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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week. Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Signs for a better government for Ireland have appeared.

President Roosevelt has his message all ready for the senate.

Three hundred Negro colonists will go to Liberia from Georgia in January.

Rumor has it that the czar may abdicate the throne to his uncle, Grand Duke Vladimir.

Gould and Harrison have fallen out over the control of the Colorado fuel and iron company.

The government survey for the Pacific cable has been turned over to the Commercial cable company.

A message received from Dr. Hunter, from Guatemala, states that the killing of Fitzgerald was in self defense.

The navy department has decided on a distinctive garb for marines and enlisted men serving time in prison. Hereafter they have worn their old uniforms.

Coal miners and operators held their first conference towards a peaceful settlement of their troubles in Washington. Only the preliminary arrangements were discussed.

John L. Mitchell, judge of the superior court of Pennsylvania, will be retired on half pay until the expiration of his term in 1910, on account of inability to perform the duties of his office through sickness.

Wheat has reached the highest point at San Francisco since 1896.

Great Britain and Germany are co-operating in serious measures to bring Venezuela to terms.

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BLOCKS THE CANAL.

United States May Not Take Up Nicaragua Route Again.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The cabinet meeting yesterday was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of the status of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba and the canal treaty with Colombia. The hitches that have occurred in the negotiations were discussed, as were also the prospects of settlement.

Secretary May, while presenting the subject of the canal negotiations, was not able to report that any progress had been made during the past week. In fact, it appears that the negotiations have come to a dead stop, and while no such thing as an ultimatum has passed, the precise situation may be described in the statement that the Colombian minister here, Concha, has distinctly informed the state department that he cannot, in behalf of his government, accept the latest proposition of the United States as a basis for a canal treaty. The state department has already let it be known that it has come to the end of its concessions, so the chances of a renewal of the negotiations in the near future are not very bright.

This state of affairs will stimulate the negotiations for the alternate route, but it now appears that the diplomatic representatives of those countries are not disposed to allow themselves to be used to coerce Colombia, and therefore are desirous of remaining in the background until it shall be clearly established that no treaty can be made between Colombia and the United States.

One of the statements of fact in connection with the Panama route which has been brought to the attention of the state department is that the original canal concession will expire in 1904, and it has been suggested that the Colombian government has that fact in mind, and is disposed to refrain from making a treaty now, in expectation that the franchise will lapse, and it may be in a position to build the canal itself, or to sell a new concession. Such a course would raise a very serious question between the Colombian government, the Panama canal company, the French government and the United States.

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NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of the Past Week—Brief Review of the Growth and Development of Various Industries Throughout Our Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Eugene has secured an additional mail carrier for city delivery.

The new electric car line from Gresham into Portland will be ready for operation in about two weeks.

Burglars entered a Salem residence and ransacked the place, securing a small amount of cash and some jewelry.

Baker City will be compelled to remain in darkness for a while longer owing to the non-arrival of the transformers and street lights.

A six-stamp mill with a capacity of 50 tons a day has been purchased for the Red, White and Blue mine in the Malheur district. The mine is owned by a Boston syndicate.

A number of cities throughout the state will hold municipal elections December 1. Considerable local interest is being taken on account of factional fights, prohibition measures, etc.

The Baker City lodge of Elks has purchased a site and will erect a two-story stone and brick building 50x100 feet. When completed the structure will cost about \$25,000.

Three prisoners under detention at the county jail at Union, made their escape by sawing through the bars of their cells. The prisoners were awaiting a hearing before the grand jury, two charged with assault and one with mayhem.

The Oregon dairymen's association will meet in Corvallis December 16 and 17. Cream separator and other dairy supply firms are invited to make exhibits of their goods. Addresses of interest will be delivered by well known dairymen. Special rates will be given by the transportation companies.

