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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

France will send a fleet to Morocco. Hermann is still trying to delay his trial.

A number of Annapolis hazers are to be court martialed.

Attorney General Moody intends to make a test case of trusts now on trial.

Yuan Shi Kai has fallen heir to the position in China held by Li Hung Chang.

Ex-United States Senator Bard, of California, was seriously injured in a runaway.

There has been a great increase in all lines of export to China and Japan except flour.

President Loubet, of France, refuses to again become a candidate and many are offering their names to be proposed.

Italians and negroes engaged in a race riot and several heads were broken on both sides before the police restored order.

The body of the late American consul general, J. H. Russel Parsons, will be brought from Mexico City to this country for burial.

Fire destroyed the Van Nuys Broadway hotel, one of the best in Los Angeles. Six firemen were injured. The loss is placed at \$200,000.

United States District Attorney Baxter is to be summarily removed at Omaha for connecting with illegal fencing of public lands by cattlemen.

A handbill is being circulated in St. Petersburg threatening the czar's life.

The Chino-Japanese treaty, relating to Manchurian affairs, has been signed.

Thousands in the northeast provinces of Japan are said to be on the verge of starvation.

Heavy snows in New Mexico have blocked railway traffic and train schedules are badly demoralized.

The Korean consul general to Great Britain has turned over his affairs to the Japanese legation and retired.

Senor Don Felipe Pardo, brother to the president of Peru, will represent that country as minister to the United States.

Herbert H. D. Pierce, third assistant secretary of state, has been selected by the president as the first American minister to Norway.

A passenger train on the Illinois Central was wrecked near Holly Springs, Miss., and one woman killed and six other persons injured.

John N. Irwin, ex-governor of Idaho, is dead. He was former minister to Portugal and also governor of Arizona. He died at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The California state mineralogist has called the attention of government authorities to gigantic land frauds that state. He says he will place evidence in the hands of the United States district attorney that will involve many of California's prominent people, and believes that something must be crooked with the general land office.

The Baltic coast is lighted by burning mansions.

The czar has refused to grant universal suffrage.

An attempt to assassinate President Reyes, of Colombia, failed.

Dewey wants the Annapolis hazers expelled without a chance of returning.

The Virginia and North Carolina coasts have been swept by a heavy gale.

A Los Angeles cottage was wrecked by the wind and three persons injured, two perhaps fatally.

A collapse of scaffolding in the New York tunnel under East river injured five men, three of them fatally.

Columbia university has positively forbidden football in the future. Other leading colleges are expected to follow this lead.

The president has signed the canal emergency appropriation bill carrying \$11,000,000. This is the first law created by the present session of congress.

Odell has attacked Roosevelt for alleged political interference in New York. The president is accused of wrecking the party to gratify ambition, but does not seem to worry over the charge.

Montenegro has adopted a new constitution.

Poland is again the scene of rioting and troops cannot be spared to suppress the trouble.

MACKENZIE PROMISES AID.

Recommends Total Appropriation of \$1,400,000 for Jetty.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senators Fulton and Gearin today called on General MacKenzie, chief of engineers, in regard to the needs of the Columbia river jetty. General MacKenzie gave them renewed assurance of his friendliness and said he was doing everything in his power to secure money to keep work in progress.

He has recommended not only an appropriation of \$400,000 in cash, but has urged that authority be granted for the expenditure of an additional \$1,000,000. He explains that \$400,000 is required for "rocking" the jetty as far out as the end of the present tramway, but will not be ample for any extension. If authority can be secured for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 additional, it will be possible next season to push the jetty much farther seaward, and in fact approach the point where it is expected to end.

Major Roessler, in his report, recommended an appropriation of \$1,900,000 to complete the jetty. This is a higher figure than the previous estimate, but his estimate is reduced materially by the War department.

The Oregon senators will exert their best efforts to secure the appropriation recommended by General MacKenzie, and will furthermore insist upon the authorization of additional work to the extent of \$1,000,000. The other Northwestern senators and representatives will work in accord with them.

