

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Edward Wallace Hock is now governor of Kansas.

A great socialist conspiracy has been discovered in Russia.

Charles S. Deneen has been inaugurated governor of Illinois.

Witte is to succeed Mirsky as minister of the interior in Russia.

The president urges improvement of the army medical and ordnance service.

The oath of office has been administered to Governor Douglas, of Massachusetts.

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DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Upon reconvening today after the holiday recess, the senate plunged directly into the consideration of the bill for the admission of two states to be composed of Arizona and New Mexico and Oklahoma and Indian territory.

Hayburn introduced a bill for the regulation of corporations, which was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Senator Newlands introduced a joint resolution providing for a commission to frame and report to congress a national incorporation act for the construction and consolidation of railroads employed in interstate commerce.

In the house Representative Mann introduced a bill to abolish the isthmian canal commission and providing that the powers now invested in the president be extended until the end of the fifty-ninth congress.

Thursday, Jan. 5.

The joint statehood bill again occupied the major portion of the day in the senate.

Senator Bard introduced two bills intended to clear away obstacles that threaten to interfere with the construction of the Klamath reserve irrigation project in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Senator Bailey submitted a proposed amendment to the constitution fixing the term of office of the president at six years and making him ineligible for re-election.

The house committee on fortifications reported the fortifications bill, carrying \$6,747,893, which is \$770,299 less than appropriated last session.

Representative Adams, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill providing for the establishment in the District of Columbia of a whipping post for wife-beaters.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LEGISLATURE MEETS.

House Organizes, But Senate Does Not Agree on President.

Salem, Jan. 10. — The senate was called to order by Brownell, of Clackamas, who was president of the senate at the session of 1903. He was made temporary president and a committee on credentials appointed. The senate then adjourned until 2 p. m.

At the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported and the new members were sworn in. A motion that the senate proceed to elect a president was carried. Kuykendall, Miller and Carter were nominated.

On the first ballot the vote stood Kuykendall 14, Carter 9, Miller 4, Pierce 1, blank 2. The vote remained practically the same for 39 ballots, when, at 4:30, the senate adjourned until 7:30.

In the evening 16 ballots were taken with no change except as the Democrats shifted their votes from one to another. Adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The house is organized and ready for business. Mills, of Multnomah, was elected speaker over Kay of Marion, the ballot standing 26 to 24.

Lane Wants Freight Rate Bill.

Eugene.—The measure which seems to be considered of most importance by the Lane county members of the legislature is that of regulating freight rates. All the members of the delegation will work for some bill in this line, but just what bill it will be yet to be decided.

Several bills are likely to be proposed, and the members from this county will select what appears to be the best and push it vigorously. This county during the past two years has felt the effect of heavy and inequitable freight rates, and all realize that it is time for something to be done in the line of correction.

Help Pilot Rock Country.

Pendleton.—The farmers and people, with a few exceptions, are much pleased over the prospect of a railroad out through Pilot Rock. "Of course there are a few muckshoes who can not become reconciled to the disappearance of the crude methods of 50 years ago, and wish the country to stand still. A few of the merchants oppose the road, saying trade will all go to Pendleton. Other towns on railroads live, and I can not see why our little town will not thrive as well as they."

Prizes for Fair Exhibits.

Oregon City.—At a regular meeting the committee having in charge the exhibit from this county that is to be shown at the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland in 1905 adopted a schedule by which will be distributed to the producers of Clackamas county the sum of \$150 for the best samples of agricultural and other products of which the exhibit will be composed. Three prizes are offered for each sample, ranging from \$5 for first prize to \$1 for the third. The contest is to conclude April 13.

Surveying Ended for Season.

Pendleton.—The last surveying party, which has been making further tests in the Echo irrigation project during the past year, suspended work January 1 and came in. This ends the work this season. Engineer John T. Whistler says work may be resumed again in the spring. The party which has been conducting the drilling in the Malheur project has been transferred to the Washuena district and is making tests of the reservoir sites.

To Freeze Rogue River Fish.

Astoria.—The schooner Chetco has gone to Rogue river fitted with a cold storage plant of a capacity of 225 tons, to collect Chinook salmon for German shipment for delivery frozen. This is the first of a fleet being equipped by Captain E. B. Burns and a Seattle company, and the first time fish frozen on leaving water will be delivered fresh to European breakfast tables.

