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Minor Happenings of the Week

The fifth Hawaiian legislature convened last week.

Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovich of Russia, is dead.

Agitation for the abolition of capital punishment in Russia has been revived

Justice Dowling, of New York, has decided that a corporation can commit a libel.

The Kansas senate has passed a measure which prohibits the sale of liquor by drug stores.

The military academy appropriation bill carries $3,000,000, including $1,700,000 for new buildings.

England, Scotland and Ireland have 596,038 old age pensioners, according to official figures just made public.

The legislative deadlocks over the election United States senators in Wisconsin and Ilinois are still unbroken.

The Montana supreme court has handed down a decision upholding the validity of that state's anti-gambling statute.

The South Carolina senate has passed the bill making liquor "drumming" in the state a misdemeanor punishable with a fine of $1,000.

George B. Harris, presideont of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, has been elected president of the Colorado & Southern railway.

The British government has forwarded to Washington its formal authorization of the fisheries agreement on behalf of Newfoundland.

Following the passage of the county local option bill in Idaho a bill has been put through the house doubling the state license for saloons.

The house committee on expenditures of the interior department has authorized a favorable report on the bill creating a dependent children's bureau.

An amendment to the navy appropriation bill restoring members of the marine corps to srevice aboard United States warships, has been adopted by the senate.

The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce has reported favorably on the bill increasing the membership of the interstate commerce commission from seven to nine.

A $50,000,000 coal deal to consolidate practically all the Illinois mines within a radius of 50 miles of St. Louis, is on the verge of consummation.

The president has signed the urgent decfiiency bill and the resolution appropriating $16,000 for the expenses of the inauguration of President-elect Taft.

Senator Frye has introduced a bill in congress requiring all ocean-going steamers carriyng 50 passengers or more between ports 200 miles apart to be equipped with wireless.

Montclair, New Jersey, churchmen are to start a saloon to be known as the ideal thirst parlor, where coffee, lemonade and other non-intoxicants are to be sold.

A refunding mortgage on all the property of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, has been filed recently at Chicago. The amount of the bonds to be issued is limited to $110,000,000, except under one contingency.

According to an announcement made at Boise, Idaho, the highest suspension bridge in the world will be built over the Snake river, just below Shoshone falls. The span will be 700 feet above the water and 2,000 feet long.

Dr. James B. Angell has submitted his resignation as president of the University of Michigan and has been offered by the regents the position of chancellor at a salary of $4,000 a year with the continued free use of the president's mansion. Dr Angell is now 80 years of age.

Geronimo, the noted Indian chief, died last week at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he had been a prisoner of war for 22 years. Geronimo was the war chief of the Apaches, and was captured with his band in Arizona by Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who, with his soldiers, pursued him for months.

Following the withdrawal of the ministers of Guatemala and Salvador from Honduras and Nicaragua, it is learned from an authoritative source that the United States government has warned the Central American republics that any overt act would immediately call down armed intervention from this country and Mexico.

Castro Shorn of Title

Caracas, Feb. 22 —Cipriano Castro has lost his title as president of Venezuela, the High Federal Court having rendered a decision that sufficient evidence has been presented in the suit brought against him on the charge of attempting to bring about the assassination of Juan Vincente Gomez, the acting president. In its decision the high court transfers the suit to the criminal court and declares that Castro is constitutionally suspended from the presidency.

Washington State News

Work on the new Northern Pacific passenger station at Tacoma has begun.

The Chehalis city council has voted to purchase a fire engine and hose wagon

The United States mill at Aberdeen, recently sold to Edward Hulbert, will resume operations April 1.

Mrs Mary J. King, heiress to one-fifth of a large fortune in Texas, has been located at Mukilteo.

All reclamation work in this state is to be supervised form the irrigation office being established at North Yakima.

Three new industries will be established at White Salmon this spring. They are a fruit box factory, pickle factory and furniture factory.

