

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

American naval officers were banqueted in Lima, Peru.

A Frenchman has invented a wireless electric power system.

Mexico is devising ways for the reform of the public credit system.

The Hearst Independence league has decided to nominate a national ticket.

The sale of ex-Minister Conger's Chinese curio collection has realized \$26,533.

Japan has asked for a larger appropriation for the Tokio exposition in 1912.

Russian authorities have captured plotters against the life of Grand Duke Nicholas.

Fire for a time seriously threatened a large part of the business district of New Orleans.

A mortgage for \$225,000 has been foreclosed on the Yerkes home and art collection in New York.

A Columbia, Mo., man has just died who for the past 20 years has drunk at least a quart of whisky a day.

The children of Eureka, Cal., have petitioned the forest service for the creation of a redwood national forest.

An attempt was made to burn the Soles hotel, at Muskogee, Okla., where about 100 delegates to the Democratic convention were quartered.

Railroad unions deny the necessity for wage reductions.

The Northern Pacific has reduced grain rates from Montana points to Chicago.

Senator Ankeny has given a banquet to a number of senators, at which he boomed the Seattle fair.

Early fruit and vegetables for shipment to the North have been damaged in Louisiana by a cold wave.

The Illinois Supreme court holds that a labor union's unfair list is in effect a boycott and can be enjoined.

The Pullman car company has issued orders to sell no liquors while the cars are passing through dry districts.

The cruisers West Virginia and Maryland are to undergo extensive repairs at the Mare Island navy yard.

Members of the marine hospital service have condemned a large part of San Francisco's packing house district. Changes will be made at once.

Consolidation of the large coal mining interests of Illinois and Indiana for the purpose of regulating the output and upholding prices is under way.

Russia discourages talk of war with Turkey.

The American fleet has arrived at Callao, Peru.

A number of Stanford students have been expelled for drinking.

Miss Dorothy Whitney, of New York, is to wed a Hungarian nobleman.

General Nelson A. Miles will make his home in Washington, D. C., hereafter.

Secretary of the Navy Meadell will go to San Francisco to welcome the fleet on its arrival there.

During the next nine years Russia will spend \$1,000,000,000 for the construction of a new navy.

Fire which started in a large department store at Woburn, Mass., destroyed \$100,000 worth of property.

The Santa Fe railroad has temporarily closed its shops at Topeka, throwing 2,000 men out of employment.

A large part of the business section of North Woodstock, N. H., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000.

It is said Roosevelt will send John H. Mitchell, retiring president of the Mineworkers, to Panama to investigate labor conditions.

Stessell has been condemned to death for the surrender of Fort Arthur, but the court recommends the sentence be commuted by the czar.

Russia and Japan are still encroaching on Chinese territory.

Major General Wood, commanding the Philippines, will start home February 20.

A report was current in Madrid that Alfonso had been blown up by a bomb, but the king is safe.

A Kentucky postmaster while canceling stamps exploded one of 20 cartridges sent through the mails.

Railroads throughout the country have started a move to reduce the wages of employes and trouble is expected.

New York has just had the highest fire in the world. An insignificant blaze breaking out on the fortieth floor of the Singer building.

An east bound Southern Pacific freight train was wrecked near El Monte, Cal., and ten cars loaded with oil and vegetables demolished. Three tramps are supposed to be under the wreckage.

TRAP FOR TERRORISTS.

Russia Provides World-Wide System of Secret Service.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The skillful performance of the police in the roundup of the great band of plotters has won praise throughout the city, bearing witness to the thoroughness of the methods evolved for fighting terrorists. The secret police are spending unlimited sums in bringing the terrorists to justice and have drafted agents of international experience who are thoroughly familiar with the by-ways of Western anarchists and who will introduce an improved technique here. The police department has entered into relations with detective agencies abroad, and has organized an extensive service in all the centers where Russian emigrants congregate, particularly in New York, Paris and Switzerland, and are making a special effort to penetrate within the innermost councils of the Social Democratic and Social Revolutionary organizations.

In connection with the latest plot the men of the secret service were absolutely trusted by comrades of the revolutionists, who attended the meetings held in Finland, where the final plan for the assassination of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch and Judge Tcheglovitoff, minister of justice, was elaborated. Two hundred plain clothes men were called in by heads of the police department and given precise instructions as to what action should be taken and apparently they arrested without error the persons involved. Thus far the police have failed to extract a confession from any of those arrested as to their identity, but several undoubtedly are members of aristocratic houses. It is certain that numbers of the conspirators have managed to evade arrest, and a careful watch is being kept for these.

