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Minor Happenings of the Week

The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Capt. Herbert Winslow, of the navy, to be a rear admiral.

Several amendments looking to the independence of the Philippines, introduced by Democrats in the house have been voted down.

Gov. Hughes has signed the bill increasing the penalty for extortion or blackmail in the state of New York from five to fifteen years.

The Wisconsin assembly has concurred in the bill fixing the penalty for kidnaping at life imprisonment. The bill now goes to the governor.

The government has decided to extend the installation of submarine signal bells to light vessels and stations on both coasts and the great lakes.

The contract for the construction of the superstructure of the assay office at New York has been awarded to the Cramp company of Philadelphia at \$164,000.

President Alcorca of the Argentine Republic has sent to the chamber of deputies a project for the irrigation of immense tracts of land throughout the republic.

President Taft has issued an executive order directing that when national holidays fall on Sunday, all government employees entitled to a holiday should be granted leave on the Monday following.

That senators should address one another in the third person, as "the senator from so-and-so," and not descend to personal pronouns, has been called to the attention of the senate by Vice President Sherman.

Edward I. Nathan, American consul at Mersina, has returned to that place and reports that the military are now controlling Adana and that confidence is gradually being restored.

Owing to the continued high price of wheat, all of the smaller flour mills in Western Canada shut down last week and the larger mills at Winnipeg have decided to run on short time. In Ontario nearly all mills have closed.

It is reported at Philadelphia that a contract for 105 locomotives has been placed with the Baldwin Locomotive works by the Harriman lines. This is the largest order placed with the locomotive firm since the panic of 1907.

Olve and Bill Newman, holdup men, were last week at Greenwood, B. C., sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary for having held up and robbed the Great Northern railway agent at Brideville, B. C., last December.

A resolution calling upon the attorney general to inform congress whether any steps have been taken to nullify the consolidation of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company with the United States Steel Corporation has been adopted in the house.

In a report on the results of rifle and pistol firing, excluding the part in the Philippines, for the target year of 1908, the department of California leads with 79.47 as figure of merit; department of the Colorado second with 78.69 and department of the Lakes third with 73.61.

The United States appellate court, sitting at San Francisco, has refused John A. Benson a new hearing of the case in which he was jointly convicted with Dr. E. B. Perrin of conspiring to secure subornation of perjury in connection with California timber lands. Benson and Perrin were sentenced to serve a year in prison and to pay a fine of \$1,000 each.

INSURANCE COMPANIES MADE \$8,759,660 IN STATE IN YEAR

Olympia, May 29.—Washington people paid out \$13,380,498 for insurance premiums during 1908 and in the same period the companies paid losses in the state of but \$4,626,838, according to the preliminary report of the insurance department just issued by Commissioner Schively. These figures are made up from the annual reports submitted to the department by the companies doing business here.

More than \$514,000,000 of insurance was written during the year, exclusive of accident, surety, fidelity and indemnity, liability and casualty, health, burglary, plate glass, live stock and steam boiler insurance.

State Employees Must Catch Up
Olympia, May 29.—Secretary of State Howell has issued orders that until all accumulated work has been cleared up employees will work each afternoon until five o'clock instead of quitting at four. Notices are being sent out for the collection of the 10,000 annual corporation licenses to be paid to the secretary before July 1.

Act on Paroles July 1
Olympia, May 31.—The state board of control will meet at Walla Walla July 1 with the prison superintendent to succeed to the duties of the old prison board and act on applications for pardons and paroles.

Washington State News

The San Juan Fishing Company, of Seattle, has opened a canning plant at Victoria for the shipment of spring salmon to Europe.

A total of \$30,212 was received for admissions to the Alasa-Yukon-Pacific exposition grounds previous to the regular opening on June 1.

The Yakima valley wool clip is estimated at 1,500,000 pounds this year. Practically the whole clip has been sold at from 15 to 18 cents, bringing over a quarter of a million dollars.

Water was turned into the new pipe line adjoining Grandview last Monday. About 400 acres of fruit land will be brought under cultivation by this pumping plant. The land adjoins Grandview.

The old Northern Pacific passenger station, which has been in service at Tacoma for 25 years, has been razed. A temporary station will be used until the new one to be built on the old site is completed.

The Benton county National Bank of Prosser, Wash., has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital. G. W. Hamilton is president, E. L. Stewart vice president and C. R. Harper cashier.