John F. Main, of Seattle, professor of law at the University of Washington, has been appointed to the position of seventh superior judge of King county.

Rain has been falling in copious showers over the wheat fields of the Palouse wheat belt, and the ground is well soaked. Farmers are predicting a bumper wheat crop in 1909.

The total salmon pack of the Pacific coast during the season of 1908 was 3,852,592 cases, against 3,869 023 cases in 1907 according to the annual review of the salmon industry which appeared last week in the Pacific Fisherman.

John Alvin and James Rose, miners, were killed and considerable damage to property was done by an immense slide of coal in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal company, at Carbonado, last Thursday.

A week ago the state fish commissioner sent 2,500 Easternt trout to J. F. Lavigne, of Chewelah, to stock the waters near Chewelah. They were put in the Chewelah and Benolkin creeks. Another 2,500 trout for the purpose have just arrived.

For the purpose of uniting all the commercial forces now at work in Douglas, Okanogan and Chealn counties, the Commecrial Club of Wenatchee has issued a call for a convention to be hedl in that city in March. At this meeting plans for uniting promotionw ork will be formulated.

SEVERE TEST TO KEEPING QUALITIES OF APPLES

In the display window of a real estate office of North Yakima, there are three plactes of apples, each plate representing a different variety, says hte Yakima Republic. One plate contains Spitzenbergs, the second plate contains Yellow Newtowns, and the third red cheeked Pippins. These three varieties have stood a severe test of keeping quality, and if the test they have been put to is a fair one it is shown that the three varieties mentioned above will keep longer than any other variety of fruit grown in the valley.

In October, 1908, Mr. Scudder put plates in the window containing eight varieties of apples grown in the valley. Today the three varieties mentiooned are the only apples left in the display window, the other fruit having rotted and fallen to pieces. Bellflowers, Lady Apples, White Winter Pearmains, Blue Pearmains and Rome Blacks were the other varieties put to the test.

As fast as a plate of apples rotted they were taken out of the window. Of the three varieties not yet "spelled down" the Spitzenbergs appear to be in the best condition.

New Line in Central Oregon

It has been announced at Portland that the Harriman system will construct a line into Central Oregon from the mouth of the Des Chutes river. The road will be 130 miles long, will cost $4,773,000 and will reach into what is known as the Bend irrigation district. Construction will begin as soon as obstacles of minor importance are overcome and the maps approved by the government.

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:

Eggs—Select ranch, 22@24c. per doz.

Poultry—live hens, 15c lb; springs, 16c; roasting, 15c; old roosters, 9c; ducks, 17c; geese, 13c; live turkeys, 21c; dressed, 23c.

Live stock—Steers, 4 1-10c per lb. cows, 3⅛c; wethers, 4 1-10c; lambs, 4¾c; hogs, 6½c; calves, 4½@6c.

Potatoes—$19@24 per ton for local; $22@26 for Yakima

Ranch butter, 21c.

TACOMA QUOTATIONS

Wheat—Club, $1.00; bluestem, $1.10; red, 98c.

Poultry—Turkeys, live 20c; dressed, 22c; spring chickens, dressed, 15c; ducks, live, 14c; hens, live, 14c; spring chickens, live, 14c; geese, fresh dressed, 15c;

Butter,—Washington, 35c; Eastern storage, 30c; fresh Eastern, 35c.

Eggs—Washington ranch, candled, 22@24c.

Oats—$33@34; rolled oats, $34@35.

Hay, Alfalfa, etc—Wheat hay, $14@15; timothy, $19@22; mixed, $16@18; wild, $13@15; clover, $16@17; Ttimothy and clover, $16@18; alfalfa, $15@16; straw, $11.

Feed—Corn, $34@36; wheat, $32@33; barley, whole grain, $27@28; rolled, $29@30; shorts, $30@31.50; bran, $27@28.50; midlings, $33@34; oil meal, $40.