BLACK HAND BUSY.

Threaten to Blow Up Government Powder Stores.

New York, Feb. 25.—In a letter signed "Black Hand" and addressed to Commander Braunstruetter, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona island, the threat has been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island January 1, 1908, be put back to work at once. There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines.

Secret service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mailed at the Haverstraw postoffice two weeks ago. It was as follows:

"If the married men that were discharged from Iona island are not taken back again at once all the magazines on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death."

On January 1 between 30 and 40 men, who had been employed on the island, were discharged, owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary, and it was understood the men would be taken back as soon as the money arrived.

Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Italians.

Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guarded day and night by marines, it is said, and the civilian employes have been kept under the strictest surveillance.

Iona island is about seven miles south of West Point.

Will Bare Ruef's Secrets.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Every detail of the negotiations between the graft prosecution and Abe Ruef will be bared in the exhaustive affidavits to be filed in Judge Lawlor's court this morning by District Attorney Langdon, Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney and William J. Burns. Heney and Burns spent yesterday in preparing their affidavits, and while they would not discuss the contents of the documents, both said that the sworn statements would include every important detail of their relations with Ruef.

Operate on Edison.

New York, Feb. 25.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is a patient at the Manhattan hospital, where last night he underwent an operation intended to relieve him of trouble in the left ear. The operation, which was not considered especially serious, was performed by Dr. Arthur D. Deull, the ear specialist, who opened an abscess in the middle ear. The operation was seemingly wholly successful and a prompt recovery is anticipated.

Repair at Puget Sound.

Seattle, Feb. 25.—The Colorado and the Pennsylvania, armored cruisers of the first class, arrived at the navy yard today for dry docking and repairs. The Colorado will be equipped with a new main battery of four eight-inch breech loading rifles. The two vessels will be followed by eight other warships which will be repaired by April 26.

Main Water Pipe Bursts.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The main water pipe of Paris, under Tuilleries street, burst last evening and converted the street into a torrent. The water flooded cellars in various side streets, extinguishing fires and stopping the dynamo in at least one large hotel, putting the building in darkness.

Russia Backs Down.

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.—It is understood in diplomatic circles that as a result of pressure from other powers Russia has abandoned her plan of fortifying the Aland islands and that an entente will soon be arranged.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

LOAN FUND INCREASES.

Students to Be Assisted at University of Oregon.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Hon. R. A. Booth, of Eugene, has just given to the student loan fund of the University of Oregon a check for \$500 to be used as an irreducible educational loan fund for students. The fund will be known as the "Booth Loan Fund" and will be kept separate from the general loan fund, which at present is distributed in loans ranging in amount from \$15 to \$80 among 10 students of the university. Since the establishment of the general fund five years ago, more than 30 students have been enabled to complete their college course who could not otherwise have done so. The university hopes to establish during the present year a loan fund of at least \$5,000, to be loaned under the direction of President Campbell, or some one designated by him, to boys and girls all over Oregon who wish to complete their education, but who cannot do so without assistance. It is believed that a loan of approximately \$100 a year, at a low rate of interest, to be repaid in two years after graduation, is much more preferable than an outright gift in the form of a scholarship. The fund will be guaranteed by 10 men against loss. Two signatures will be required on each note and a small amount of life insurance will be taken out to insure against loss by death. The present loan fund amounts to approximately \$1,000.

TO BE WOOL CENTER

Baker City Secures Low Rates on Shipments to Boston.

Baker City—Baker City will become one of the greatest wool markets in Oregon. Shepherds have been in Portland consulting with the O. R. & N. officials and have secured a rate of \$1.75 from Baker to Boston. The Sumpter Valley has made a rate of 20 cents from Austin to Baker, and the reduction by the two roads means that more than 1,000,000 pounds of wool from Grant and Wheeler counties will be hauled to Austin and then shipped to Baker for baling. Dayville is the present center of the sheep industry in Grant county, and the ranchers would much rather haul their wool to Austin because of the good roads. They have been paying \$2 to have their wool hauled to Shaniko because of the lower rate. The shipping of the wool via Baker City will mean that instead of the ranchers buying their supplies at Shaniko they will haul their wool to Austin, leave their teams there and come on to Baker City to secure their warehouse receipts and while here purchase their supplies. By this means the local banks will handle \$200,000 that would go to other cities. Although the rate on wool is still higher from Baker than from Shaniko, the ranchers can afford to ship via Baker because of the low cost of getting their wool to Austin.