Ask for Better Roads.

Eugene.—Farmers in the vicinity of Loraine have come here with a petition signed by almost everybody in that section of the county asking for extensive improvements on the public road between Loraine and Cottage Grove. They had a hearing before the county court and it is probable an appropriation will be made for the purpose.

New Courthouse for Tillamook.

Tillamook.—The tax levy for Tillamook county was made by the county court, it being placed at 27 mills. The court decided to erect a new courthouse to take the place of the one burned down about 12 months ago.

MORE CONTROL OVER ROADS

Purpose of Law Proposed by Various County Courts of State.

Oregon City.—The Clackamas county court, through the legislative delegation from this county, will seek to have enacted at the present session of the legislature laws that will prove of material aid to the various county courts of the state in the building and repairing of roads, remarked County Judge Ryan.

"I have great faith in the eminent domain theory which is being indorsed by the different counties of the state," continued the Clackamas county judge. "The enacting of such a law will give to the county court of each county the right to condemn property for the establishment of a new road, or the appropriation of additional property for the improvement of roads already established, the rights conferred being identical to those already enjoyed by railroad corporations." It is also the purpose of the Clackamas county court to have passed a law regulating the use to which all roads shall be placed in the matter of heavy traffic, and still another measure that will place some restrictions as to the use of automobiles on the public highways.

Soon Open for Entry.

Grants Pass.—News has been received here that the timber land in Southern Oregon and Northern California which the department of forestry announced several weeks ago would be thrown open for entry, is to be advertised at once. At the expiration of 90 days from the time the advertising begins the lands will be ready for entry.

The sections involved cover a large area of fine sugar and yellow pine timber in Josephine county and parts of the surrounding counties, as well as sections in Del Norte and Siskiyou counties, California. In a portion of the tract in Curry county is considerable red wood, the only redwood very favorably and the giant trees compare very favorably with the famous "big trees" of California. The tract is valuable, in the main, however, for the great amount of yellow and sugar pine that it contains.

Douglas Men Demand Good Roads.

Roseburg.—A delegation of representative men from a majority of the road districts in Douglas county called upon the county court in a body and presented their petition and resolutions asking that the court take the necessary steps to provide this county with three sets of modern roadbuilding machinery, including that number of rock crushers, rollers, engines, etc. Enthusiastic good roads arguments were presented, and the matter was then taken under advisement by the court. It is believed, however, that the court will act favorably upon the matter and that a large amount of good road building will be done in this county this year.

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SHAH PAYS PRICE.

Bountiful Indemnity for Murder of an American Missionary.

Washington, Jan. 11. — Information has reached the State department that, complying with the insistent demands of the United States, the Persian government has made to the widow partial reparation for the murder of the Rev. Benjamin W. Labaree, an American missionary, by a gang of fanatics, and has promised that all the guilty persons involved in the crime will be punished. The following statement regarding the case was made by an official of the State department:

"March 15th last the Department of State received the telegraph intelligence of the murder of Rev. B. W. Labaree, an American missionary, near Ooroma, in Persia, by a gang of fanatic Kurds.

"A demand was immediately made for the arrest and trial of the murderers, whose leader, Seyd Mir Ghafar, was looked upon as a lineal descendant of the prophet. This circumstance and the fear of arousing religious disturbances evidently interfered with the prompt and efficient action on the part of the local authorities. The most pressing and earnest representations of the American legation at Teheran remained fruitless until October 12, when Mr. Ray instructed its minister by cable to make known to the government of the shah the president's concern in the adequate punishment of all the criminals and his intention to lay the matter before congress with appropriate recommendations, with his demands for full justice, were further delayed.

"The murders were thereupon arrested, but the Persian government, holding the life of a descendant of the prophet sacred, offered a pecuniary indemnity in lieu of the death penalty for Seyd Mir Ghafar, and promised execution of the accomplices. After consultation with the widow of Rev. Mr. Labaree, the offer was accepted and an indemnity of \$30,000—greatly in excess of the sum named by the widow—was paid to the American legation June 3. Solemn assurance was given that the guilty would receive effective and swift punishment and that no special tax would be levied on Christians in the province to recover the amount of the indemnity."

