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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

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Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Ex-President Harrison is dying. The Idaho legislature has adjourned.

The Thirtieth volunteers arrived at San Francisco.

There is friction between British and Russians in Pekin.

Hon. C. T. Gorham, ex-minister to the Netherlands, is dead.

Carnegie denies that he is going to Europe with J. P. Morgan.

China appeals to the United States for protection from Russia.

The ministers have prepared an other list of guilty Chinese.

The great Manila ice plant will be controlled by civil authorities.

Provincial government was established at Luzena, Tagabas province.

Malone, N. Y., officials captured 43 Chinese on the border north of Malone.

Two men were killed and several injured in a railroad collision in a Chicago suburb.

Sheridan S. Badger, a Chicago mining engineer, filed a petition in bankruptcy with \$53,000 liabilities.

Gaylord, Blessing & Co., St. Louis brokers, are admitted to exceed the assets by \$50,000.

John Hare, the English actor now playing in Chicago, announced that at the conclusion of his present tour, five weeks hence, he will permanently retire from the stage.

The Brooklyn bridge authorities are contemplating remodeling the bridge to allow of the multiplying of elevated bridge trains.

Jessie Morrison, whose trial for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle resulted in no verdict, was committed to jail at Eldorado, Kan., in default of \$5,000 bail, to await a second trial.

A receiver has been appointed for the Ohio Debutante Company, of Columbus, on the application of a stockholder, who says the outstanding indebtedness is \$225,000, and the assets not more than \$75,000.

Minister Conger left Pekin for home.

England rejects the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

A Filipino band was defeated near Santa Cruz.

Sixteen lives were lost by the storm in Arkansas.

President McKinley will start for the Pacific coast April 30.

Victims of the plague are dying in the streets of Cape Town.

A secret society buried alive natives friendly to Americans.

The French ex-consul at Manila is accused of dealing with insurgents.

Eight persons were killed and many injured by an explosion in a Chicago laundry.

Carnegie has offered \$75,000 for a library to Davenport, Ia., and also to Springfield, Ill.

Kirby Graves, Bill Johnson and Henry Brooks, negroes, were hanged at Richmond, Ark., for murder.

The Pennsylvania house of representatives adopted a resolution favoring the election of senators by the people.

Relatives of Oregon school directors cannot be employed as teachers without unanimous consent of the board.

A cloud-burst in Maricopa county, Arizona, carried away five miles of track of the Maricopa & Phoenix railroad.

Oregon law which abolishes office of the commissioner, and creates a similar one, involves question of whether latter repeals former by implication.

Two highways entered the village of Pipe, near Emporia, Kan., and two men were killed outright and three injured by a dynamite explosion at a quarry near El Paso. All was Mexican except the foreman, Chas. Shely.

Navajo Indians, in New Mexico, are becoming restless because of the absence of two or three of their number, who are attending a Chicago exhibition.

County Judge Gregory, at Louisville, held that the Pullman Palace Car Company is not a railroad and that its rolling stock cannot be taxed as railroad property.

The Colorado stock-growers' Association adopted a resolution requesting the department of the interior to send an inspector West to inquire into local conditions and give settlers, cattle-owners and others a hearing relative to forest reserve regulations.

Sir Francis Cook, who in 1885 married Miss Tennessee Claflin, of New York, died in London.

Reports from all over northern Wisconsin indicate that this will be a phenomenal year in the white pine lumber industry.

At a meeting of glass tableware manufacturers at Pittsburg it was decided to advance the price of tumblers from 10 to 25 per cent.

REPORT ON INDEMNITIES

Has Been Completed by the Ministers' Committee at Pekin.

PEKIN, March 11.—The ministers' committee has completed its report, and the general principles to be adopted in cases of indemnities based upon laws in harmony with the Roman and English systems. This decision was not reached without considerable discussion, some believing that the claims of men of good reputation should be paid in full without further consideration. On the other hand, a case was mentioned where a man of high repute claims \$10,000 each for his own, his wife's and her daughter's nerves and \$20,000 for property destroyed, whereas it is known that the latter estimate is more than twice the value of all.

The negotiations, Mr. Rockhill says, are going on well and he sees no reason why they should not be completed in two months, with the exception of the commercial treaties, which will probably take a long time.

General Chaffee replied to the copy of General Yui Tschang's letter sent him by Count von Waldersee that he had given instructions to the American troops when any detachments were sent against robbers and Boxers to obtain to the fullest extent possible the assistance of Chinese officials in making arrests and punishing the guilty. Regarding indemnity for losses sustained by missionaries and native Christians, General Chaffee pointed out that his sentiments were well known to the American missionaries; that he was opposed to extortion in every form, and that he favored strict justice in every case, and that he would agree quickly to his excellency's proposition that the indemnities Sir Robert Hart mentioned should be settled by the diplomats.

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OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvement of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Eugene—A new opera house is to be built at Eugene.

Athena—Athena has elected T. B. Page school director and J. W. Smith clerk.

Baker City—The Baker City post office will have a stamp-cancelling machine.