Acting under instructions from Gov. Hay, State Bank Examiner Mohundro has suspended H. M. Boone as deputy bank examiner, pending an investigation of the defunct Palouse State Bank, of which Boone was president up to two months ago.

The first postoffice in the Mount Rainier National Park will be opened June 21, with E. L. Burnham as postmaster. The postoffice will be known as Longmire and will be located at the National Park Inn (formerly Longmire Springs) in Paradise valley.

Steps to facilitate the entrance of the Union Pacific into Seattle have been taken. Tenants on the property acquired by the Union Pacific for terminals have been notified to vacate, and orders have been issued for the immediate preparation by architects of plans for freight sheds and warehouse buildings.

To settle the old question of county division and courthouse removal from Montesano, the county seat, the Chelalis county commissioners announce that they have decided to build two courthouses, one at Montesano and one at a point between Hoquiam and Aberdeen, the buildings to be similar and to cost \$70,000 each.

Beginning June 1, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the Northern Pacific railroad, owners of several of the piers along the Seattle waterfront, have announced a cut in their wharfage rate from 50 cents to 25 cents per ton. This cut has come as the result of complaints of long standing from local shippers that the rates were inordinately high.

CONGRESSMAN LORIMER SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS

Springfield, Ill., May 29.—Congressman William Lorimer, of Chicago, is the junior United States senator from Illinois. He was elected on the ninety-fifth ballot of the joint assembly by a coalition of Democrats and Republicans to fill the vacancy existing since the term of Albert J. Hopkins expired on March 4. The deadlock has continued since last January.

Indictments Returned Against Haskell
Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 29.—Indictments against Gov. Charles N. Haskell and five others have been returned by the federal grand jury here. They are charged with having obtained titles from the government to town lots in Muskogee, Oklahoma, by illegal methods.

State to Appeal Western Union Case
Olympia, June 1.—The state tax commission has announced that it will assist Pierce county authorities in taking an appeal to the supreme court of the United States from the decision rendered by the state supreme court that Western Union franchises are not taxable in this state.

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, 24@25c per doz.
Poultry—live hens, 16c lb; springs, 19c; roasting, 16c; old roosters, 10c; ducks, 18c; geese, 18c; live turkeys, 22c; dressed, 24c.

Potatoes—\$35@38 per ton for local; \$38@40 for Yakima
Ranch butter, 19c.

TACOMA QUOTATIONS

Wheat—Milling: Bluestem, \$1.25@1.30. Export: Bluestem, \$1.24; club, \$1.14; red, \$1.09.

Poultry—Turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22c; spring chickens, dressed, 20c; ducks, live, 12c; hens, live, 16c; spring chickens, live, 18c; geese, fresh dressed, 15c.

Butter.—Washington, 29c; Eastern storage, 27c; fresh Eastern, 29c.
Eggs—Washington ranch, candled, 25@26c.

Oats—\$12@14; rolled oats, \$13@14.
Hay, Alfalfa, etc.—Wheat hay, \$16@18; timothy, \$22@23; mixed, \$16@18; wild, \$13@15; clover, \$18@19; Timothy and clover, \$18@20; alfalfa, \$16@18; straw, \$11.

Feed—Corn, \$34@36; wheat, \$32@33; barley, whole grain, \$14@15; rolled, \$36@37; shorts, \$30@31.50; bran, \$27@28.50; middlings, \$32@33; oil meal, \$44.

SEATTLE'S GREAT FAIR OPENED BY PRESIDENT

Flags Unfold at Noon and Machinery of Exposition Is Set in Motion—Parade and Other Exercises

When President W. H. Taft pressed the golden key in the White House at noon, Pacific coast time, June 1, the Alasa-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was opened complete in detail.

Officers of the fair have made good their promise of preparedness on opening day and during the last week there has been a rush night and day to have the exhibits in order. The finishing touches were put on the last of the buildings and on the grounds early last week.

President Taft used a telegrapher's key, made from the first gold taken from the Klondike, and set with the identical nuggets taken out by the discoverer of the Northern Eldorado, August 16, 1896. The key has been mounted on a slab of Alaska marble, and was presented by the president of the United States by George W. Carmack, discoverer of the Klondike gold fields.

The opening program at the exposition grounds began at 9:30 o'clock with a parade of United States army troops, marines and sailors, from the Pacific cruiser fleet and from the Japanese warships under Vice Admiral Ijichi. Col. T. C. Woodbury, U. S. A., acting commander of the department of the Columbia, was the grand marshal. His chief aide was Capt. A. M. Weatherill, U. S. A., who has been assigned to the exposition by the war department. The marching soldiers and sailors were reviewed by the American and Japanese admirals and the visiting governors at the head of the court of honor.

