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## 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.

One person was killed and two injured in black hand outrages at Pittsburgh.

An unknown vessel is reported wrecked a short distance south of San Francisco.

The court martial of General Stoesel is being an end. The evidence looks bad for him.

Buch, the great Milwaukee brewer, has declared for a restriction of the liquor traffic.

Rosa's hand was in a train wreck in Michigan but only one member was hurt and he not fatally.

Several naval vessels are equipped with wireless telephones and experiments thus far are satisfactory.

Chicago does not want the National Democratic convention and the meeting will doubtless be held either at St. Paul or Louisville.

Nearly 50,000 Italians have left the United States since December 1. They are returning to their home country on account of financial stringency.

The California Supreme court has sustained the special holiday statute recently passed by the legislature allowing court sessions on specially called holidays.

A six-day bicycle race is on in New York.

Mrs. Louisa Taft, mother of Secretary Taft, is dead.

Gustav V, son of the dead monarch, is now king of Sweden.

Railroads will not grant reduced rates to national conventions.

American laborers are to replace foreigners in the Pittsburgh coke works.

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The Mineowners' association of Goldfield, Nevada, is determined to have an open camp.

Oregon national banks have cash reserves on hand far in excess of the legal requirements.

The call for the Republican National convention has been issued, to meet in Chicago on June 16, 1908.

The tramp steamer Sotoyome, en route from Coquille river to San Francisco with lumber, was burned at sea. The crew all escaped.

J. Daisell Brown, general manager of a defunct San Francisco trust company, is under arrest for felonious embezzlement, and officers are after another official of the same company.

Taft is on his way to the United States.

Taft's mother is much worse and all hope of her recovery has been given up.

Japan has thanked Roosevelt for the stand he takes on the Japanese exposition.

Harry S. New has been elected chairman of the National Republican committee.

Large amounts of gold continue to come to this country from London and Paris.

The Fort Pitt National bank of Pittsburgh has closed. The bank was organized in 1859.

Secretary Cortelyou has sold but half of the Panama bonds. The others will be held until the money is needed.

A mummy has just been brought to New York which is said to be that of a woman who lived about 4,000 years ago.

A strong movement has developed in Japan that may force the government to stop all emigration of laborers to the United States and Canada.

The National Rivers and Harbors congress has petitioned congress to appropriate \$50,000,000 annually for the systematic and uninterrupted improvement of the national waterways.

Managers of New York theaters have decided to give no Sunday shows.

Hungarians returning home from America are causing riots on the frontier.

Senator Borah has left Washington for Boise to take part in the Pettibone trial.

King Oscar, of Sweden, is very low. The crown prince has been appointed regent.

All the bodies of the miners who lost their lives at Fayette City, Pa., have been recovered.

Troops have been sent to Goldfield, Nevada, to prevent a miners' riot.

Harriman has ordered construction work to proceed on his entire system.

The German reichstag has succeeded in reducing the power of the cabinet, scoring a victory over Chancellor von Buelow.

Governor Chamberlain says December 14 will end the legal holidays for Oregon unless some unforeseen circumstance comes up.

## START WITH NON-UNION MEN

Owners Will Open Up Goldfield Mines Wednesday.

Goldfield, Dec. 10.—Wednesday has been definitely decided upon as the day for reopening the mines in Goldfield.

An authoritative statement was made tonight that already sufficient men are on the ground to work the mines. The total number of those that have been quietly brought in and those who have secretly made application to return to their former positions is placed at 1000. There are about 1,500 Western Federation men out. The men who are to take the places of the strikers are not to be housed at the mine, but will be scattered through the camp and protected, for each individual will be guaranteed protection by the Mineowners' Association.

Two propositions have been positively decided upon, the making of an open camp for all time and the early lowering of the wage scale. At the same time the Mineowners' Association is going to begin a vigorous crusade to lower the cost of living in Goldfield.

Denver, Dec. 10.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners tonight issued the following statement concerning the present controversy between the Goldfield Mineowners' Association and the Goldfield Miners' Union:

"On December 6, President Roosevelt issued a proclamation ordering federal troops to proceed to Goldfield, Nev., ostensibly for the purpose of protecting life and property. That there was ever any danger to either person or property is emphatically denied by the officers of Esmeralda county, and by the merchants and citizens of Goldfield. The only reason for the present trouble was the decision of the mine operators to force upon the miners a scrip that would not be taken at par by the railroad company, the Wells-Fargo Express Company, the post-office, the stores or the boarding-houses. Neither would the mineowners guarantee that they would redeem this scrip at any time in the future.

