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Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Many Readers.

Coates Kinney, the author and poet,

Secretary Root is prepared to turn ver his office to General Taft.

Japan and Russia are growing bitter and regard each other with suspicion.

there has been held for the Chicago theater fire. The house has passed the army ap-

propriation bill, carrying approximate y \$75,000,000.

Major Hoyt Sherman, brother of General W. T. Sherman and of Secretary John Sherman, is dead. The Middle West is suffering from a

evere cold snap. The temperature is far below zero at many points. Representative Hermann savs it

false economy not to pass a river and barbor bill at the present session

Secretary Root is strongly opposed to the proposed law that all Philippine freight be carried on American vessels. He says it will place the country at the

nercy of ship owners. It is reported that Pope Pius intends to retire in a short time.

Japan proposes to make a military lemonstration in Corea.

Russian military activity at Black ea ports is greater than ever before. Although war rumors are very num; erous, the trend of affairs makes more

Seventeen men, including the man-

tgers, will be indicted for the Chicago theater tragedy. Thefl ood danger is over at Pittsburg and the general Eastern situation is

A noted diamond thief, suspected of San Francisco offense, has been captured in Minneapolis with \$12,000 in

General Taft has reached the United

Senator Burton, of Kansas bas bee indicted for bribery in connection with St. Louis grain concern, placed under a ban by the postal department.

The accidental death of a Corean hit by an American electric car in Seoul started a serious riot, which was quickly quelled by the Azerican legation

Japan has landed troops at Masam-

Henry Watterson says Brayn is a tool in the hands of Republicans.

Coreans are attacking Japanese in many sections and serious trouble is feared.

The house committee has decided that there will be no river and harbor

bill this session. Fulton's bill protecting the Columois against misbranded salmon has

been reported to the senate. Pleasant Armstrong was hanged at

murder of Minnie Ensminger. A thaw in the East is causing great

floods and many cities are greatly alarmed, particularly Pittsburg. The senate has passed the Gorman esolution calling on Roosevelt for pa

pers relating to the Panama aaffir. The United States has sounded both Japan and Russia and finds that neither cares for the good offices of any outside

Ice blocks many Eastern streams and floods are feared. A Canadian multimillionaire will

lower to bring them together,

Senator Hanna is confined to his bed with a severe clod. His doctor says he

Fire at the Greensboro, N. C., state normal college destroyed \$100,000 worth of property.

The internal revenue receipts for December show a decrease of \$166,061 over the preceding month.

A gas explosion followed by fire in a Marion, Ind., hotel, wrecked the build-ing and caused the death of three per-

A torando which struck Austin, Texas, caused several thousand dollars' loss by unroofing houses. No one was Every indication now points to a re-

newal of the Macedonian uprising in the spring and it is believed the trouble will be much more widespread than last fall. Clathes are already occurring.

The Lewis and Clark fair is fast gaining friends in congress. Corea has told Russia she must not

interfere with rioting soldiers. Democrats agreeing to vote for it.

#### HURRY UP EXHIBITS.

Plea Sent Forth by Managers of St Louis Exposition.

St. Louis, Jan. 27.-The Lousiaina Purchase exposition company stands ready and is waiting for the full and general installation of exhibits. The point has been reached where the management of the exposition is no longer occupied with the rapid advancement Presented in Condensed Form, Most toward completion of the buildings, Likely to Prove interesting to Our but instead, it now lays particular stress upon the importance of the ly those assembled by domestic exhibit-

Officials of the exposition make the auspicous opening of the fair is the im-Mayor Carter Harrison, with seven exhibitors to ship cars as rapidly as can be had,

Owing to the unprecedented particl-pation by both foreign and domestic exhibitors, vast amounts of exhibits have been and are now in course of arrange-ment and collection. The time for the opening of the exposition is rapidly ap shipment of exhibits to be rushed forward with the promptness and dispatch in the handling of the cars after they

have reached St. Louis. equate railroad facilities are ready, the timber it will still be valuable for agri warehouses have all been erected and cultural purposes.
all the buildings are in such a state of Mr. Palmer, th completion that installation of exhibits that he bought these lands as an investcan be commenced immediately.