MAY BE ABANDONED.

New Mexico and Arizona Likely to be Left Out of Statehood Bill.

Washington, Jan. 11. — The joint statehood bill will continue to be the principal topic of discussion in the senate during the present week, but other measures will receive attention each day during the morning hour, including the omnibus bill, for which Senator Warren stands sponsor. The bill comprises more than 200 pages, but the senator already has succeeded in having it read by utilizing odd hours, and this has put a large and important part of the work of consideration to the rear.

An effort will be made to get through the bill providing for the compensation of American fishermen whose vessels were seized previous to the arbitration of 1893. This measure is in the hands of Senator Fulton, who will press it as an act of justice to men who have been discriminated against.

The pure food bill will remain in the background for the present, not because the friends of that measure have abandoned it, but because they consider that its chances will be improved by not pressing for immediate consideration. They have been assured by the Republican leaders that the bill shall have first place on the calendar aside from appropriation bills, after the statehood bill is disposed of and therefore they will not antagonize the statehood bill for the present if at all.

The only real fight is against the uniting of Arizona and New Mexico, and there is talk of eliminating these territories entirely from the statehood proposal. It is believed if this were done the bill for the consolidation of Oklahoma and Indian Territory would pass. Thus far there has been no conference of opposing factions on the subject and probably little will be done to change the present status so long as the leaders are anxious to keep other matters in the background, as appears to be the case at present.

Krupp Gun Works Visited.

Berlin, Jan. 11. — Extensive experiments are being made with new guns and projectiles at Messrs. Krupp's range at Meppen, on behalf of a commission of Japanese officers. Should the trials prove satisfactory, large orders will be given by the Japanese government. A deputation of Russian officers has arrived at Essen for a similar purpose. It is reported from Zurich that the Japanese government has ordered large amounts of chocolate from various Swiss manufacturers. Several firms have had to decline the orders.

Naval Station at Arthur.

Tokio, Jan. 11. — The Japanese intend to establish a naval station at Port Arthur. Vice Admiral Shibayama will probably be placed in charge of it. The military administration at Port Arthur will retain only a small garrison as soon as the prisoners are withdrawn and order is restored. The fleet is busily engaged in clearing mines, but owing to their great number navigation will be unsafe for a long time. Only government craft enter the harbor.

Fire Burned for Five Hours.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11. — A fire which burned for five hours occurred tonight at the plant of the Atlantic refining company in the southwestern section of the city. The loss, it is estimated, will reach \$200,000.

EVENTS OF THE PAST YEAR

January. 2.—All Chicago theaters closed in consequence of ironical theater holocaust of Dec. 29. ... Death of Gen. James Longstreet. ... Five destroyers north wing of Iowa State capital. ... Congress reconvenes and bears special message from President on Panama question. ... Death of Gen. John B. Gordon. ... French Chinese slinks in vicinity of Juan de Fuca. 52 lives lost. ... Chinese Emperor ratifies treaty making Mukden and Antung open ports. ... Death of Hon. Chas. Foster of Ohio. ... Death of Col. Chas. Denby of Indiana. ... Death of ex-Governor Ass S. Bushnell of Ohio. ... New government takes hold in Panama. ... Death of George Francis Train. ... Tornado in Moonville, Ala., kills 27 persons and injures over 100. ... Floods along Indiana and Ohio rivers. ... Alesund, Norway, destroyed by fire. ... One hundred and ninety miners encountered in mine near Pittsburgh. ... Verdict in Ironopolis theater fire case returned in Columbus, Ohio, wrecked by explosion. Released from English prison. ... Fifteen lives lost in mine accident in Victor, Colorado, and suicide of Whiteley Wright, English prospector.

February. 2.—Death of ex-Secretary of Navy William C. Whitney. ... Russia and Japan break diplomatic relations. ... Great conflagration in Baltimore. ... Japan lands troops in Korea. ... Russian naval victory over Russia at Port Arthur. ... Japanese destroy two Russian ships at Chemulpo, and capture 600 Russian troops near that city. ... Russia and Japan declare war. ... One hundred Russian soldiers frozen to death on Lake Baikal. ... Death of Senator M. A. Hanna. ... Japanese take four Russian torpedo boats off Port Arthur. ... Panama Canal treaty ratified by U. S. Senate. ... Great fire in Rochester, N. Y. ... Burning of Wisconsin Statehouse in Madison.