The exercises at the natural amphitheater began at 10:45 o'clock, with an overture by Innes' band. The invocation was by Bishop O'Dea, of Seattle. A short address by Director General Nadeau, and the band played "Gloria Washington," the official march of the exposition. James J. Hill was down on the program for the opening address. He was followed by J. E. Chilberg, president of the exposition. Bishop F. W. Keator, of Olympia, pronounced the benediction. The program at the amphitheater was timed to close at noon, at which hour President Chilberg signalled the president of the United States that he fair was ready. There was an exchange of messages.

FIRST FAIRBANKS GOLD ON WAY TO SEATTLE

Dawson, May 29.—Navigation is now completely open on the Yukon north of Lake La Barge. The first steamer of the season from Fairbanks, with passengers and gold for Seattle, is due to reach Dawson tonight. Captains of steamers on Lake La Barge report that the lake is so thick with ice that it is not expected to break before the middle of June.

A scow in charge of the steamer Panline, laden with sheep for the Pacific Cold Storage Company, has been swamped thirty miles down the river.

Japanese Entitled to Trade Privilege

New York, May 29.—In an opinion handed down by the corporation counsel, Japanese subjects in New York are entitled, by virtue of the recent treaty entered into between this country and Japan, to all trade privileges held by American citizens. The question was raised by the chief of the bureau of licenses concerning the renewal of licenses of Japanese to engage in business in Coney Island.

Presbyterians Put Ban on Tobacco

Denver, May 29.—That clergymen and laymen should not use tobacco; that it is not contrary to the church for Presbyterians judges to grant saloon licenses when it is their legal duty to do so, and that a committee of ministers and laymen shall inquire into methods to be pursued in seminaries in teaching "modern theology," were the principal matters approved by the general assembly at its session here yesterday.

Military Auditing Boards Organize

Olympia, May 29.—Military auditing boards have been formally organized for the first time in the state history. The organization is under the new law, which provides for two boards. On each a member of the state board of control and state auditor are members. The adjunct general acts on one and a line officer on the other. Meetings will be held here on the 12th of each month.

Illinois to Abolish Death Penalty

Springfield, Ill., May 29.—A bill abolishing capital punishment in Illinois has passed the house. It substitutes life imprisonment for the death penalty.

after which the signal was given from the White House which started the whistles blowing in all parts of the city.

By an electrical apparatus a giant flag of the United States, the largest in the world, was unfurled over the platform of the amphitheater. As the flag unfolded thousands of smaller flags, souvenirs of the occasion, were set floating through the air.

Flags were run up on all the buildings and the artillery companies fired a national salute. Two hundred high school pupils sang the National anthem and the program of the day was started.

After the exercises luncheon was served on the platform and at the New York state building. Ex-Gov. McGraw presided at the luncheon. Addresses of welcome were extended to the government, the several states represented and to the counties. Kenneth C. Beaton, of Seattle made the principal welcoming address. Responses were made by Jesse J. Wilson, Assistant secretary of the interior, on behalf of the government; by State Senator B. M. Wilcox, of New York, for the states, and by Charles W. O'Neal, of Walla Walla county, for the counties.

There were opening receptions at all of the state buildings. The California state building has been made to appear like a bit of California itself. The building itself, made in the style of the Spanish renaissance, is a beautiful structure. Lemon and Orange trees bearing fruit and a great variety of semi-tropical plants, have been used to decorate the grounds. California's exhibit is distinctive in many features, and is unquestionably the handsomest state building on the grounds.

The program during the afternoon included concerts by the Innes and A-Y-P bands, a reception in the Washington State Women's building and the first flight of the dirigible balloon "A-Y-P." In the stadium there was a ball game between the army and the navy and the beginning of the military games, which will last the remainder of the week.

In the evening the officers of the exposition were hosts at a banquet to the distinguished visitors. The program at night was concluded with a musical concert and a display of fireworks.

CORWIN AT NOME AFTER SHORT DELAY

Nome, May 29.—The steamer Corwin, from Seattle, arrived here yesterday at 10 o'clock. A wireless message was received from her the previous evening when she was eighty-six miles off the coast. The ice pack detained the vessel for a short time, but she reached here with all well. There was a great celebration upon the vessel's arrival. A band was on hand to greet the Corwin and her passengers, and never before has the little steamer had a more hearty welcome.