The Dalles—The Dalles treasurer has a satisfactory cash balance March 1 of \$1,855.84.

Eugene—A large electric transformer has arrived at Eugene for the lighting company.

Baker City—Improvements to cost \$20,000 will be made in the Warshaw hotel at Baker City.

Eagle Point—It is reported from Eagle Point that early frosts have not injured growing wheat.

Pendleton—Water meters for the Pendleton water system have arrived and are being sold for \$10, \$15 and \$20 each.

Gold Hill—It is reported that a rich three-foot vein of gold-bearing quartz has been struck on the old Clock place near Gold Hill.

Perry—The Grand Ronde Lumber Company will start up its mill at Perry this week. About 5,000,000 feet of logs are on hand.

Coquille—Farmers on the north fork of the Coquille report hay scarce in that part of the country; but stock is in fine condition.

Henderson—The wagon bridge at Henderson station, which went out with the last frost, is replaced and opened for travel.

Foots Creek—Several tons of ore from the Dixie Queen mine, in the Foots Creek district, are said to have yielded over \$100 a ton.

Lakeview—The old electric system for lighting the town of Lakeview has been discontinued, and will be replaced by the town plant.

Eagle Point—There is considerable anxiety over the proposed ditch from Fish Lake to the valley, fears being entertained that the company will take so much water out of the streams that there will not be enough left for irrigation purposes and to run the grist mill.

Pilot Rock—A painful accident occurred at the Warner sawmill, twelve miles south of Pilot Rock. Will Warner, while riding on a log carriage, was struck on the head, and while stunned leaned over in such a manner that a large piece of flesh was cut off of his thigh by the saw.

Unity—It is reported from Unity, on upper Barrett river, that there was a disastrous fire in that burg. James Payton's general merchandise store was totally destroyed, including quite a stock of goods. The building was struck on the west corner, high, the upper story being used as a dance hall.

Ashland—A petition has been forwarded to Washington for the proposed rural delivery route through Ashland. The route reaches from Ashland eight miles to W. H. Shepherd's place, and returns via Emerald creek. The number of houses which would be served on this route is 125, and the number of people 48, and one postoffice, Haron, would be discontinued.

Fort Klamath—Melrose Bros., of Fort Klamath weighed 184 head of beef cattle last week at the Mitchell ranch and delivered them to George Kohlhaas of Roseburg. The average weight was 1253 pounds, from which was deducted four per cent, making the selling weight 1201 pounds. The price paid was 75 cents, an average of 45.05 cents. The total price paid for all was \$8,286.90.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55¢ per bushel; nominal; bluestone, 57¢ per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.80 to \$3.40 per barrel; Graham, \$2.60.

Milk—White, 44¢ per bushel; gray, 42¢ per bushel.

Hay—Timothy, \$12 to \$15; clover, \$9 to \$9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6 to \$7 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22¢ per pound; dairy, 18¢ per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12¢ to 12½¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50 per dozen; \$4.50 per dozen; dressed, \$1.12 per pound; springs, \$1.05 per pound; ducks, \$5.00; geese, \$5.00 per dozen.

Potatoes—45¢ to 60¢ per sack.

Dried fruits—Apples, evaporated, 5¢ per pound; sun dried, 6¢ per pound; prunes, 2¢ per pound; pears, 2¢ per pound; Italian, 5¢ per pound; silver, extra choice, 5¢.

Hutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$4.75; ewes, \$4.00; dressed, 6½¢ per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00 to \$5.25; light, \$4.75 to \$5; dressed, 6¢ per pound.

Veal—Large, 7¢ to 7½¢ per pound; small, 8½¢ to 9¢ per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$4.50 to 4.75; dressed, \$1.50; dressed beef, 7¢ to 8¢ per pound.

After careful and patient investigation the historical committee of the Society of California Pioneers has learned that the date of the discovery of gold in California by James W. W. Marshall, Black walnut comes from a tree on the farm formerly owned by Abraham Lincoln in Harrison township, Mac county, Ill., were given to the members of the cabinet by the president to whom they had been sent from Illinois.

The slanting tooth barrow with the teeth set backward, is the kind mostly used for harrowing wheat in the spring. It pulverizes the surface of the ground without pulling up the wheat plants. Through harrowing of the wheat field not only benefits the plants, but is also an excellent preparation for clover.

When purchasing potash it is better to select the sulphate of muriate, in preference to kainit, as the latter contains more undesirable material than the others, which makes the cost of transportation greater in proportion to the amount of potash contained.

PROPOSED BY COLOMBIA.

Scheme for the United States to Acquire the Panama Canal.

NEW YORK, March 12.—According to a special to the Herald, Senator Silva, the Colombian minister to the United States, has already informally submitted proposals to Secretary Hay for the acquisition of the Panama canal by the United States, and has invited that government, and has preliminary protocols were entered into some time ago with Costa Rica and Nicaragua, so that these two countries during the summer will probably be merely interested spectators of the moves which the United States, Great Britain and Colombia will make.

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