"In refusing to accept this worthless scrip in exchange for their hard labor, the miners of Goldfield are taking a manly stand against the usurpation of governmental functions by unreliable banking firms, which assume the right to set aside the legal money of the nation.

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## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### PREHISTORIC MONEY.

Confederate Bills and Old State Bank Paper in Circulation.

Pendleton—The flood of counterfeit money in the shape of Confederate bills, old bank bills and paper money issued before the war, which is now being circulated in Eastern Oregon is causing the officials to begin a determined war upon this form of fraud.

Every Eastern Oregon town is being imposed upon by this form of money. Many new, crisp clean Confederate government bills of all the small denominations are being largely circulated in Pendleton, La Grande and Baker City, and lawyers differ as to the possibility of conviction, as the money is not really counterfeit in a strict construction of the law.

District Attorney Ivanhoe, of La Grande, has filed three informations against a man caught in the act of passing Confederate money, to-wit: For passing counterfeit money, for obtaining goods under false pretenses, and for gross fraud. He believes that he will be able to convict under one of the three charges.

A concerted effort will be made by Eastern Oregon district attorneys to convict those passing this form of money.

### Football Men Good Students.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—University of Oregon football men during the season just past have made good records in the class room as well as on the football field. The records of the Registrar's office show that of the twenty men composing the regular squad, only half a dozen have received grades as low as 'D' in any of their subjects. There have been no failures and their work as a whole compares favorably with that of last year, when in the final examinations in February, the football team ranked slightly better than the average for the whole student body. The records show also that for the two months just past, football men have cut fewer classes than any other class of students. Reports of absences of all students are sent to the Registrar's office daily and a careful record is kept. The University works on the theory that students are there first to study, and this means regular attendance at classes.

### Save Fruit from Frost.

Portland—At the suggestion of J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O. R. & N. company, a rule has been promulgated by which apple shippers can ship their produce in car lots whether in refrigerator cars or in ordinary freight cars. The railroad will permit a caretaker to accompany each carload of apples crossing the mountains, and if necessary, to the Eastern markets. The caretaker will be furnished with return transportation. He will keep sufficient fire burning in the car to prevent damage to the fruit by frost.

### Appeals to Commissioner.

Burns—An appeal to the commissioner of the general land office has just been filed in the Burns land office from the decision of the register and receiver in the important contest of the Pacific Livestock company, protestant against the state of Oregon and the Harney Valley Improvement company, claimants, involving the rights of the latter company to draw water from the Silvie river for the irrigation of about 70,000 acres of land.

### Astoria Plants Cut Wages.

Astoria—On account of the disturbed condition of the lumber market and in order to guard against a shutdown of their plants, the Clatsop Mill company and the Astoria Box company have made a cut in the wages of their employees of 25 cents per day on each man. The new scale became effective December 2. The Tongue Point Lumber company is also said to have made a cut in wages amounting to about 15 per cent.

### Boost Mary's River Apples.

Philomath—The fruitgrowers of this section met today and effected this organization to be known as the Mary's River Fruitgrowers' Association. Professor Henry Sheak, one of the most progressive horticulturists of this section is president and W. F. Caldwell, secretary. Much interest is being taken in the matter by many farmers as hundreds of acres of trees and vines have been set out the past two years.

### Queer Schools.

Albany—Linn county has one school without a single boy pupil and another which no girls attend. Of course both are in small remote districts. District 84, in Fox Valley, near Lyons, has eight pupils, all of whom are boys, and District 119, near Sweet Home, has only five students and all are girls.

### Make Appointment Later.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has not considered the appointment of a successor to the late Circuit Judge Frazer, and will not do so for some days. He says there is no occasion for hasty action, and he will take time to consult with members of the Multnomah county bar.

### Mulkey Not a Candidate.

Salem—While in Salem President B. F. Mulkey, of Ashland normal, said that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for Superintendent of public instruction, with which aspirations he is credited.

### Cash for Government Checks.

Astoria—Arrangements have been made through the local banks by which all government checks will be paid in cash in the future, as money has been received by the banks for that purpose.

### RUSH RAILROAD WORK.

Southern Pacific Anxious to Reach Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls—The Southern Pacific company seems bent on extending the California Northeastern railway into the Klamath basin at an early date, as there has been no cessation of work since the financial flurry made its appearance. There have, of course, been rumors that work is to be discontinued, but the methods being pursued by the contractors indicate that the work is to be rushed rather than delayed. Erickson & Peterson, the contractors, who are now building roadbed near Mount Hebron, in the south end of Butte creek valley, are increasing their forces, and Archie Mason, who has the contract for building the dike across Klamath marsh, just below this city, has also increased his force and has another large dredge en route to be used on the work.