Mountain Farming Experiment.

Pendleton—An experiment in mountain farming of more than usual importance is being conducted by W. G. Warman, of this city, on his homestead in Fly valley, a secluded vale in the Blue mountains at an altitude of about 4,200 feet and located 50 miles southeast of this city. He has planted an orchard and is now sending to the agricultural department for hardy grass seed for spring sowing. There are thousands of acres of fine mountain land in the Blue mountain valleys which can be brought under cultivation and if this experiment is successful much of this land at high altitude will be farmed, it is thought.

Planting Nut Trees in Linn.

Albany—A meeting to discuss walnut culture and to stimulate interest in that line of industry will be held in Albany on February 27. A number of walnut growers will be present and will give instruction in the planting and care of walnut trees. Some new walnut orchards are being set out in this county and there will probably be a greatly increased acreage during the coming two years.

Oil Company for Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—The incorporators of the Klamath Oil company have elected the following officers: G. Heitkemper, Jr., president; E. B. Hall, vice president and general manager; Pierce Evans, secretary, and G. White, treasurer. It has long been claimed that indications are very strong of vast deposits of coal oil beneath the volcanic blanket in this region, as proven by the fact that it oozes up at various places.

Can Fish Up to the Illinois.

Gold Beach.—The gasoline launch Sheba, which has lately been put on Rogue river to carry fish to the cannery and cold storage plant, is greatly facilitating the work of fishing. Fishermen are now able to ply their trade up to the mouth of the Illinois. This was impossible before because they could not tend their nets and bring their fish so far down the river.

New Industry for Eugene.

Eugene—Eugene expects shortly to have in operation a complete concrete block cement brick manufacturing plant. The promotion department of the Commercial club has interested parties who have a large plant at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the managers will be here in a few days to make arrangements for the establishment of the new plant.

TALKS BEAR FRUIT.

Marion Farmers Buying Grafting and Spraying Supplies.

Salem—That the educational work among fruitgrowers by such men as M. O. Lowndale and E. C. Armstrong has been productive of great results in this vicinity, is evident from the unprecedented sales of grafting and spray materials by Salem dealers. During the last few days of clear weather there has been an immense demand for rosin, beeswax and tallow with which to make grafting wax, thus showing exclusively that farmers are acting upon the advice of Mr Lowndale to cut down their old, neglected and diseased apple trees, with a view to grafting into the stumps.

Much of the grafting this year, however, will be in younger trees, which were permitted to form a top so high as to be out of reach, or which are of unmarketable varieties. In most instances where old trees are cut down, they will be cut close to the ground and the grafting will be done next winter in the shoots that come up from the old stump this summer. A great many cherry orchards are being grafted to marketable varieties—usually the Royal Anne—where the original tree is of a variety for which there is no demand.

Sues to Cancel Contract.

Portland—The case of the state of Oregon against the Columbia Southern Irrigation company is being heard in the United States District court. The state is represented by A. M. Crawford, attorney general, and the irrigation company by W. T. Muir and Seneca Smith. Under the Carey act the irrigation company was to irrigate certain tracts of land in Eastern Oregon aggregating something like 27,000 acres. This was the agreement made between representatives of the state land board and the company several years ago. The state maintains that the company has not carried out its part of the contract and Mr. Crawford is asking that a receiver be appointed.

Plan Rest Room at Milton.

Milton—An interdenominational society has been formed in which all the churches are interested to promote the establishment of a reading room in the city. Meetings of the society will be held every two weeks. The reading room is intended as a rest room for the country people. A library of 500 volumes has been arranged for. Committees representing different branches of the work have been appointed.

Begin Work for Pulp Mill.

Oregon City—Work preliminary to the construction of the new mill of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company was begun when a force of men started to build a walk leading from station A to the mainland. As soon as this work is done, actual construction of the new pulp mill on the site of station A will begin, and it is expected to have a portion of the plant in operation by April next.

Cannery Stock Subscribed.