RETURN OF FLEET

FINISHED VOYAGE AROUND WORLD ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

President Tells Admiral Sperry How Immensely Pleased and Proud He Is—The Admiral's Reply—Noisy Welcome at Fort Monroe.

Fortress Monroe, Va., Feb. 22.—"Not until some American fleet returns victorious from a great sea fight will there be another such home-coming, another such sight as this. I drink to the American navy."

This was the toast of President Roosevelt today as he stood radiantly happy in the cabin of the little cruiser yacht Mayflower at the concusion of the review and the ceremonies attending the welcome home of the American battleship fleet. He was surrounded by the admirals and captains of the sixteen world-encircling vessels, brillianty attired in all the gold lace and paraphernalia of special full dress uniform.

"We stay-at-homes also drink to the men who have made us prouder than ever of our country," added the president, and again the toast was pledged.

"When the fleet sailed from San Francisco, Mr. President," replied Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, "you sent us a message that ours was a heavy responsibility and a great honor. That we have today filled the responsibility makes this the proudest moment of our lives. I say 'we' advisedly in speaking of the fleet, for no one man could have done what has been done without the loyal and willing co-operation of every man on the fleet."

Thus briefly did the commander of the returning ships make his official report to the commander-in-chief of the army and navy.

To the men and junior officers the president expressed his appreciation and the thanks of the country for the prestige which the cruise of the fleet had given to the American navy by making visits to the four divisional flagships—the Connecticut, the Louisiana, the Georgia and the Wisconsin.

Given Noisy Welcome

Cannon, bells and factory whistles added to the din of thousands of throats as the great earth girdling battleships swung past the Mayflower to their anchorages. A drizzling rain could not dampen the ardor or enthusiasm of the multitudes ashore or of the masses of spectators clustered on every conceivable craft afloat.

A dense fog clouded the sea early in the morning, but later lifted and permitted those on shore to obtain glimpses of black columns of smoke from more than a score of funnels which marked the approach of the greatest armed fleet ever gathered under the American flag.

By 8:30 a fleet of newspaperboats and pleasure craft started to meet the Mayflower and the fleet.

Before the flagship Connecticut came within sight of the Mayflower, Rear Admiral Sperry ordered single column formation, and this was held until the review was over.

Din of Firing

With the first sharp report of the forward starboard eight inch rifle of the Connecticut, a din of firing began that lasted for more than thirty minutes. Even though smokeless powder was used in the saluting, the slight puffs from the muzzles of the rifles raised a thin haze that partly obscured the view of the vessels at the end of the column

As the last ship of the welcome squadron passed by the Mayflower, private yachts, press boats and excursion steamers fell in and passed in informal review.

Rear Admiral Sperry, his division officers and the captains of the fleet came aboard the Mayflower shortly after the fleet's anchors were let go in the waters of Hampton Roads, and there were greeted by the president in the words quoted above.

Itinerary of the Fleet

Left Hampton Roads, December 16, 1907.
Arrived Rio de Janeiro, January 12, 1908.
Punta Arenas, January 31.
Valparaiso, February 14
Callao, February 20.
Magdalena Bay, March 12.
San Francisco, May 6.
Seattle, May 23.
Honolulu, July 16.
Auckland, August 10.
Sydney, August 20.
Melbourne, August 29.
Manila, October 2.
Yokohama, October 18.
Manila, First Squadron, October 31.
Amoy, Second Squadron, October 30.
Colombo, December 12.
Port Said, January 5, 1909.
Naples, January 10.
Villerfanche, January 11.
Malta, January 14.
Marseilles, January 15.
Gibraltar, January 31.
Hampton Roads, February 22.
Total distance covered—42,227 miles
Time consumed—One year, two months and six days.
Foreign countries visited—Fifteen.

Idaho Passes Local Option

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 20.—The local option bill has been passed by both house and senate and has gone to the governor, who has announced his intention of signing it. The county unit plan is provided for in the measure.