The noted Bowen mine and Braden mill, situated near Gold Hill, with its water power, has been purchased by a corporation capitalized at \$500,000. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Southern Oregon is coming to the front as a mining country and the purchasers of this mine are going to put in new and heavy machinery and do considerable development work.

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The best sale of fables in the Rogue river valley during the present season was made by W. H. Norcross, a well known orchardist of Central Point, who disposed of 10 carloads at the fancy price of \$1.50 per box f. o. b. at Central Point. The apples go to New York City.

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Wheat—Walla Walla, 70-71c; blue-stem 76-77c; valley, 72-73c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.00 per ton; brewing, \$23.50.

Flour—Best grade, 3.50-3.70; granam, \$3.00-3.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50; chop, \$17.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.12-1.15; gray, \$1.10-1.12 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, \$10-11; clover, \$8-9; cheat, \$8-9 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Benbanas, 60-80c per sack; ordinary, 50-60c per cental; growers' prices; Merced sweet, \$1.75-2 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$5.50-6.25; per pound, 10c; hens, \$4.50-5.00; per pound, 11c; springs, \$3.00-3.50; broilers, \$2.00-2.50; ducks, \$4.50-5.00; per pound, 10c; turkeys, young, 12-13c; geese, \$6.00-6.50 per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, 15-16c; Young America, 15-16c; factory prices, 1-1 1/2c less.

Butter—Extra creamery, 30-32c; per pound; fancy, 30c; dairy, 20-22c; store, 15-18c.

Hops—25-30c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 13-14c; Eastern Oregon, 14-15c; mohair, 35-38c.

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LORD OF THE DESERT

CHAPTER VI.

At the Foot of the Rimrocks.

It is the second night of Bertha's captivity, barring the night of her capture. After securing her on the horse at the time of that fearful event, the Indians kept moving at a rapid rate until about 10 o'clock the following morning, when they stopped and butchered a mule for dinner. To them the mule meat was a dainty dish, of which they partook with a ravenous appetite, but to the girl from Edinburg mule meat was not tempting. When in fact she had no appetite at all. The glutinous feast of these savages added to the disgust and horror that surrounded the captive. The whole had seemed like a vision, a horrible nightmare to her.

The first night out had been spent in a small cabin, surrounded by rimrocks with narrow outlets and these had been carefully guarded by the dusky sentinels. No fires were kindled during the night and a stillness reigned pervaded the scene, and this, with the demeanor of the Indians, showed that they were not only uneasy but strictly on their guard.

A vigilant watch had been kept over Bertha the whole night long, though she had been made as comfortable as an Indian's ingenuity could provide. Early in the morning, another mule was butchered, and breakfast prepared, and the band moved on to the south.

The course during the day lay over a rough country. It was taken as if the Indians had intended to obscure their trail. To the right and left stood the towering rimrocks and their trail led through the lava beds. Only through this section of country can comprehend what is meant in speaking of the lava beds. Huge boulders and smaller ones of every description, interest will be delivered by well known dairymen. Special rates will be given by the transportation companies.

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CHAPTER VII.

A Woman's Scap.

It is at another point in the lava fields from that described in the last chapter. While many walls join together here from different directions, yet one point on the rimrocks commanded a view in all directions. Upon this point stands an Indian. His narrow face, almost against the horizon gave him the appearance of an inanimate rather than an animate body. The afternoon sun was not far above the distant rimrocks. It was a picture for an artist to draw. The ragged rocks along the earth's surface, the walls which converged from many directions toward the pedestal of the center, at the top of which stood the Indian, and the crown of the statue-like form of the Indian, whose gaudy war bonnet indicated that he was a chief, made the view a most one indeed.

It was old Egan. He was looking to the west into the very face of the setting sun. Were it not that he raised his hand occasionally to shut his eyes, he would have been easily mistaken him for a statue on a great pedestal.

"If they disappoint me," murmured in his own tongue, "it will take many more white scalps to pay the penalty," and at the same time he toyed with a scalp of long hair, that of a woman, tossed by the wind at his feet.