March. 2.—Collapse of steel frame for history hotel in New York; 14 people killed. ... Japs bombard Port Arthur. ... New York and Hudson River Tunnel Co.'s tunnel under North River completed. ... Five-hour naval battle off Port Arthur; British abandon the town. ... United States Supreme Court hands down decision adverse to great Northern Securities company merger. ... Russian torpedo boat destroyer blown up in Port Arthur harbor. ... Daniel J. Reilly, cotton king, suspended from office in New York Cotton Exchange. ... Leonard Wood confirmed as Major-General by Senate. ... Earthquake shocks felt in New England States. ... Tornado damages Illinoisville, Mo. ... Destructive floods in States of Middle West. ... Death of Sir Edwin Arnold. ... Five negroes lynched by mob at St. Charles, Ark. ... Two more negroes lynched at St. Charles, Ark., making 23 lynched in one day. ... Tornado kills six persons near Carthageville, Mo. ... Big strike of Iowa miners begins.

April. 4.—Russians driven from Korea by Japanese advance. ... President of Mormon Church issues order prohibiting polygamy. ... Russian battleship Petropavlovsk sunk off Port Arthur; Admiral Makaroff and 700 others killed, famous painter, Vercelagin, among them. ... Explosion on battleship Missouri kills 20 men. ... Great fire in wholesale district of Toronto, Canada; loss, \$10,000,000. ... House passes Oklahoma and Arizona Statehood bills. ... Death of Grace Greenwood, once popular writer. ... Carn-burn bandits, Neidermeyer, Marx and Van Dine, executed in Chicago. ... Japanese routed at mouth of Yalu River. ... Ownership of Panama canal property transferred to United States. ... Opening of Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.

May. 1.—Japanese rout Russians at end of five days' fight on the Yalu. ... Death of Anton Dvornik, Bohemian musician. ... 100 lives lost by hurricane in Cochin, China. ... Death of Edith Fawcett. ... Japanese capture Newchwang. ... Death of Marcus Jukal, Hungarian painter and novelist. ... Capture of Franz von Leubach, Bavarian artist. ... Japanese capture Dalny. ... Death of Andrew McNally, Chicago publisher. ... Death of Henry M. Stanley, African explorer. ... Illinois Republican convention meets and deadlocks. ... Japanese battleship Hatsusee strikes Russian mine off Port Arthur and sinks with 441 men; cruiser Koshiba rammed by Kanaga and 210 of crew lost. ... Japanese army driven back to Feng-wangcheng with heavy loss. ... Illinois Republican convention adjourns until May 31 with deadlock unbroken. ... Explosion of fireworks factory in Findlay, O., kills several employes. ... Japanese lose 15,000 men in land attack on Port Arthur; Russian loss 3,000. ... Ten miners suffocated in tunnel at Williamsport, Pa., in coal mine. ... Yazoo City, Miss., destroyed by fire with \$2,000,000 loss. ... Rollers of towboat Fred Wilson blow up near Louisville, Ky., killing 13 persons. ... Russians defeated by Japanese in Tientsin, China. ... Japanese capture Kinchoo and drive Russians from Nanshan Hill; heavy loss of life on both sides. ... Russian torps. lost and abandoned off Dalny. ... Death of Senator M. S. Quay of Pennsylvania. ... \$3,000,000 fire in piers and shipping in Jersey City, N. J.

June. 3.—Illinois Republican convention adjourns after 11-day session. ... Fire in Corning distillery in Pennsylvania destroys 14 lives and \$1,000,000 worth of property. ... Mob wrecks amphitheater in St. Louis, Mo., in which 11 were killed. ... Fifteen non-union miners killed by dynamite explosion at Independence, Col. ... Death of L. Z. Letter, Chicago multi-millionaire. ... Death of Laurence Hutton, literary man.

Short Personal. James W. A. MacDonald, New York's aged sculptor, has been an artist more than sixty years. ... Stovan Zikitsch, 117 years old, living at Nish, Serbia, was well acquainted with Lord Byron. ... Although 85 years old, Mrs. Sarah McLaughlin of Lynn, Mass., does a good day's work binding shoes. ... Charles Taylor of Waterbury, Vt., is 90 years old and yet he drove a horse in a trotting race recently. He did not win. ... Dr. Rudolf Amandus Philipp, who died recently at Santiago, aged 96, was called "the patriarch of the Germans of Chili."