TO URGE UNIFORMITY IN STATE LEGISLATION

New York, Feb. 20—There has been announced from the headquarters of the National Civic Federation the appointment of a committee whose business it will be to attempt to organize a council of 100 representative men in each state before whom will be laid a plan to secure more uniform state legislation.

John Hays Hammond is chairman. The names of the other members follow: Alton B. Parker, New York; Myron T. Herrick, Ohio; David R. Francis, Missouri; Curtis Guild, Jr., Massachusetts; N. J. Bethelder, New Hampshire; Edward Warfield, Maryland; Herman Ridder, New York; C. F Brookes, Connecticut; Bruce Haldeman, Kentucky; Victor Rosewater, Nebraska; Clark Howell, Georgia; P. I. Bonebrake, Kansas; James Lynch, Indiana; Harry Pratt Judson, Illinois; John H. Halliday, Indiana, and Benjaimn Ide Wheeler, California.

The federation points out that there has been no effort to crystalize interstate organizations for the accomplishment of concrete aims. The federation says:

"The development of the nation and the changes in conditions have emphasized the harmfulness of incongruities in laws adopted. as they have been, without any attepmt at uniformity in regulating the subject matter. A meetting for the common good of men from all the states and the opportunities such meeting will afford for better understanding and appreciation from the people and the institutions of widely separated sections will bring about an increased sense of the unity of the whole people."

VENEZUELAN TROUBLE PRACTICALLY AT AN END

Washintgon, Feb. 19.—William Buchanan, special American commissioner to Venezuela, has signed a protocaol with that government for the adjudication of the disputed claims between the two countries, thus paving the way for a final settlement of the issues that led to a rupture of diplomatic relations last spring.

Three claims go to The Hague tribunal for arbitration, the fourth is to be settled by a small cash payment, and the fifth has been settled directly between the Venezuelan government and the claimants. The protocol is equally satisfactory to the United States and to Venezuela. It saves the dignity and honor of Venezuela, while as for America, the troublesome claims that have led to so much negotiation are dsiposed of.

CROSS-NATION AUTO RACE NOW BEING ARRANGED

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Hired at a salary of $10,000 to take charge of the automobile endurance run from New York to Seattle for the M. Robert Guggenheim trophy and cash prize during the exposition this summer, T. Francis Moore, professional automobile race promoter and manager, is here to arrange for the event. The contest is to be held under the auspices of the exposition and the Seattle Automobile club.

The club has raissed $5,000 to help defray the expenses of the affair. The remainder of the expense, which will aggregate $20,000 or $25,000 outside of the prizes, will be borne by Mr. Guggenheim. He will furnish a $2,000 trophy and a $2,000 cash prize to the winner, $1,500 cash to the second car, $1,000 to the third and $750 to the fourth. Five entries of foreign cars are already assured.

EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR THE BEAUTIFYING OF SPOKANE

Spokane, Feb. 20.—Aubrey Lee White, president of the city park commission and civic beauty exponent, has plans to establish 27 playgrounds, one in the immediate vicinity of every public school in Spokane. In connection with these there will be shower baths and other modern features. The commission plans to expend $1,000,000 on playgrounds, parks and a civic center, with assembly halls and branch libraries.

The city will have more than 2,980 acres of land before the end of the year and it is planned to develop this to rank with the foremost in the country. Most of the land was donated to the commission. The civic center will be at the intersection of Riverside avenue and Monroe street, overlooking Spokane Falls, in the heart of the business district. The commission is also making plans for other improvements in various parts of Spokane. The city charter is now being revised to give the commission jurisdiction over all residential streets.

Placer Strike on Eagle

Valdez, Feb. 20.—The discovery of placer ground running $1 to $2 to the pan at Eagle creek, a tributory of the Chistuchina river, was reported today. The discoverer, Frank G. Bartlett, arrived this morning, bringing a poke of course gold from the new diggings. The pay streak is three feet deep, seven feet from the surface. Eagle creek is twenty-five miles east of Slate creek camp and on the same old beach gravel formation.

