

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Banker Morse begins a penitentiary sentence as convict No. 2814.

Archbishop Ireland defends King Leopold's administration of the Congo states.

Zelaya says he has abundant proof that American marines aided the revolutionists against him.

J. P. Morgan, T. F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton form a \$150,000,000 bank trust in New York city.

It is claimed that the recent aeroplane carnival in France frightened all the birds from the vicinity.

United States government officials have planned a raid against nightriders of Kentucky and Tennessee.

A millionaire cattleman of Texas gave his three children \$2,000,000 worth of property each for a Christmas present.

The barkeeper of an American hotel in Havana refused to serve two negro congressmen and a riot followed. Further trouble is expected.

President Taft listened patiently to the committee of railroad presidents but will not change the tone of his forthcoming message to congress.

Postal deficit for 1909 is \$17,441,719.

Over 50,000 people attended President Taft's New Year's reception.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, opens campaign for further triif reform.

If mediation in switchmen's strike fails, 20,000 more men will stop work.

Daughters of the American Revolution have taken up conservation work.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock urges postal reforms to avoid a deficit in 1910.

Betting is even in London that the Liberals will win in the coming election.

Indian commissioner reports that tuberculosis is on the increase among Indians.

Twelve men were lost by the sinking of a sugar-laden schooner in an Atlantic gale.

Colonist travel to the Pacific Northwest for 90 broke all records and is expected to still greater for 1910.

A woman armed with a shotgun stopped the laying of an oil pipe line on her ranch in California.

Trains collided in a snowstorm near Billings, Mont., killing two. A missing baggageman is thought to have been burned in the wreckage.

Zelaya asserts that he is still president of Nicaragua.

Taft's special message on trust law changes will go to congress next week.

A southern chemist expert asserts that the aurora borealis is caused by gas.

The New York supreme court says patriotism has given way to an age of graft.

Army engineers have recommended extensive improvements for the Columbia river.

The Turkish cabinet has been driven out of office and a military premier may be appointed.

It is considered that the reclamation service is safe from abolition, though many changes may be made.

A Nebraska man got an appointment as a deputy sheriff and then proceeded to bring home his erring son from Los Angeles.

A draftsman on a British schoolship is under arrest for stealing complete plans of the British navy's wireless system and codes.

James Gordon, once accused of conspiring with Booth to kill Lincoln, has been named United States senator from Tennessee by Governor Noel.

Honey has filed a libel suit against W. S. Crocker for \$250,000.

Fifty out of 88 American colleges will continue to approve of football.

Physicians say there is no hope for Cardinal Sotelli, though he may linger several days.

Loss by the tidal wave and blizzard on the New England coast will reach \$5,000,000, besides many lives.

When Zelaya arrives in Mexico, President Diaz will attend a reception in his honor, which is taken as a direct insult to the United States.

Six women are en route on foot from Seattle to join the I. W. W. of Spokane and fight for the right of free speech on the public streets.

Zelaya boards Mexican gunboat under eyes of American marines.

J. D. Warren, who pursued and helped to capture Jesse James, is dead.

Strike leaders for the switchmen have called off negotiations with the railroads, and will appeal to Washington for advice and aid.

Miss Louise Taft, niece of the president, will be married to G. H. Snowden, of Seattle. After a trip to Europe they will reside in Seattle.

A crippled Italian girl in Chicago robbed her father's bank of \$30,000, with which she hoped to induce her cousin, also a cripple, to marry her.

France is in a panic at the inroads of American commerce.

President Taft is being urged to make active war on the trusts.

Blizzards sweep the east from Winnipeg to Illinois, and Chicago faces a coal famine.

A schooner arrived at Hoquiam, Wash., 97 days out from Hypong, China, with her captain hopelessly ill and only a few pounds of provisions left.

COMET WILL BRUSH EARTH.

Pacific Coast Will Have Best View About May 18.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 5.—Halley's comet will give the Pacific Coast a close brush this year on May 18, between the hours of 4 and 10 o'clock p. m., and the "brush" will be something spectacular, says Professor Charles Burkhalter, of the Chabot observatory.

The earth will then pass through the last of the 20,000,000-mile tail of the celestial visitor, and the result ought to be as dazzling a piece of fireworks as this generation has ever witnessed.

The astronomer insists that he has no doubt about so dramatic a situation, fraught not only with awe-inspiring possibilities to the dwellers on the globe, but fraught, as well, with possibilities of tragic moment. Whether or not the earth's dive through the comet's tail will mean anything more than a dazzling starry spectacle, Professor Burkhalter will not predict. He only says and see."

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In discussing the comet, the astronomer says: "Astronomers Cromelin and Cowell, of the Royal observatory at Greenwich, have probably made the most exhaustive researches into the history of the comet."

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HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

MANY NEW PHONE LINES.

Independent Company Connects Boise With Central Oregon.

Ontario-Ontario's independent telephone system is nearly completed. The telephones have been received and the switchboards will soon be installed. It is expected that all will be in working order by the middle of January.

Rural lines will be installed from here to Nyssa, and from here to Vale, including ranches all along both lines. A modern metallic circuit will be put in from here to Vale for long distance use, to connect at Vale with the line already practically complete from Vale to Burns in Harney county. The Vale-Burns line is being installed by a Drewsey corporation, of which W. D. Baker is one of the principal stockholders and the manager.

Exchange with this line has been arranged with the Ontario line, which will also have exchange with the Payette, Fruitland and Idaho towns as far east as Boise. This will give in effect a through service from Boise to Burns, which will be the largest territory that has ever been served by telephone in this locality.

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CANAL FROM LAKE TO SEA.

Pacific Canal Co. Incorporates for \$1,000,000 to Build Shipway.

Portland—Money makes the sea-port, then the people come. Upon this policy, it is announced, the Pacific Canal company has incorporated with a capitalization of \$1,000,000 to construct a shipway between Flores lake and the ocean. Pacific City is to be a new town maintained largely by timber interests.

"But the building of the city is in entirely different hands than the canal project," said L. Reeder, attorney for the promoters of the canal.

"The men who are backing the enterprise, I might say, went down to Flores lake and looked over the situation. They saw a natural wooded harbor, needing but a short connection to open it to the ships of the sea. They measured and found 10,000,000 feet of virgin timber, and the cleared land valuable for dairying and nearly all of it arable. It was practically an unopened country. They decided that it would be a sure investment to build a city; the canal comes as a matter of course."

"In 1912 we will have there a city of 10,000 people, possibly. The land is capable of supporting fully that many. Railroads are coming and the largest ships will be given a fresh water harbor two miles long, three quarters of a mile wide and everywhere 40 feet deep. Located about 40 miles south of Coos bay, we are at a convenient shipping point for all coast cities and for the trade of the Orient."

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