Egypt claims the oldest man in the world—Ahmed Selim, who has turned six score. He remembers Napoleon in Egypt. ... The oldest operator in Germany, Deputy Schneider in Eberswalde, is aged 103, and is still in possession of his mental powers.

July. 3.—Twenty persons killed in Washaw wreck at Litchfield, Ill. ... People's party national convention nominates Watson and Tibbles. ... Democratic national convention meets in St. Louis. ... Heavy rains cause great floods in Kansas. ... Democratic convention nominates Alton B. Parker for President. ... Henry G. Davis named for Vice President by Democratic convention. ... Mayor biograph, wrecked by explosion. ... 17 killed and 50 injured in train wreck at Midvale, N. J. ... Thirty thousand Japanese killed or wounded in attack on Port Arthur. ... Strike of 50,000 packing house employees begins in Western cities. ... Death of Mayor R. M. (Golden Rule) Jones in Toledo, O. ... 200 lives lost in cloudburst and flood in Great Smoky Mountains. ... C. & E. I. excursion train wrecked at Glenwood, Ill.; 24 killed and 72 injured. ... Death of Rev. J. W. Foster, S. D. ... Russian evacuate Newchwang after two-day battle. ... Russian sink British steamship Knight Commander off sea. ... England protests to Russia regarding sinking of steamship Knight Commander. ... Dredging for Rosolowka observation land begun in Chamberlain, S. D.

August. 1.—Death of ex-governor Robt. E. Pattison of Pennsylvania. ... Death of Rev. J. W. Foster, S. D. ... Death of Mrs. Nelson A. Miles. ... British expedition enters Lhasa, the forbidden city. ... Japanese attack Port Arthur. ... Wreck on Rio Grande railway near Pinos Col., causes 100 deaths. ... Death of Rev. J. W. Foster, S. D. ... Former Premier Waldeck-Rousseau of France dies. ... Naval battle off Port Arthur. ... Turkey yields to demands of United States in regard to Macedonia. ... Japanese in Straits of Ooka. ... Russian battleship Potemkin in Stateboro, Ga. ... Death of Hon. Perry Henshaw at Traverse City, Mich. ... Tornado in St. Paul, Minneapolis and vicinity kills 16 persons and causes \$3,000,000 loss. ... Russian cruiser Novik beached after two days' fight. ... Russians win battle at Port Arthur. ... Cable line to Alaska is completed.

September. 1.—Japanese take Lalo-Yang. ... Big fire in New York. ... Trenchless house fire in New York ends 14 lives. ... 200 yards strike in Chicago is ended. ... Death of Rev. G. C. Lorimer. ... Russian cruiser Lena arrives in port at San Francisco. ... Death of Prince Herbert Blismark. ... Two million dollar wharf fire in Halifax, N. S. ... Russian Karageorgievich crowned King of Serbia. ... Sixty-two persons killed in train wreck near Knoxville, Tenn. ... Mt. Vesuvius in eruption. ... Death of Lafayette Hearn, author. ... Japanese evacuate Newchwang. ... Death of Senator George Frisbie Hoar of Massachusetts.

October. 1.—Death of Sir William Vernon Harcourt. ... Death of Frederic A. Bartholdi, famous French sculptor. ... Postmaster-General Henry C. Payne dies. ... Robert J. W. Wood appointed Postmaster-General. ... Missouri Pacific wreck near Warrensburg, Mo., kills 29 people. ... Steamer Call sinks off Prince Edward's Island; 49 lives lost. ... King George of Saxony dies. ... Pamline in Swedish province of Goteborg, Sweden, sinks. ... Russian fleet great battle near Yentail. ... Great battle south of Mukden. ... Russian fleet great battle upon English fishing boats and sinks two of them. ... England demands reparation for sinking of fishing boats by Russian fleet. ... Russia sends note of apology to England. ... Mrs. Rae Krauss confesses murder of stranger in Hartford City, Ind. ... Ex-governor Geo. K. Nash of Ohio is