Cabinet Places Decided

Columbus, O., Feb. 22.—J. M. Dickinson, of Tennessee, will be secretary of war in the Taft cabinet. Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, will be Mr. Taft's sercetary of commerce and labor, and R. A. Ballinger, of Seattle, will be secretary of the interior. The statement is not made upon the announcement of Mr. Taft, but its correctness may be accepted without question.

SAVE MONEY TO STATE

SLAYDEN HAS BILL TO PROMOTE ECONOMY IN BUYING.

Would Empower Board of Control to Purchase All Supplies for Public Use—Claimed Plan Would Save a Hundred Thousand Annually.

Olympia, Feb. 20.—Although there have been no direct charges of extravagance, it is the belief of many of the legislators, headed by Mr. Slayden of Pierce county, in the house that the state could be saved a large sum of money by the adoption of new methods in the various departments and state institutions.

Mr. Slayden now has under consideration a plan which he will embody in a bill to be introduced in a few days which the says will save the taxpayers of the state nearly $100,000 if the legislature sees fit to enact it into law. He believes that with the practice of economy and the installation of new system that there would be no more deficiencies and that the state institutions and offices could be conducted, with less money than at the present time.

The first proposition is to enlarge the power of the state board of control by giving it the right to purchase all supplies needed in the various institutions and departments. Mr. Slayden points out that there is a great amount of property now on hand that could be used. citing for instance, the case of the stee lilning purchased for the state auditor's office when a lining very similar was being kicked around the basement.

Changes in the heads of the various departments, he says, generally means an extra expenditure. The board of control keeps a record of everything under its control and the danger of duplication and unnecessary buying would be greatly lessened. Mr. Slayden says that by centering the purcrhasing power for the these supplies in the board of control would mean a saving of from $40,000 to $50,000.

Economy Imperative

Along the same line of economy Mr. Slayden today introduced a bill providing for the placing of the state library and public documents under the managements and control of the state law library, which, he declares, will save the state from $15,000 to $18,000.

There is an unusually heavy demand for appropriations this year and the members of the committee on appropriations in the house and senate declare the ax must be swung vigorously in every direction. Any plan, such as proposed by Mr. Slayden, to keep down the expenses, is looked upon with favor by the members of the committees.

NOTED EDITORS INDICTED FOR PANAMA CHARGES

Washington, Feb. 18.—The grand jury of the District of Columbia has retuned indictments against the owners and responsible editors of the New York World and the Indianapolis News, charging criminal libel on account of articles alleging that there was improper dealing in the purchase of the canal.

One indictment with five counts is directed against the New York World, naming Joseph Pulitzer, the owner and editor-in-chief, Caleb Van Hamm, the managing editor and Robert H. Lyman.

Another indictment, with seven counts, was returned against the Indianapolis News, Naming Delavan Smith, the editor-in-chief and Chas. R. Williams. The articles complained of referred to President Roosevelt, former Secretary of State Root, Charles P. Taft, William Nelson Cromwell and Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of the president.

The stories were published during the campaign last fall, and after election they drew from Roosevelt a very vigorous reply, in which he denounced the statements as utterly untrue, and it was at his direction that the grand jury was ordered to take up the case.

The case will unquestionably be fought at every turn and it probably will become an historic action.

Million Spent to Abate Smoke

Helena, Mont., Feb. 20.—The celebrated smoke case, so-called, has been resumed in the federal court here. Witnesses for the copper company explained that numerous experiments were now in progress and they were more than hopeful of results. Included in these experiments is the tallest smokestack in the world at the company's Great Falls smelter, which alone cost several hundred thousand dollars. A friction flue dust process and other inventiions bring the cost of these experiments up beyond the million dollar mark.