INVESTIGATES INSECT PESTS.

Government Solves Problems of Cotton and Wheatgrowers.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to the annual report of L. C. Howard, in charge of the Bureau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture, the main work of the bureau for the past fiscal year, ended June 30, 1905, was in connection with the cotton boll weevil, the cotton boll worm, importation of beneficial insects from abroad, investigations of insects damaging forests and deciduous fruit trees, work on insects injurious to vegetable crops and effecting the great staple field crops, and work in silk and bee culture.

The investigations into the cotton boll worm were such that cotton planters will, it is stated, be enabled to control that injurious pest.

Experiments on a large scale, extending over practically the whole of the wheat growing area, have been looking toward the elucidation of certain as yet unsolved problems in the propagation of the Hessian fly and of the joint worms of wheat, and also to determine the best time to sow wheat in the autumn in order to ward off the autumn attack of the fly. Investigations of the same insect in the spring wheat regions have been begun, since only recently has the Hessian fly spread into this new country.

IRRIGATE YAKIMA RESERVE.

Jones' Plan to Secure Water and Admit White Settlers.

Washington, Dec. 26.—As the first step in the direction of adjusting conflicting water rights on the Yakima Indian reservation, Representative Jones will introduce a bill, when congress convenes, authorizing the Yakima Indians to sell 60 acres of their respective allotments, and directing the secretary of the interior to apply a portion of the proceeds to the purchase of water rights for the remaining 20 acres of each allotment.

The passage of this bill will permanently provide for the irrigation of Indian lands and at the same time open the way for the settlement of a large portion of the Yakima reservation. This Indian land has been selling for from \$40 to \$50 per acre, and a large surplus will be realized for the benefit of the Indians.

Indian Commissioner Leupp is in favor of this plan and will lend his assistance to secure its favorable consideration by congress.

New York Traction Merger.

New York, Dec. 26.—A consolidation of the subway, elevated and surface traction lines of Manhattan island is believed to be probable, as a result of the sale of the interests of Thomas F. Ryan in the Metropolitan Street Railway system to August Belmont. The Metropolitan system includes practically all of the surface roads on the island, and Mr. Belmont is president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, which operates the elevated roads and subway. The price paid was not made public.

Alfonso Betrothed at Last.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Figaro this morning declares that a definite agreement has been reached between the British and Spanish governments regarding the betrothal of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg, but that the official announcement will not be made for several weeks.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GUIDE TO ELECTIONS.

Explanation of Complicated Primary System by Secretary Dunbar.

Salem—The adoption of the direct primary law has given Oregon such a complicated system of elections that not even the accomplished politician can carry in his mind all the details of the proceedings leading up to the general election of state, district and county officers. One of the most difficult things to ascertain and remember is the dates upon which the various steps in the nomination and election of officers must be taken. In fact, the ordinary citizen cannot figure out the dates if he has the statute before him, for the language varies and different methods of computing time must be adopted.

The following list contains all the dates of interest to the voter and the candidate for offices as figured out by Secretary of State Dunbar:

Registration—Registration books opened by county clerks Tuesday, January 2.

Registration books closed for primary election April 10, 5 p. m.

Registration books opened after primary election, April 25.

Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

Initiative petitions—Number of signers required to initiate laws or amendments, 7,489.

Last day for filing initiative petitions, February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets opposing measures, February 5.

Direct primary election—County clerks give notice of primary election not later than March 21.

Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district officers, March 30.

Last day for filing petitions for county offices, April 4.

Date of primary election, April 30.

Canvassing votes of primary election for state offices, May 5.

General election—Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 19.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county offices by assembly of electors, May 4.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 19.

General election, June 4.

It should be explained that petitions for nominations for district offices, such as circuit judge, district attorney, joint senator and joint representative must be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and not with county clerks.

ORGANIZE SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

State Library Commission Passes an Important Resolution.