Little can be learned as to the plans of the Southern Pacific and the engineers in charge of the California Northeastern extension make no further statement than that they have orders to construct the road in the least possible time.

The distance from Bray, the present terminus, to Klamath Falls is about 37 miles. Nineteen miles of this, the distance across Butte creek valley, is a level sagebrush plain and construction of a road across it will require but a short time.

### Apples Bring Good Money.

Medford—J. A. Ferry, president of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' union, states that financial conditions have had little bearing upon the fruit shipping industry of the union. He says: "We have shipped to date all varieties of apples which we have handled at a date corresponding to this in previous years. We have received good prices for all fruit shipped, and we now have in transit to London and other markets, for which we shall also receive good prices, as I think the English market will not be subjected to financial conditions as in the United States."

### Pilot Rock Getting Ready.

Pendleton—It is announced that train service over the Pilot Rock branch of the O. R. & N. will be inaugurated December 15. Arrangements for a demonstration in Pilot Rock that day are being made and it is expected that several hundred people will go out over the new line from this city on the first train. The regular service on this line will consist of a combination train one way each day, leaving Pendleton in the morning and returning in the afternoon.

### Klamath Conditions Better.

Klamath Falls—It is hoped here that the present cost of labor will reduce the estimated cost of water on the Klamath project. The original estimate of \$18 per acre was made at a time when labor was cheap and plentiful, but labor conditions changed and the estimate was made higher. Now that conditions have again changed it is thought the original estimates will be approximated.

### Likes the Ashland Normal.

Ashland—Hon. Mill A. Miller, of Linn county, is a member of the state textbook commission, a regent of the state university and deeply interested in the educational system of the state. He addressed the normal students in chapel briefly and after visiting the different department and looking over the buildings and grounds, expressed himself as being impressed with the school and its work and pleased with the beautiful grounds.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 83c; bluestem, 85c; valley, 83c; red, 81c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, 29c; gray, 29c.  
Barley—Feed, \$28.50 per ton; brewing, \$30; rolled, \$30@31.  
Corn—Cracked, \$33; whole, \$32.  
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$14; vetch, \$14.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32 1/2c per pound.  
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@8 1/2c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6 1/2c.  
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6 1/2c; packers, 6 1/4c.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 11 1/2@12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11@11 1/2c; spring chickens, 10 1/2@11c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 12@12 1/2c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.  
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 37 1/2@40c per dozen.  
Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, 75c@81c per crate; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box; quinces, 60@60c per box; cranberries, \$9.50@12 per barrel.  
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.35 per sack; beans, 7@8c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 60@90c doz; parsley, 20c doz; peppers, 8@17c per pound; radishes, 20c doz; spinach, 5c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.25@1.35 per box.  
Onions—\$1.50@2 per sack.  
Potatoes—Delivered Portland, 50@75c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.  
Hops—1907, 5@7 1/2c per pound; old, 2 1/4@3 1/4c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 13@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

## WAR ON MINERS' UNION.

300 U. S. Regulars Now in Camp at Goldfield, Nevada.

Goldfield, Dec. 9.—Encouraged, doubtless, by the presence of federal troops in Goldfield, the Goldfield Mineowners' Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon, and last night gave out a statement in which it is openly said that the members of the association have decided to make a determined struggle to free Goldfield of union domination and make this an open camp.

The statement of the purpose of the mineowners is direct and unequivocal, and throws down the gauntlet to the Western Federation of Miners. Officers of the association refused to say if any steps have already been taken toward importing non-union miners in sufficient numbers to reopen the mines, which are now idle and rapidly filling with water, but stated that many telegrams are being received hourly, offering men, and that within 48 hours the mines could be opened with the same number of men as were formerly at work in them. One concern in San Francisco it is said, offered to send 1,000 men on an hour's notice.

The officers of the association say, however, that in their belief there are enough men in the camp who will leave the union now to make the importation of men unnecessary, and they are looking for these men to make application early in the week. It is impossible, the operators say, for them to get enough men to open the mines at present to operate the pumps and keep them clear of water. Cave-ins are constantly taking place, and other damage is being wrought by reason of the inactivity.

No unusual excitement was caused by the arrival of the first detachment of troops and the crowds that gathered at the depot quickly dispersed after the troops had marched to the mess, in the northwestern part of the city, where they have gone into temporary encampment. Goldfield is quiet and there are no indications of impending trouble.

The Nevada Workman, organ of the mine workers in Goldfield