What the management now most ardently desires is the prompt shipment of exhibits from the different parts of the country to begin immediately. Otherwise, if there be delay, congestion in traffic handling after St Louis is reached is almost an assured condition.

#### NOT THAT KIND OF POWER.

#### Cores Joining With Japan Would Not Drag France in.

Jan. 27.-The attitude of of much comment among the diplomats here, as it is believed Corea's givpowers attacking Russia, thus bringing tivity is expected before the close of in France, under the terms of the the present year. Franco Russian agreement. One of the ambassadors, therefore, asked For-States and will assume the duties of eign Minister Deleasse what the result secretary of war as soon as he arrives at would be if Corea joined Japan and the not considered to be that kind of a sovereign independent power, whose assistance to Japan against Russia would

would be if Corea joined Japan and the this section of the valley, but many bring about the contingency contemplated by the Franco-Russian agree-Although the answer was conment. fined to Corea, it is understood that a similar view prevails, thereby confirming previous reports on the same subject that China's joining Japan would not constitute two powers attacking

## AMERICA NOT FRIGHTENED.

## It Expects No Trouble Over Sending Con

ceived most attention was the uncontradicted statements which have appeared in certain newspapers regarding the attitude of this government. The Russian government, of course could not presume to question the pre-Baker City last Friday morning for the vious assurances received from this country regarding its neutrality because of any newspaper publication, but the recurrence of these statements has

proved annoying. There is no anticipation on the part of this government of any hitch in the reception of our consuls in Manchuria. The evidence of approval of the commercial treaty which Russia has given convinces the state department that the consuls will receive every courtesy.

Destruction of the Cotton-Boll Weevil. Washington, Jan. 27 .- The secretary of agriculture has aproved the plans for the cotton boll weevil investigation in build a yacht to compete for the the Southwest, for which an appropriation of \$250,000 has been available. Secretary Wilson believes that the best methods for meeting the ravages caused by the boll weevil will be put into actual practice the facts which have of improving culture conditions, the grading the right of way will be replanting of early maturing varieties of sumed about April. Then it will be cotton, substitution of other crops, etc. planting of early maturing varieties of

## Philippine Trade on the Increase Washington, Jan. 27.—The Philip-pine trade statistics of the insular bu-

rean of the war department show that the imports during the eight months ended August, 1903, aggregated \$22,-266,580 and exports \$20,857,313. tion, Pendleton, February 19-22. These figures are exclusive of coip and government supplies. The aggregate of exports and imports is an increase of almost \$6,000,000, over four-fifths of university. For which may be credited to shipments from the archipelago.

#### Destructive Fire in New York

New York, Jan. 27 .- The buildings at 544-548 Broadway, occupied by buyer of the firm of Kiddle Bros., of Morimura Bros., Japanese goods; E. Island City, and La Grande, came in a R. Donar & Co., hats, and Cranford & few days ago for the purpose of buying Quigley, Rossenware Bros., and Finkle- a load of fat hogs. The weather The Panama canal treaty is safe, the by fire early today. Estimated loss, wagons to the railroad with little or no

## HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

SALE OF EASTERN OREGON PINE.

Thousand Acre Tract Will Be Held for Higher Prices.

La Grande-One of the largest timber deals made in Oregon for some time speedy shipments of exhibits, especial- was that to George Palmer by Robert Smith, president of the La Grande national bank, of the white pine tract known as the Stanley lands, about 25 statement to the Associated Press that known as the Stanley lands, about 25 gions west of here. The company the one thing of paramount importance miles from La Grande. This piece of denies any intention of such an under to insure the anticipated successful and land comprises about 7,000 acres, and taking. was sold at near the \$200,000 mark.