Oregon Legislature Concludes Labors

Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—The Oregon legislature adjourned sine die Saturday night. Appropriation bills carriyng $4,200,000 were passed. Among the notable measures passed was a bill providing for the steriliaztion of the criminal insane and the Bean bill taxing public service corporations on their capitalized net earnings, which is expected to add at least $25,000,000 to the assessable property of the satte and bring in a revenue in excess of $250,000 yearly.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

FIFTY BILLS PASSED HOUSE OR SENATE LAST WEEK.

All Record's Broken for Introduction of Measures, but Many Will Never Be Acted On—Some of the Measures Passed Were Important.

Olympia, Feb. 20.—The legislature went to work with a vengeance the past week and accomplished more work than in all the preceding weeks of the Eleventh session. In the house the most activity was displayed, the general grind of the work being retarded in the senate by a two days fight over local option.

Fifty bills were passed by the two branches, the house being credited with 28 and the senate 22. The lower house sent 21 pet measures of various members to the graveyard by the indefinite postponement route. The senate was more considerate, recommending only five bills for indefinite postponement. The house has 366 bills on file and the senate 297.

For the introduction of bills this legislature will break all records. Under a rule passed early in the session, February 23 is the "dead line" for iontroduction. By a majority vote, however, the time can be extended. As a result of this ruling, there has been a general rush for the last few days to get bills on file before the fatal day. Monday being a holiday no doubt Tuesdsay will witness the introduction of one of the largest numbers of bills during any one day of the session.

Only two bills have been signed this week by Acting Governor Hay. There are, however, other bills on his desk for action

Some Important Bills Acted Upon

Early in the week the house passed the Ghent bill, providing for an eight-hour law for women in mechanical and mercantile establishments and restaurants, hotels and laundries. A strong fight was made to kill it and the opposition did succeed in defeating it once, only to have it brought back again and passed. Sims, who early opposed this bill, supported it on condition that the friends of labor would support his bill providing that women working in canneries could labor ten hours. Palmer amended this in such a way that it gives the employer the right to keep his help at work as long as he desires.

Buchanan's employers' liability bill was also given a second trial, but both times it lacked a constitutional majority. There is a similar bill now before the senate, although more drastic. It is likely that a good many of its teeth will be drawn before it gets through either branch of the legislature.

Tuesday is the day set for the reconvening of the legislature and there is little prospect of much being accomplished because of the local option fight, which is scheduled to open in the house eihter Tuesday or Wednesday. The substitute bill is now before the public morals committee and will probably be reported out Tuesday or Wednesday. The "drys" are determined to kill it, while the supporters of the bill are equally determined to pass it with amendments

The two bills signed by the governor provide for a seventh judge for King county and for the sale of grain sacks made in the Walla Walla penitentiary.

HOUSE LEADERS OFFER CONCESSIONS TO INSURGENTS

Washington, Feb. 22.—Apparently the house committee on rules, of which the speaker is chairman, has offered the olive branch to the insurgents, and it is said the fight for changes in the rules of the house will be compromised. The conservative element of the insurgent forces, who have confined their efforts to getting a "calendar Tuesday," or one day in the week for the consideration of bills on the house and united calendars, was given a hearing by the rules committee Saturday.

It is understood the committee presented a substitute embodying the main features of the resolutions presented by the eight insurgents who proposed to amend the rules so that the members of the house would be able to obtain recognition on the floor without the necessity of arranging with the speaker beforehand. The rule providing for a "calendar Tuesday," it is said by the insurgents, would do away with this difficulty.

WORLD'S CONFERENCE ON RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Roosevelt has announced that a call will be issued at once for a world's conference on the conservation of natural resources to be held at The Hague next September. The forty-five nations represented at The Hague will be invited to participate.

Canada Admits Horses

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 22.—The Canadian government has made a further modicfiation of the live animal quarantine established in consequence of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in United States. An order has been made by which horses may be brought to Canada from any part of the United States. The quarantine is still continued against all other livestock.