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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Friday, February 21.

A commercial article in today's Port-land Oregonian substantially states that Portland led all other ports in the United States in wheat shipments for the month of January. The Oregon metropolis not only stood at the head of the list, but she shipped nearly one-fourth of all the wheat shipped from the United States last month, and the shipments from this city were greater than those of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Galveston combined. The month's shipments, as compiled by the government bureau of statistics, show a gain for Portland of over 25 per cent. as compared with the same month last year. Puget Sound shows a gain of 12 1/2 per cent. and San Francisco a gain of less than 10 per cent. Coming at a time when rival ports are making so much fuss over Portland's "declining" wheat trade, the government figures make a very pleasing showing.

Five hundred persons were killed in a clash between strikers and troops at Barcelona, Spain. Soldiers are pouring into the city from other districts. The labor troubles are spreading to other Spanish cities. Martial law may be declared in Spain. Congress—Patterson, in the senate, declared that Governor Taft misrepresented the situation in the Philippines. An attack was made in the house on the Indian school system. A proposed Cuban reciprocity bill provides for a 40 cent reduction on each side. Foreign—Marconi's next tests will include the transmission of words and messages. The wireless telegraph system will be used extensively on the German coast. Rosebery announces his separation from the Liberal party. Domestic—E. P. Blake, of Port Townsend, comes out for Washington collectorship. Secretary Hay, in a note to Russia and China, practically indorses the Anglo-Japanese treaty. Arrangements are being perfected for Prince Henry's visit to the national capital. Pacific Coast—Goble railroad sold and combined with large lumbering contract. Daylight Bath House Robbery—Los Banos, the bath house, near the Santa Fe station in California, was the scene of a daylight robbery unprecedented for boldness. Mrs. Nevius, the wife of the proprietor, lies in a serious condition as the result of a knife stab, and the robber is in jail with a pistol ball in one of his legs. The robber was discovered by Mr. Nevius holding a knife at the throat of a stranger and taking his valuables. Mr. Nevius grappled with him, but the robber turned the knife on the proprietor and took from him his watch and money. At this juncture Mrs. Nevius discovered what was going on and hurried to her husband with a revolver. The robber plunged his knife into her right side and rushed out of the house, followed by Mr. Nevius, who fired and brought down the man. Officers arrived on the scene in time to prevent the escape of the robber. The republican central committee of the first congressional district met at Portland, and selected April 1st as the date of the convention at Roseburg.

Saturday, February 22.

No The populists of Kansas in Kansas in session today at Topeka, Fusion, decided there would be no affiliation between the populist and democratic forces this year. A strong faction, led by ex-Congressman Ridgely, favored absolute surrender to the democrats, but there were enough of the old-time populists to defeat this plan. The meeting was a lively fight throughout. Majority and minority reports were filed by the committee on resolutions, on the subject of fusion. These were referred back to the committee, and a night session ordered. At the night session, exactly the same reports were submitted, one favoring and one opposing affiliation with the democrats. The fight was stubborn and finally resulted in accepting the majority report. No plans for the future conduct of the party were made, other than the party would run its own affairs without the assistance of the democrats.

Everything is in readiness for the arrival of Prince Henry at New York today. Twenty lives were lost in a two million dollar hotel fire in New York. Young Roosevelt left Groton school for Washington yesterday. A third warrant has been issued for Andrews, the Detroit bank wrecker it was discovered that he had appropriated over a half million dollars more. Dr. Coleman, new president of Willamette university at Salem arrives, and is accorded a royal welcome. A logging railroad and big sawmill is proposed for Columbia county, the mill to be located near Columbia City. Governor Gore yesterday from the secretary of the treasury for \$17,799 44, the greater part of which will be used to pay off the claims of the Second Oregon volunteers.

Sunday, February 23.

Tillman Washington's birthday. And was signalized in the United States Senate by a fist fight. The two senators from South Carolina were the active participants in the fray. Tillman, in the course of a speech upon the Philippine tariff bill, made serious reflections on the honor of his colleague, McLaughlin. In brief, he charged that his vote in support of the ratification of the treaty of Paris had been cast through the exercise of improper influences. McLaughlin was not in the chamber at the time, being engaged in committee work, but he was sent for and appeared just as Tillman concluded his speech. Pale as ashes, McLaughlin rose to address the senate, speaking to a question of personal privilege. He reviewed the charges briefly and then denounced the statement made by his colleague as a "wilful, malicious and deliberate lie." Scarcely had the words fallen from his lips when Tillman sitting a few seats behind him, with Teller between him, sprang at McLaughlin who had turned toward Tillman, meeting him half way and in an instant these two senators, having swept Teller aside, were engaged in a rough and

tumble fight. McLaughlin received a heavy blow on the forehead, while Teller got a punch on the nose, which brought blood. The two senators were separated, declared to be in contempt, and compelled to apologize in open session.