Salem—The State Library commission, composed of Governor Chamberlain, W. B. Ayers, President Campbell, of the State University; Miss Isom, librarian of the Portland library, and State Superintendent of Schools Ackerman, met in bi-monthly session last week, and Miss Marvin, the secretary, submitted an elaborate report dealing with the work of the commission from its organization to date, and with the methods to be employed in the organization of local libraries.

With regard to school libraries, the commission decided to ask for bids for all school libraries to be submitted next June. A rule was adopted by the commission prohibiting schools from purchasing dictionaries, sets of supplementary readers and general encyclopedias with money belonging to their libraries.

Miss Marvin reports that several cities in the state would soon employ trained librarians to look after their libraries.

Buy Chittim Trees.

Engene—Realizing that the supply of chittim bark (Cascara Segrada) will be exhausted in this part of the state within a few years, Dr. L. W. Brown recently contracted for 1,000 sprouts of the chittim tree, which he will set out on his farm southwest of this city. The sprouts, when planted, grow very rapidly, and it will not be very many years until they are large enough to peel the bark from. The last load of the young trees on the contract has been delivered and in the early spring he will plant them.

Surveying Weed Road.

Klamath Falls—Some excitement was caused in Klamath Falls recently by the arrival of Engineer D. D. Griffiths with a crew of a dozen railroad engineers and surveyors and the announcement went forth that they were the advance guard of the California Northwestern Railroad company, successor to the Weed Railroad company, which is to receive a bonus of \$100,000 to build a railroad into the town.

Fruit Men Meet at La Grande.

La Grande—The next annual meeting of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers' association will be held in La Grande January 3-5.

SERVICE IMPROVED.

Southern Pacific Arranges New West Side Time Card.

Portland—Requests for better freight service on the Southern Pacific between Portland and Corvallis have been fruitful, for the company has arranged a supplementary timecard which will give that territory a daily freight in each direction instead of a tri-weekly service.

Simultaneously with the inauguration of the new train, the St. Joseph-Lafayette cut-off is opened, and this means the eight and one-half miles of track between Lafayette and Whiteson, on the Yamhill division, will not be used to any extent and may be abandoned entirely.

The principal advantage in the new passenger time schedule will be that residents of Dayton and Newberg can ride into McMinnville, the county seat, and return home the same day, as the trains will be operated via Dayton and McMinnville.

There are no stations on the Yamhill line between Lafayette and Whiteson, and but two spurs, so it is figured no particular harm will result if that portion of the road is torn up. The determination of the Southern Pacific to place a daily freight train on the route pleases shippers, both in Portland and along the West Side division. For some time a strong effort has been made by the shippers of McMinnville, Dayton, Forest Grove and Hillsboro to secure a better service, but this could not be satisfactorily arranged until the cut-off was completed, which cost \$43,647.

Good Library at Asylum.

Salem—The lack of a supply of good books for the prisoners at the state penitentiary formed the subject of comment in the report of Secretary Cornelia Marvin to the Oregon Library commission. What is true of the prison is true also of other state institutions, and Miss Marvin is leading a movement to provide the state's charges with good reading matter. At the insane asylum a large library was found, but it is used by comparatively few patients. Miss Marvin remarks upon the fact that the insane asylum has a large library of unusually good books without great use, while across the way, at the prison, there is nothing to be used and a great demand.

Weyerhaeuser Road for Lumber.

Klamath Falls—Following the definite announcement that the Klamath Lake railroad interests have been purchased by the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company it is announced that the Weyerhaeuser people do not contemplate building to this city, but will only aim to use the road as an outlet for the large timber interest they hold in this part of the country. They will remodel the roadbed, cutting out the switchback in getting from the Klamath river bottom to Pokegama, by driving a long tunnel.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 71@72c; bluestem, 73@74c; red, 67@68c; valley, 72c per bushel.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27; gray, \$26.50 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; brewing, \$22.50@23; rolled, \$23@23.50.