Corvallis—Announcement has been made that enough stock had been subscribed to insure the success of the movement for a fruit cannery, and a meeting of stockholders has been called to perfect an organization. The capital stock is \$11,000, and the plant is to have a capacity of 12,000 cans daily. The machinery and appointments are to be of the very latest models, embodying everything necessary to turning out a perfect product.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 81c; bluestem, 83c; valley, 81c; red, 79c. Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30. Oats—No. 1 white, \$27; gray, \$27, per ton. Corn—Whole, \$32.50; cracked, \$33.50. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@21; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13; vetch, \$14. Fruits—Apples, table, \$1.75@3.00; cooking, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel. Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1 per sack; cabbage, 10@11c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75 @1.85; celery, \$3.75@4 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 17c per pound; pumpkins, 10@11c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 10@11c per pound. Onions—\$2.50 per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$3.50@3.75 per cwt. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 13@13 1/2c per pound; mixed chickens, 12 1/2@13c; spring chickens, 12 1/2@13c; roosters, 10@11c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 15@17c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, 75c@1.10; squabs, \$1.50@2. Eggs—Fresh ranch candled, 22 1/2c per dozen. Veal—75@125 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6 1/2c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6 1/2@7c; packers, 5@6c. Hops—1907, prime and choice 4 1/2@6c per pound; olds 1@2c per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best 18@20c per pound according to shrinkage; valley 18@20c according to shrinkage; mohair choice 29@30c per pound.

CHARGES ARE SLANDEROUS.

Fulton Denies Every Accusation Made by Heney.

Portland, Feb. 24.—In a long statement given to the newspapers of Portland for publication, Charles W. Fulton, senior United States senator from Oregon, answers in detail the charges made against him by Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the government in the land fraud cases, in a speech delivered in the First Congregational church in this city on the night of January 28 of the present year.

At that time Mr. Heney made the direct charge that Senator Fulton's long participation in crooked political and business deals in Oregon, notably in timber land frauds, had unfitted him to occupy the high office he now holds and announced a determination to oppose to the utmost the senator's candidacy for re-election. Mr. Heney further charged that Senator Fulton is the tool of the railroad interests at Washington and represents, not the people of his state, but the law-defying corporations in congress.

The specific charges made in the Heney speech are taken up one by one in Senator Fulton's answering statement and denied comprehensively and in detail as to every material fact. Senator Fulton does not mince matters in laying before the people of his state his defense. He strikes squarely from the shoulder and charges in the plainest terms that his accuser deliberately falsified in his Congregational church speech, which Senator Fulton points out to have been the climax of a campaign of malicious persecution and vilification begun more than two years ago.

Senator Fulton impugns the honesty of Mr. Heney's motives. Revenge and partisan politics, he says, are the basis of the graft prosecutor's enmity toward him, and Mr. Heney's obsession by an irrepressible ambition to stand in the limelight is given as an added incentive for what Senator Fulton calls the lawyer's utter disregard for the truth.

PRIEST IS SLAIN.

Anarchist Shoots Catholic Leader in Denver Church.

Denver, Col., Feb. 24.—Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed when administering sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church, Eleventh and Curtis streets, this city, at 6 a. m. yesterday morning. Kneeling at the altar rail between two women, Guarannacio pressed the muzzle of a revolver against the body of the priest after receiving from him the consecrated wafer and shot the man of God through the heart.

The murderer was hurried to the city jail, and as threats of summary justice were made by many men in the crowd, which quickly gathered in front of the church, Chief of Police McHale DeJarey called the reserve force of patrolmen.

"I just went over there because I have a grudge against all priests in there. They are all against the workman. I went to the communion rail because I could get a better shot. I did not give a damn whether he was a German priest or any other kind of a priest. They are all in the same class."

RETURN BY SUEZ.

Atlantic Fleet May Complete Its Trip Around the World.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Interesting and important news relative to the future movements of the American battlefleet was made public at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting yesterday by Secretary McAdoo, comprising an invitation from the Australian government to have the fleet, or at least some of the vessels, visit that country, and Secretary Root's reply. This reply is the first authentic information of the movements of the fleet after its journey to San Francisco has been completed. After expressing the appreciation of the nation, the secretary says:

"The eventual movements of our fleet have not been determined. While it is possible the vessels will return by way of Suez, I would be glad if some of them could be sent by the Australian route, but it would be premature to promise this."

Threat to Blow Up Docks.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb. 24.—It has just come to light that certain Italians at Port Arthur and Fort William attempted last week to blow up the huge Canadian Northern railway coal docks recently erected at an enormous cost. Following the custom of the "Black Hand" and similar blackmailing societies, they first sent a letter to the manager of the dock that they would blow him and his institution up unless he found them work, naively adding that an explosion would create plenty of work for the shovelers.