It is estimated that the winter's clean up will be \$2,000,000. Much of the money is already in the banks.

Open Yakima Reserve in 1910

North Yakima, May 29.—The Yakima Indian reservation will probably be opened to settlement in 1910. While the date has not yet been set, Commissioner Fred Denett of the general land office, in information sent to the local land office, confirms the belief that the opening will be some time next year. The reservation, which embraces 1,145,000 acres, is to be opened under the homestead and mineral laws, except timber lands, which are to be sold under sealed bids, settlers to pay the appraised price, as well as mineral claimants.

Consul General Wynne Quits

Washington, May 29.—Consul General Robert C. Wynne, at London, has resigned and Consul John L. Griffiths, at Liverpool, will be nominated to succeed him. About fifty appointments to and transfers in the consular service have been announced by Secretary Knox. They include Frederick Simpich, of Washington, consul at Bagdad, Turkey.

Army Estimates Greatly Reduced

Washington, June 1.—Secretary Dickinson states that in accordance with specific instructions of the president, the estimates for the military arm for the fiscal year 1911 would be \$20,000,000 less than the appropriations for the fiscal year 1910.

Beveridge Against Premiums

Washington, May 31.—Senator Beveridge has introduced an amendment to the tariff bill the purpose of which is to prohibit the tobacco manufacturers or dealers from using the coupon or premium system to stimulate sales.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL INTERPRETS PRISON LAW

According to an opinion given by Attorney General W. P. Bell, while the new criminal code repeals the indeterminate sentence law and abolishes the "prison board" as such, the board of control, with the right to make rules and regulations concerning the parole and final discharge of prisoners. The governor in the future will have to pardon prisoners and accept such odium as may be attached, instead of granting the final discharge upon the recommendation of the prison board, as in the past. Following is the opinion:

"When this repeal takes effect the 'prison board' will cease to exist as such, and, of course, the courts will no longer be required to make the reports provided for in said repealed chapter (155 of laws of 1907). The powers and duties of the board of control in relation to parole of prisoners will then be wholly denied and limited by section 30 of the criminal code, in which I find no provision for the final discharge or pardon of any prisoner prior to the termination of sentence. Under the act of 1907 the 'prison board' had no power to finally discharge prisoners, but could merely recommend such discharge to the governor, upon whose approval it was granted. Under the new law the power to finally discharge or pardon paroled prisoners will still reside in the governor."

PORTLAND JOINS IN FIGHT FOR REDUCTION IN RATES

Portland, Or., May 27.—Portland is now in the fight against the railroads to secure better rates from Coast points to the interior. At a meeting of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce it was decided to cooperate with Tacoma and Seattle in a joint suit against the Great Northern and Northern Pacific on the question of rates to points in Idaho and Montana.

This suit will be brought before the interstate commerce commission and papers will be dispatched to Washington in the course of a few days. It has already been announced that the Chamber of Commerce will commence suit before the commission against the Oregon Railroad and Navigation on the question of distributive rates out of Portland. An endeavor is to be made to get the whole rate question considered at the same time, and leading toward this end Portland will send a special representative to Washington for the meeting of the commission on June 9.

S. N. D. NORTH RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS

Washington, May 31.—S. D. North, director of the census, has tendered his resignation and it has been accepted. E. Dana Durand, deputy commissioner of corporations, has been nominated to succeed Mr. North. Mr. North's resignation is a direct result of his controversy with Secretary Nagel.

San Francisco Opens Ball

San Francisco, May 27.—Initial steps in the fight of the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the Pacific coast against the proposed action of the railroads to establish graded rates that would circumscribe their distribution were taken at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, attended by representatives of local commercial bodies and delegates from Sacramento and Los Angeles.

Quarterly School Fund Apportionment

Olympia, May 29.—The quarterly apportionment of state current school fund has been certified to the state superintendent. The amount is \$1,311,814.93, which is the largest apportionment in the history of the state. This money will be apportioned to every school district in the state on the basis of attendance during the last school year.

Hops Reach Twelve Cent Mark

Portland, Or., May 29.—News that hop contracts in California have jumped to 12 cents and rumors that this price has been paid in Yakima county have excited the Oregon market. Up to this time the best price offered on the growing crop here has been 10½ cents. The yards are looking very bad and it is now almost certain that Oregon will have a poor crop.