Near this land is situated the Elgin lumber company plant, which was in cluded in the sale. This company was organized in May, 1902, and has been closely connected with the development of lumber industries in Eastern Oregon.

The annual output of this plant avproaching, but apparently the know-ledge of the fact is not causing the found a ready market as far east as Milerages 12,000,000 feet of lumber. which waukee and Chicago. The tract of timthat is absolutely necessary to secure ber is one of the finest in Eastern Ore-rapid delivery of the cars to the fair gon, and consists principally of pine of with mills to which water transportasite, and to avoid possible congestion unusual height and size, standing upon tion is accessible.

At some future time an extension of Roosevelt has decided to ignore the charges against H. Smith Woolley and more than ordinary attention to preparation for the handling of cars and the develop a large industry in lumbering, aration for the handling of cars and the sand when the land has been cleared of

Mr. Palmer, the purchaser, state timber, but will hold it for increased stumpage. He is a banker from the state of Iowa, and is very favorably im-pressed with Oregon, and will likely lo cate here in the near future.

#### VALLEY FILLING UP.

#### Advertising the Williamette Has Brough Many to Oregon.

the last two years for the purpose of at force in the event of war between tracting homescekers to Oregon seems Russia and Japan has been the subject to have produced good results. Not for many years has real estate been as ing aid to Japan might constitute two active as it is now, and still greater ac-

> There is no blind rush to buy land, and no effort is being made to "boom" saics of farm lands have been made to people who are pleased with this the sales have been made at prices but ing wheat never looked better. the sales have been made at prices but the sales have been made at prices but favorable conditions until after harvest, little above those asked three or four that district should yield 30 and probyears ago, the increased activity is years ago, the increased activity is tending to raise values, thus giving the realty market a strong tone

realty market a strong tone. In the different localities of the Willamette valley land may be found in any stage of improvement. There are be made into fuel. There are thous-Russia is reported to be growing long talk today with Mr. Loomis, act- are farms upon which grain, hay, fruit. nervous over the continued delay in ing secretary of state, on the Far East- hops, livestock, poultry and vegetables vices gave some hope of peace, though the phase of the question which resupport a cow to the acre, that hop growers and prunegrowers have produced crops in one year sufficient to pay for the land upon which they grew.

Merging Sugar Factories. La Grande-Word comes from Ogden, Utah, to the effect that there will be a consolidation of all sugar factories in the three states in the near able. Should it take place it would ents, \$4.20 @ 4.50; graham, \$3.75; mean the consolidation of eight factories, as follows: The Ogden, Logan, Utah, and La Grande, Oregon, factories of the Amalgamated sugar company, the factories at Lehi and Garland, Utah, and the Lewiston, Idaho Falls and St. Anthony factories in Idaho.

#### Weather Checks the Work.

Cottage Grove-The Oregon & Southwestern railroad company has suspended construction of its road at the front on account of the severe weather. A couple of miles of grade is completed beyond the end of the track, which is laid to Frank Brass creek, 16 miles pumpkins, 1c per pound.

from here. The bridge across this common, 50@60c; sweets, 23c in been accumulated by the department from here. The bridge across this during the past two years in the matter creek is completed. Track laying and

#### Coming Events.

Poultry and cat show, Portland, Februacy 9-15. Republican club banquet, Portland,

February 12. Oregon Christian Endeavor conven-Benton county gun shoot, Corvallis,

College oratorical contest, Pacific university, Forest Grove, March 13. Dog show, Portland, April 20-23.

Looking for Fattened Hogs. Enterprise-E. E. Kiddle, a hog-Island City, and La Grande, came in a Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 32@35c. few days ago for the purpose of buying Beef—Dressed, 6@7%c per pound. danger of death from suffocation.

#### LOOK FOR WATER OUTLET. Booth-Kelly Company May Build Ro

Europe-Rumors here to the effect that a railroad to the Siuslaw harbor is Booth-Kelly company have gained some cars while dense clouds of smoke filled credence from the fact that cruisers the building. have been at work in the timbered re-

yet. The annual meeting of the stock-holders is to be held next week and the moment the heat reached them.

