the mail by reducing the number of days on which the weighing should be conducted was snowed under 94 to 186.

By reason of the action of the house in rejecting these amendments, the bill again went back to conference for the third time, although the senate already had agreed to the report.

As soon as the action of the house was announced in the senate, Penrose moved to recede from the remaining senate amendments and discharge the conferees. The motion was carried and the congressional work on the postoffice bill was thus completed. The effect was to leave the mail subsidy provision out of the bill and thus effectually dispose of it for the present session.

PHENOMENAL INCREASE IN CANADIAN WHEAT ACREAGE

Ottawa, Ont., May 23.—Reports received from various parts of the Canadian West indicate that the increase in wheat acreage this year will be tremendous. Local grainmen are of the opinion that about 120,000,000 bushels of wheat will be threshed out in 1908.

While fears are expressed that, owing to labor and other difficulties, the government section connecting the Fort William branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway with its line at Winnipeg will not be finished in time to aid in moving the grain crop of this year, there is little doubt that the facilities for transportation of grain between Winnipeg and the Great Lakes will be enormously developed this fall. This will be brought about, however, by the completion of the double-tracking of the Canadian Pacific main line between Fort William and Winnipeg.

This double-tracking is a stupendous undertaking, involving the expenditure of more than \$10,000,000. There being so vast an increase in the area of land put under seed in the Northwest this year, under favorable circumstances the railways will have thrown upon them in the coming fall by far the biggest task they have ever undertaken, but so largely will the handling capacity be increased that, no matter how big the harvest, it is confidently predicted that there will be no more grain blockades.

H. W. McWilliams, an American, who is prominent in the Winnipeg grain trade, and who has reports from every section of the Canadian West, states that 7,000,000 acres of land will be sown to wheat there, an increase of 2,000,000 acres. The coming of the American farmers into the West is largely responsible for this great and rapid progress in grain production.

PUGET SOUND VESSELS GET FINANCIAL AID

Washington, May 23.—Conferees on the postoffice appropriation bill have agreed to accept the senate amendment providing for an ocean mail subsidy for second and third class vessels on routes from the Pacific coast to the Orient and to South America. This will mean a substantial aid to vessels sailing from Puget sound.

Orchards Free From Scale.

Walla Walla, May 23.—So thoroughly have most of the orchards of the county been sprayed this year for the San Jose scale that an inspection just made by County Inspector Whitney and R. E. Trumble, of the state college at Pullman, who is assisting in the work, shows not a living scale on the trees gone over.

The date of the second spraying for the codling moth has been set as May 28, for the Freewater-Milton district, and May 29 for the Walla Walla district.

Big Sensation in Mexico.

Mexico City, May 23.—Financial and business circles of Mexico City have been shaken by the greatest sensation in years through the order of the judge of the second instruction to bring Martin Jacoby, a millionaire and head of the mercantile house of Jacoby, into court on the charge of misapplication of funds which it is claimed will total between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

GOVERNMENT ATTACKS NEW HAVEN MERGER

Washington, May 23.—With the object of preventing the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company from exercising any control over the Boston and Maine railroad, and to operate the New Haven road from the extensive trolley system which it has acquired, the government, through United States District Attorney French, filed in the United States circuit court at Boston a petition against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company and others, charging the existence of a combination in restraint of trade and monopoly within the meaning of sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman anti-trust act.

The petition alleges that the New Haven company has acquired control of approximately 500 miles of electric railway in Connecticut, 400 out of 500 in Rhode Island, and about 600 in Massachusetts, which roads, prior to such control, were engaged in active competition with the New Haven company.

Also that in acquiring about 35 percent of the capital stock of the Boston and Maine railroad it has secured practical control over that railroad, and that by the acquisition of the electric lines and the control of the Boston and Maine it has established a virtual monopoly of all the transportation facilities in New England, the Boston and Albany being practically the only line of any consequence in the New England states, with the exception of the state of Vermont, not now under control in some form by the New Haven company.

The petition prays that the "combination and monopoly" be declared a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Government Suit Depresses Stocks.

New York, May 23.—Demoralization accompanied by unrestrained selling of securities caused today's stock market to be the weakest since the panic last fall. The professed motive for most of the selling was the inference drawn from the government's suit against the New Haven railroad for violation of the anti-trust law. All semblance of support disappeared from the market.

CURRENCY COMMISSION BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, May 23.—The senate, without division, adopted a joint resolution reported by Senator Nelson W. Aldrich from the committee on finance, creating a commission to be called the national monetary commission, to be composed of nine senators, to be appointed by the presiding officer of the senate, and nine representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house, to inquire into and report to congress what changes are desirable or necessary in the monetary situation of the United States or in the laws relating to banking and currency, and for this purpose the commission is authorized to sit during sessions or in the recess of congress at such times and places as they may deem desirable.

Aldrich stated that the conference on the banking and currency bill had been unable to agree upon a report, and said that as congress was to adjourn at an early date no agreement could be reached at this session. That there might be a thorough investigation into banking and currency methods, the conferees had agreed that the commission resolution should be recommended for passage.

SUBSIDY FOR ORIENT AND SOUTH AMERICAN SHIPS

Washington, May 23.—Congress has taken an official step looking to the payment of ship subsidies, the conferees on the postoffice appropriation bill having agreed to accept the amendment by the senate authorizing the postmaster general to contract with steamship lines running to ports of South America, the Philippine islands, Japan, China and Australia for the carrying of the mails and to pay to vessels of the second class the same rate that is now paid on American vessels of the first class to Europe, and to vessels of the third class the rate now authorized for vessels of the second class.

There are no American lines of the first class to the countries named, and the effect of this legislation will be to encourage the establishment of mail and passenger steamer lines to ports of those countries.

New Trial Given Harden.

Leipsic, May 25.—The supreme court has set aside the verdict of the lower court under which Maximilian Harden, the Berlin editor, was found guilty of libeling Count von Moltke, and ordered that the case be retried by the lower court. Harden was cheered by the crowd as he went to the courtroom.

Pythians Elect Officers.

Walla Walla, May 23.—Seattle was chosen at the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, as the meeting place in 1909. The convention adjourned after installing the new officers. A committee consisting of Oliver Hall of Colfax, E. Weldon Young of Seattle, J. D. Corbett of North Yakima, Otto A. Case of Seattle and R. W. Thatcher of Pullman was appointed to investigate the matter of a site for the proposed Pythian home.

Hughes Signs Bucket Shop Bill.

Albany, N. Y., May 23.—Governor Hughes has signed the bill making it a felony to conduct a bucket shop in this state.