But his mind was soon relieved of this point. From the shadow of the

rimrocks in the distance, a little north of west, he saw a lone horseman coming in a swift trot. He began to descend to the same side upon which the horseman was approaching, taking care to examine his bow and quiver, tomahawk, and scalping knife, to see that all were intact. Seating himself upon a boulder that jettied out from the wall many feet above the level plain, he awaited the approach of his visitor. When the latter came within halting distance a familiar salute from each showed the mutual recognition.

A few minutes later the horseman was at the foot of the precipice and asked the old chief if he was entitled to receive his reward. The chief drew from his belt a woman's scalp and the latter dismounted and climbed to the place where the old chief sat.

After a few minutes' conversation, the visitor seemed to understand the Indian language perfectly. They climbed the rimrocks together, the visitor rose when they reached the summit of the rocks and drawing a thin piece of cloth from his pocket, but which was torn and stained, waved it above his head until like a flag. Then other objects were seen to emerge from the shadows of the distant rimrocks, and a band of horses driven by white men were coming across the plain.

The two men on the top of the rimrocks conversed familiarly. While the reader already knows that one was Chief Egan he has also surmised that the other was Dan Follett, which is true. To look upon the countenances of these two men was an interesting study. The old Indian chief, a man of rugged build, bore scars showing the terrible episodes of his life, while the Canadian Frenchman bore marks of a different character of the man. The one, robbed of his country, forced to the barren rocks and lava beds for existence, had become an outlaw from necessity. The other, containing a mixture of blood of the exiled criminals of a superior race mixed with that of the most bloodthirsty and treacherous of an inferior race, was a villain from choice and by nature.

"If I had not produced the horses, Egan, what would have been the result?" inquired Follett, with a twinkle in his eye.

"More pale faces would have been swinging here very soon," replied the chief, pointing to his belt.

"And if I had not proved to you that I had killed the girl, what would you have done?" asked the chief.

"You would have swept it clean of Egan and his tribe!"

There were blurring looks and grim smiles from each, but the arrival of the band of horses caused them to rise to their feet, and with a shout from old Egan's lips his warriors appeared from a recess in the rocks below, heretofore unobserved, and took charge of the band of animals repulsed by the price money for the murder of Bertha Lyle.

Taking the woman's scalp, Dan Follett climbed down the rocks and joining his men they saluted the Indians

and rode away. The Indians drove the horses into a deep canyon penetrating the rimrocks, and the stillness of approaching night closed the scene.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Trapper of The Rimrocks.

He was known from one end of the desert to the other, as well by the red men as the white. His life was spent in solitude. When the snows of winter began to fly and others fled to shelter, he worked the more persistently. For eight months in the year his solitude was complete, so far as the rest of the world knew for it was in the winter time that the wild animals of the desert widened their range in search of food, owing to its scarcity at this season, and many of all kinds were tempted to partake of the fresh morsels of antelope, deer, rabbit and sage hen, to which he was attracted by the attractive preparation and placed in their trail and many of these same animals found these nice "baits" surrounded by a jagged iron circle that closed with a merciless clasp about their legs or noses and held them as prisoners. The traps of the Trapper of the Rimrocks always held their prey.

The Trapper of the Desert was a young man of eight and twenty years. For ten years he had been known upon the desert. While he was a man of peace, yet his keen grey eyes and firm set chin told those who saw him that he would face the worst of the human race in any kind of an encounter as readily as he would battle alone with the fiercest animals of the desert. If the necessity arose, his hair was also light and he wore a gleam of friendliness upon his face.

But the cloud that drove this gleam of sunshine away when he became angered was an immediate warning not to trespass against the will of this man of firmness, and his well proportioned form was able to carry out the desire of his mind. He was five feet ten, weighed 180 pounds, and with all this possessed well proportioned muscles, as lithe as rubber