Rye—\$1.50 per cental.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14.50@15.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$8.50@9.50; grain hay, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 45@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50@60c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; pumpkins, 3/4@1c per pound; sprouts, 7c per pound; squash, 3/4@1c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack, carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1@1.25 per sack. Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c per sack; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; crates, \$2.15.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 30c per dozen. Poultry—Average old hens, 10@11c per pound; young roosters, 9c; springs, 10@11c; broilers, 12@13c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 17@21c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 15c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11 1/2c; prime, 8 1/2@9 1/2c; medium, 8c; old, 5@7c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@21c; valley, 24@26c; mohair, 30c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 4@4 1/2c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@8c per pound. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6@6 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7 1/2c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

CZAR IS WARNED.

Revolutionists Will Not Be Responsible for His Safety.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—There is a persistent rumor in circulation here, a well known revolutionary leader being the authority, that the czar has been warned to leave Russia. This communication was sent to the ruler in three different ways in order to guarantee its reaching him. The czar was notified that the limit of patience had been reached and that he had ceased to be ruler of Russia, save in name only. The czar was advised, for his own sake as well as for his family's, to leave the country at once.

The communication is also said to have stated:

"We do not want to harm any member of the imperial family, but we will not be responsible for their safety in the present critical time."

It is stated on high authority that one copy of the warning was taken to the czar's private apartments at Tsarko-Selo a few days ago.

The czar is heavily guarded in the palace, which is surrounded by a formidable array of troops, while dozens of maxims and large supplies of ammunition are stored away. Few of the officials have access to the czar.

MOSCOW REDS RAISE SIEGE.

Escape From Meeting Hall by Breaking Through Railings.

Moscow, Dec. 25.—The 12,000 persons who were besieged in the Aquarium since last night forced the railings surrounding the building at 9 o'clock this morning and escaped through an adjacent schoolhouse. A few were wounded in their attempts to escape the military cordon.

Seventy of those attending the meeting were arrested, but they were subsequently released. A few revolvers were seized and many daggers and revolvers were left behind in the garden surrounding the schoolhouse.

Demonstrations of the strikers were continued all day, but in every case they were dispersed by Cossacks and dragoons. Several persons were injured, but no one was killed. During the day wholesale arrests were made.

All business has been stopped. Several of the bakery shops have been plundered.

The strikers are using the strongest measures to enforce the complete cessation of business, but notwithstanding these measures the postal operations continue.

At a meeting of bankers today it was decided to open the banks tomorrow.

BLAZE ON CROWDED FERRY.

Thousand Passengers Nearly Jump Into Hudson in Terror.

New York, Dec. 25.—While the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western ferryboat Montclair was crowded from end to end on a trip tonight from the foot of Christopher street to Hoboken, fire burst out beneath the midst of the inner row of seats in the men's cabin on the starboard side. So sudden was the outbreak of flames that those sitting on the seats had narrow escapes from burning.

The shouts of fire sent the passengers in a rush to the open ends of the boat, men almost pushing one another into the water. The panic spread to the women's cabin, which was also crowded, there being 1,000 passengers on the boat. The Montclair was in midstream. As quickly as they could make their way to the fire extinguishers, the deckhands took them down and played on the fire, which quickly became only a smudge of stifling smoke.

The boat was driven full speed, with whistle shrieking, to the Hoboken slip. The passengers rushed ashore and the fire department put out what remained of the blaze. It is supposed that a smouldering cigar stub communicated fire to rubbish and started the blaze.

Canada Quarantines American Hog.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—An order in council has been passed providing that "all swine imported must be accompanied by a certificate signed by veterinarians of the United States bureau of Animal Industry, stating that neither swine plague nor hog cholera has existed within a radius of five miles of the premises in which they have been kept for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of shipment, but such swine shall nevertheless be inspected, and shall be subject to a quarantine of 30 days."

Traffic of Soo Canal.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 25.—The government report places the total freight tonnage of the Soo canal for the year at 44,270,860 tons, an increase over last year of 40 per cent.

Martial Law for Poland.

Warsaw, Dec. 25.—A proclamation of the governor general was gazetted here today, establishing martial law in all the 10 governments of Russian Poland and appointing ten temporary military governors general.