Rumors of New Steamship Line

Victoria, B. C., May 29.—That a line of steamers is to be placed on the Pacific by the White Star and Dominion lines in combination to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway at Prince Rupert when the new trans-continental road is placed in operation, is the story told to local transportation men in information received from Montreal.

Appeal in Portland Gateway Case

St. Paul, May 29.—An appeal has been filed in the United States district court by the Northern Pacific railway from the decision of the interstate commerce commission ordering the Southern Pacific and other Harriman lines and the Northern Pacific to maintain through routes and joint rates to North Pacific coast points via Portland.

Government After N. P. Lands

Helena, Mont., June 1.—In the United States court here District Attorney James Freeman, in behalf of the government, has instituted suit to recover from the Northern Pacific railroad all lands within its grant which are mineralized. The exact amount is not known, but it is said by mining men to include large areas.

TO INITIATE TAFT

PRESIDENT TO JOIN MODERN WOODMEN AT SPOKANE.

Bryan, Cannon, Lyman Abbott and Other Prominent Men Will Assist at the Ceremony. Which Will Occur at the Time of the Irrigation Congress.

Spokane, May 29.—Officers of Excelsior Camp No. 5174, Modern Woodmen, are preparing elaborate plans to initiate President Taft into the mysteries of the order during his stay in Spokane during the second week in August, when it is expected the chief executive will participate in the seventeenth session of the National Irrigation Congress. The honors will be conferred by A. R. Talbot, head consul, assisted by William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska; United States Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa; United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas; Speaker Cannon; Prof. J. W. Blackman, of Kansas University; Lyman Abbott, editor of The Outlook, and other prominent public men.

The ceremonies will take place in the state armory with from 5,000 to 6,000 members in attendance. A banquet, at which President Taft will speak, is to follow. The band connected with the "Fighting Third" regiment infantry, organized in 1792, and at one time commanded by "Mad Anthony" Wayne, to be stationed at Fort George Wright, three miles northwest of Spokane, this summer, will furnish the music for the occasion, and representative members of the order from all parts of America will be here to greet the nation's chief when he takes the Woodmen's oath.

Drawing for Lands

Another important matter, which, by happy coincidence, comes with the opening of the meeting of the irrigators and experts in forestry, deep waterways, good roads and home building and the visit of President Taft, is the beginning of drawings on August 9, for more than 700,000 acres of lands in the Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and Flathead reservations. The registration offices will be in Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Kalispell and Missoula, Mont.

While the regulations regarding the opening of the lands are not yet available, it is understood that those qualified to make homestead entry will be permitted to register for any of the lands designated in the three reservations. This must be done in person, but former soldiers may register through agents.

Persons entering lands in the Flathead reserve, where 440,000 acres will be thrown open this year, will be required to pay one-third the appraised value, ranging from \$1.25 to \$7 an acre, at the time of entry, while purchasers of government lands in the Spokane reserve, 100,000 acres, and the Coeur d'Alene reservation, 200,000 acres, will be required to pay one-fifth of the appraised value at the time of entry, the remainder to be paid in five equal annual installments.

Nearly 5,000 Homesteads

These three drawings will provide homes for at least 25,000 persons, there being between 4,500 and 5,000 homesteads. Other lands in the reserves, which contain approximately 8,000,000 acres, will be opened in 1910 and 1911. Those familiar with the lands to be opened this year say portions of them are adapted to wheat, oats and other small grains, also root crops and fruits.

Moffatt to Succeed Rogers

New York, May 29.—James A. Moffatt, a director of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, will succeed the late Henry H. Rogers as vice president of the company, it is understood on good authority here. Mr. Moffatt has had active charge of the transportation problems of the Standard Oil Company for the last two years, a task to which Mr. Rogers formerly devoted himself. He is also president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. He is 57 years old.

Potter Heads Navigation Bureau

Washington, May 29.—President Taft has sent to the senate the nomination of Rear Admiral William P. Potter to be chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department. The selection of Admiral Potter for this duty was announced some time ago. When the World cruise of the battleship fleet started, Admiral Potter, then a captain, was in command of the battleship Vermont.

Grow Bananas at Stellacom

Olympia, May 29.—A bunch of the largest bananas ever seen in Olympia, of fine color, shape and flavor, have been received by the state board of control from the Western Washington hospital for the Insane at Fort Stellacom. They were grown there in the conservatory. The bunch weighed more than a hundred pounds.

Legislate for the Babies

Springfield, Ill., June 1.—The legislature has passed a bill declaring void leases which prohibit children in apartment houses. The governor has announced his intention of signing the bill.