Plumbers as Inspectors.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—The Master Plumbers' association of this city at a meeting today decided to instruct officials to inform the health officers in each instance where unsanitary conditions were found or the law requiring the construction of rat proof buildings is being ignored. Warded of the certainty of a quarantine, unless the rats were exterminated at once and the plague stamped out, the plumbers took action toward co-operation.

Snowstorm Costs \$25,000.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The city has completed the task of clearing the business section of the snow that fell in the great storm of last week. Four thousand men were kept busy for four days and 8,000 wagon loads of snow were removed. The expense to the city was about \$25,000.

BUILD ROAD TO CENTRAL OREGON

David Eccles, Salt Lake Millionaire, Behind Plan.

Sumpter Valley Line to Be Extended to Prineville—Line Up Hood River Valley May Be Built as Connecting Link—Surveyors Looking for Pass Through Mountains.

Hood River, Or., Feb. 22.—If preliminary plans being promoted by wealthy capitalists of Salt Lake City, who own the Mount Hood Railway extending up Hood River valley and also the Sumpter Valley, running out of Baker City, materialize, Central Oregon may have a railroad in the near future that will open up its many resources. The project provides for an extension of the Mount Hood line through the mountains east of Mount Hood, and a party of surveyors is now in the field trying to locate a pass through the mountains. The work is in charge of Joseph A. West, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley.

Early last fall a large surveying party headed by Mr. West was taken into the Central Oregon country from Heppner Junction to determine the feasibility of building a railroad on that side of the mountains and his report is said to have been favorable. The money power behind the proposed railroad is David Eccles, the millionaire sugar manufacturer and lumberman, of Salt Lake City. If the project is completed the two roads will connect at some point in Crook county. By extension of the Sumpter Valley road south it would pass through Canyon City, Grant county, and also Prineville.

An extension of the Mount Hood road has already been commenced. A big gang of men with a steam shovel was put to work at Dee, the present terminus of the line, and will build as soon as it can be pushed through the six miles of road toward Mount Hood that has been surveyed and staked. This will be done to accommodate the rapidly developing fruit land in the Mount Hood settlement. It is admitted, however, by W. H. Eccles and Charles T. Early, president and manager of the Mount Hood road, that it may form part of the connecting link of the proposed new line. Officers of both roads recently went over the territory that would be tributary to the project and it is learned that it is considered most favorably. In addition to reaching many acres of fertile farm lands, millions of feet of timber, for which there is now no outlet, it is said, could be utilized.

TUNNEL UNDER RIVER.

Manhattan Island Now Joined to Long Island City.

New York, Feb. 22.—The first of the great system of tunnels and subways by which the Pennsylvania railroad will be enabled to run a train from Philadelphia under the Hudson river across Manhattan island and under the East river to Long Island City was completed today. The two ends of one of the four tubes connecting Manhattan Island with Long Island city were brought together under the bed of the middle of East river off Thirty-fourth street by fore noon today and steel rings comprising the shell of the tube were for the first time bolted in one continuous string from shore to shore. This tube was begun in August, 1905, and is 4,000 feet in length. Two other tubes will be completed within a few days and the fourth will be finished within three months, according to an announcement made by the company.

So accurate were the measurements of the engineers that the ends came together with a variation of only three-eighths of an inch.

Expect Evans to Recover.

Washington, Feb. 22.—While not yet formally advised by Admiral Thomas that he has assumed command of the Atlantic fleet, the officials of the Navy department are expecting some such announcement, on the basis of preceding reports on the condition of Admiral Evans. These reports are not regarded as indicating that the Admiral is suffering from any permanent incapacity, but that he is simply again a victim of rheumatic gout, which is directly the result of the injury he received at Fort Fisher in the Civil war.

Denies Part in Graft.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 22.—Ex-Governor Pennypacker in his testimony at the state capital conspiracy trial today denied the statement of S. B. Lewis that the famous Huston letter to ex-Attorney General Carson was prepared at a conference between Pennypacker, Lewis and ex-Auditor General Snyder, one of the defendants. Mr. Pennypacker declared that when Lewis stated that this letter was intended to be a "whitewash," he stated falsely.

Kentucky Still Deadlocked.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 22.—The ballot for United States senator in the joint session of the legislature today resulted as follows: Beckham, 57; Bradley, 65; Allen, 1; Blackburn, 1; Campbell, 4. Necessary to a choice, 65.