#### MONEY FOR PUBLIC ROADS.

#### Oregon's Share of Public Land Sales Over \$90,000.

Salem-The public road fund re eived by the state from the United States for the year 1903 is four times as large as ever before. The amount ment, and will not manufacture this is \$90,135.24, and this amount will be distributed among the counties in pro-portion to their areas. The distribution will be made some time this week.

This money is 5 per cent of the pro ceeds of sales of government land in Oregon for 1903. It is donated to the state under an act of congress, and can be used only for public road purposes. The state law requires that it be apportioned according to area and the Salem—The advertising which has been carried on in the Middle West in apportionment is made in that manner cause the needs of the counties for road purposes depends more upon area that upon population orvaiue of prop-

The increase in sales of public lands in this state is indicated by the increase in this fund.

Fine Conditions for Wheat. Pendleton - M. L. Morrison, who just returned from a visit to that section of the country. He says wheat country and have money to invest in conditions for the 1904 crop were never permanent homes. Though most of better, Mr. Morrison said: "Grow-

In Charge of Stock Experiments. thousands of acres of land that still Union-George Gamie, of Portland, bear a heavy growth of timber, fit to has arrived here to take charge of the work of carrying on experiments with Expects No Trouble Over Sending Consults to Manchuria.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Count Caswhich the decaying stumps still stand.

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This city, and will assume charge in the sufficient until a river and harbor bill could be passed early in the sense. completed on the state's land some time ago and preparations are now comern situation. The ambassador's ad- of superior quality are grown. It is plete for beginning extensive work in this new department of the state's experiment station.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 73c; blue tem, 78c; valley, 78@80c.

Barley-Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$20@20.50; rolled, \$21. Flour-Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$3.90@4.10; future, which is considered very prob- clears, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat pat-4.75

> gray, \$1.05@1.07 per cental. Millstuffs-Bran, \$18@18.50 per ton middlings, \$26; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop, \$18; tinseed, dairy food, \$19. Hay—Timothy, \$16@17 per ton;

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.0734@1.10;

clover, \$12@13; grain, \$12@13; cheat, Vegetables-Turnips, 65c per sack carrots, 75c; beets, 90c; parsnips, 85c @\$1; cabbage, 134@2c; red cabbage. 1 %c: parsley, per dozen, 25c; tomatoes, \$1.50@2 per crate; cauliflower, 75c@ \$1 per dozen; celery, 60c per dozen;

sacks; 21/c crated. Onions - Yellow Danvers, \$1.10@

1.25 per sack. Honey-\$3@3.50 per case Fruits—Apples, fancy Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50 per box; cooking, 75c@\$1; pears, \$1@1.50; grapes, \$1.50. -Extra creamery, 321sc per

store, 12@14c. Cheese -- Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15c. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 11@12c per pound; springs, small, 13@14c; hens, 11@12½c; tarkeys, live, 17@ 18c; dressed 20c; ducks, \$8@9 per dozen; gerse, live, 8c per pound.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 27@28c. Hops-Choice, 26@27c per bound; prime, 25c; medium, 24c. Wool — Valley, 17@18c; Eastern

Mutton-Dressed, 6@7%c; lambs Veal-Dressed, 7@9c. Pork-Dressed, 516614c.

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#### HEROES AT FIRE

Men in Chicago Skyscraper Stick to their Posts.