Prominent democratic leaders gather in New York, the guests of the Manhattan club. David B. Hill argues return to Jeffersonian principles, and Henry Watterson lays down lines of proper procedure. The resignation of Secretary Hitchcock from the cabinet is looked for in the next few months. Hitchcock has made many bitter enemies among Western senators and representatives, whom he has treated slightly, and they have protested to the President against his retention in the cabinet. More over, Hitchcock and the President are out of harmony on many important policies, including the forest reserves and land grants to railroads. Ex-Senators Carter, of Montana, and Wolcott, of Colorado, are prominently mentioned as successors to Hitchcock.

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SCHOOL MATTERS

Of Moment in Clackamas County.

Last Saturday forenoon the county board of examiners, consisting of Superintendent Zinser, Professor Gary and A. W. McLaughlin completed the grading of the papers of the applicants for teachers' certificates, and announced the result:

First grade—Inza R. Thompson, Stafford; J. R. Marsh, Molalla; A. C. Mansbrough, Aurora; E. F. Surface, Gaffney; Millard Hyatt, Willamette Falls; Annie I. Hicobothem, Viola; J. J. Clark, Woodburn
Second grade—Delphina L. Haesel, Currinsville; Agnes Larson, Monitor; Edmund Snyder, Aurora; Margaret Goodfellow, Jessie Humphrys, Oregon City; Lillian Gans, Mulino; Cora Thomson, Clackamas; Gertrude Timms, Portland.

Third grade—Minnie Grace, Clarke; Frank E. Murdock, Macksburg; Jennie Reichle, Stafford; Bertha Wyss, Cora M. Shaver, Portland; Wyona E. Surfus, Elwood.

On next Saturday the school district boards of Clackamas county will meet in Oregon City, when they will discuss "School Buildings and Their Surroundings." This meeting was called by the county superintendent, and is the first of a series, the aim being to secure cooperation of directors and greater enthusiasm in the interest of the public schools. Professor J. H. Ackerman, the state superintendent, expects to be in attendance.—Salem Statesman.

The March meeting of the Clackamas County Teachers Association will be held at the Eastham school building in Oregon City, and an elaborate program will be presented. No meeting was held during February on account of eighth grade and other examinations and educational gatherings.

Professor T. J. Gary, principal of the West Oregon City school, devotes much of his time to the study of the new phases of industrial education, which will no doubt be used to considerable extent in the instruction of the youth in the future.

County Superintendent Zinser's School Bulletin for February was issued this month, and is fully up to the high standard of the former numbers.

Probate Court Orders.

Spencer Thomas filed his bond as guardian of the estate of George W. Nash, deceased.

A. H. Reynolds filed his bond as guardian of the person and estate of Grover Heinz, a minor.

In the matter of the estate of Aaron E. Wait, deceased, Charles N. Wait, administrator, was granted an order to sell certain real estate.

C. K. Ballard, of Milwaukie, was appointed administrator of the estate of Mary L. Ballard, deceased. Beside the husband, there are three other heirs, sons: George W., E. C. and C. A. Lakin.

Richard Scott, administrator of the estate of the estate of Ezra W. Crescey, deceased, filed his final account, and March 24th set as the date for hearing final objections.

In the matter of the estate of John R. Trembath, Jr., deceased, H. W. Trembath, administrator, a receipt was filed from Martha Trembath, the heir-at-law, for her share of the estate amounting to \$1165 85 cash, certain articles of jewelry and the note of Isaac Ackerman for \$300, the interest in the property having been assigned to her from John R. Trembath, sr.

Wanted to Buy an Island.

There is a pretty story in connection with the series of articles which Helen Keller, the wonderful blind girl, has written for The Ladies' Home Journal, telling about her own life from infancy to the present day. She always has shrunk from the publicity which follows successful literary work, and it was with great difficulty that she was persuaded to take up the task of preparing her autobiography. She had, however, set her heart on owning an island in Halifax harbor for a summer home, and in a spirit of fun the editor of The Journal offered to buy it for her, or to provide the means to buy it. When the work of writing appeared especially irksome Miss Keller was reminded of her desire to become a land-holder, and it spurred her on. Just before Christmas she completed the first chapter of her marvelous story; and on Christmas morning she received from her publishers a check for a good round sum. Her delight may be imagined, for this was the first of any account which she had ever earned. "It is a fairy tale come true," she said. "Whether she will carry out her plan to buy the island remains to be seen."

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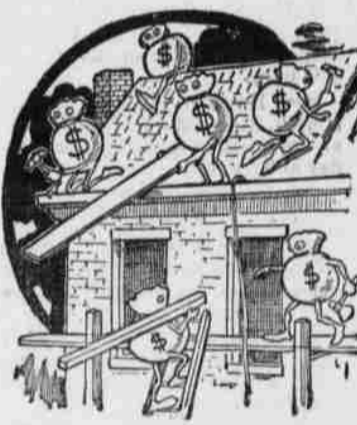
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