

**Brief News of the Week**

According to late reports given out at Washington the number of farm animals in the United States has increased 7.1 per cent.

The supreme court of California raps the national policy of withdrawing from taxation great areas of land, declaring the act is a departure from the spirit of the constitution.

British Columbia labor federation demands impeachment of Judges Morrison and Howay, who sentenced miners in connection with Nanaimo disturbances.

A change has been made in Bohemia permitting women to vote, according to announcement of the premier in Austria.

A franchise for a trolley car system to operate from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, and for the operation of a lighting plant in Jerusalem has been granted by the Turkish government.

Contracts for 4400 new wooden freight cars, to be built immediately at a cost of between \$5,500,000 and \$6,000,000, the first big railroad equipment order in several months, have just been let by the Union Pacific system.

By order of the interstate commerce commission lower express rates throughout the United States will become effective Monday. It is estimated that the average reduction in charges will be approximately 17 per cent.

Representatives of the agricultural colleges in the far west are to meet in conference the latter part of the week at the state agricultural college of Utah. The conference is to effect a permanent organization and discuss the standardizing of extension work and the securing of the needed state and national legislation to aid them in carrying on their work.

**People in the News**

Ex-Senator Lyman R. Casey of Jamestown, N. D., died at Washington.

Emperor William of Germany celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday recently.

Winifred T. Denison has been confirmed by the senate as secretary of the interior for the Philippines and member of the Philippine commission.

Brigadier General Funston has returned from service in Hawaii to take command of the second division on the Mexican border.

Charles G. Williams, for years treasurer and business manager of the Chicago Cubs, jumped to the Federal league.

The body of ex-Senator Shelby M. Cullom, who died in Washington, was brought to Springfield, Ill., for burial.

P. P. Claxton, commissioner of the United States bureau of education, urges an all-year around school term, in order to save the pupils from idleness during the summer vacation period.

Kenneth Murphy, aged 21, serving a life term in Nebraska, for murder, who was paroled in order that he might enter the University of Nebraska, has been denied admittance to the school by Chancellor Avery because the youth is a criminal.

General Francisco Villa announced that civilized warfare, particularly with reference to the treatment of prisoners, would hereafter be adopted by the Mexican rebels.

Scores of Filipino politicians who are active in the fight for the independence of the islands are paid by Japanese, in the opinion of Edward K. Dyer, manager of the Philippine Island Telephone & Telegraph company, who has arrived at San Francisco.

The anonymous letter received by Chief of Police Sebastian, of Los Angeles, stating that Francis Lewis Clark, the Spokane millionaire, who disappeared from Santa Barbara, was held by blackmailers for a ransom of \$75,000, was written in part by a woman, and in part by a man, say experts.

Frank P. Glass of Alabama lost his fight for a seat in the United States senate by one vote. Glass was not entitled to be seated because his appointment by Governor O'Neal came after the direct legislation law went into effect.

**Eight-Footed Hog 2 Months Old.**

Ashland.—The four-winged duck on the Cyester ranch, east of Ashland, has a rival in an eight-footed pig on the Beall ranch, south of Central Point. Both sets of feet are well developed. This freak is now 2 months old and promises to attain the size of the average hog. Its legs are normal down to the ankle joint, each leg terminating in two feet instead of one.

**Prisoner Eats Evidence.**

Portland.—Although he ate the documentary evidence against him while on the witness stand, in full view of the court attaches and spectators, according to officials, Sam Matheson, a Seattle contractor, was bound over to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Stevenson on a charge of passing a bad check for \$35.

Representative Sinnott's bill to authorize the secretary of war to detail two army engineers to work with engineers of Oregon and Washington and the reclamation service in evolving a plan for the development of the Cello Falls power project, seems to be meeting with favor.

Hereafter it will be unlawful to work any woman employe more than 54 hours a week, and employers will be required to pay experienced women workers not less than \$8.25, and inexperienced workers not less than \$6 a week. This is the ruling of the state industrial welfare commission.

Governor West several days ago telegraphed President Wilson that the contemplated action of separating the lines would be harmful to the business interests of the state, and asked that action be postponed until hearings could be held. The state railway commission made a similar request.

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