Chicago, Jan. 26 .- Fire in the 20story Masonic temple caused a panie among the 4,000 occupants of the building, and damaged the stock and fixtures of tenants to the extent of \$20,000. All occupants of the building escaped without serious injury through the bravery of the elevator men, who reto be one of the enterprises of the mained at their posts operating their

The fire broke out in the suite of five rooms on the fifth floor occupied by Robert Friedlander & Co., manufacturs The belief is general that they would like to get possession of some of the good timber on the coast slope and be ploye into a pile of excelsior in the good timber on the coast slope and or in position to compete for business by means of water freights, but nothing definite has been done on that line as of X-ray vacum tubes stored in the

holders is to be held next week and may result in some steps toward developing business along the coast slope, but nothing is looked for before that but nothing is looked for before that but one-half block away, fresh their minds, were alarmed when their minds, were alarmed when their minds. There is no doubt the interior mills in their minds, were alarmed when all feel keenly the handicap under which they are laboring as compared which they are laboring as compared rushed to the elevators. Many women rushed to the elevators. fainted in the scramble to get into the elevators, but none was seriously in-jured. The large building was emptied within half an hour after the fire was discovered. Hundreds of men and women groped their way through the smoke and came down the stairs.

That the damage to property and individuals was not greater was probably due largely to the efficiency of the fire drill of the employes. When the great fire bell at the top of the rotunde sounded the alarm of fire, severy janitor, engineer and fireman in the building responded and long before the fire department had reached the scene the temple fire brigade had attached hose to the stand pipes which extend from the basement to the roof of the structure and eight streams of water were turned upon the conflagration by the volunteer firemen. The fire department used but little of its hose, the building's equipment being called

#### WORK CAN GO ON.

#### The Dalles Canal Will Not Be Delayed for Lack of Funds.

Washington, Jan. 26. - Senators Mitchell and Fulton have made a thorough investigation of the status of Oregon improvements, in view of no river was a large wheat ranch at Juniper and harbor bill at this session. They in the Umatilla district, and who is found that only one project can be living in Pendleton this winter, has taken care of in the ordinary way-in the sundry civil appropriation bilfand that is the canal nd locks at The Dalles. The senators were advised by the chief of engineers that there was on hand January 1 an unexpended bal-ance of \$1,200,000 for the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river. The amount for the river between Portland and the sea was less than \$100,000. For this project Major Langfitt recommended \$1,200,000, but the war depariment cut the amount down to \$500,000, believing that no more than that amount could be utilized in one year.

sion, perhaps before the holiday recess. The engineers recommended, and the war department concurred in the recommendation for the appropriation of \$500,000. In addition, \$125,000 is favored for dredging. It is deemed very important, the senators say, that this appropriation should be made, but under the existing conditions it cannot go in the regular sundry civil bill, in the regular course. All of the Oregon improvements, except The Dalles, are affected, and it is doubtful whether anything can be done before January of next year. It is the intention of the delegation to make the very best fight possible to get the necessary funds for carrying on the Oregon improvements.

Russian Troops Expect War. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 26.—Four Italians, who have been working on the Manchurian railway, who arrived by the Victoria from Yokohama today, report the Russian soldiers all expectant of speedy war with Japan, have been passing through there and large detachments of artillery have been arriving. Great camps of soldiers are being made at many points ready for concentration on the Yalu frontier when necessary. Fortifications were being hurriedly erected in many places in Manchuria.

#### Cost of Field Maneuvers.

Washington, Jan. 26.-A request for an appropriation of \$1,245,366 for field maneuvers for 1905, and of \$1,-255,466 for the same purpose for the fiscal year of 1906, was transmitted to the house today from the war depart-ment. It is proposed, General Chaffee pound; fancy creamery, 30c; choice ment. It is proposed, General Chaffee creamery, 25@27½c;dairy, 20@22½c; says, to hold the maneuvers in two of the four military divisions of the country each year. During the present year they are to be held in the Atlantic and Pacific divisions.

#### Great Radium Discovery,

Austin, Tex., Jan. 26 .- What is said to be the richest radium bearing earth in the world has been discovered in the Llane gold and coal fields, 115 miles north of this city. Rumors of the discovery of the earth bearing a large per cent of radium in the Llano have been persistent for some time, and today these rumors were verified by the re-turn of a party of scientists who had visited the mine to investigate the re-