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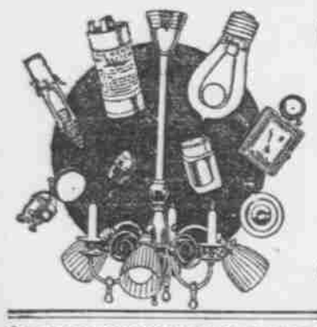
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OUR FAIR INDORSED

Washington Post Advocates Centennial in 1905.

OREGON THE PLACE FOR IT

Celebration Commemorating Lewis and Clark's Arrival at Mouth of Columbia Would Draw Many Visitors From the East.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Washington Post, in an editorial this morning, advocates a centennial in 1905, to commemorate the arrival of Lewis and Clark at the mouth of the Columbia River. It says:

"As a matter of course, Oregon is named as the state in which the celebration shall be held."

It refers to "the characteristic modesty" of the people of the Pacific Slope, who "assume that such an observance will have little interest to their countrymen on this side of the Rockies." The Post says that this is a mistake, and "if the proposed celebration occurs, it will not only attract attention, but draw visitors from every state."

The Post states that Lewis and Clark were the first Americans to cross the continent, although reference is made to the Spanish explorer who crossed to the Gulf of California 300 years ago. The voyage of Lewis and Clark, it says, "was the first transcontinental journey from which great consequences resulted. Travelers who have crossed the continent in a palace car in five days will join the Occidentals in making fitting observance of that memorable journey."

With this indorsement, it might be well for the delegation to begin agitating an appropriation for a fitting Government exhibit at any exposition that is held in Oregon in 1905.

OREGON COMMITTED TO IT.

Exposition of 1905 Will Be Largest Ever Held West of Chicago.

While it is yet too early to begin active work on the proposed exposition in 1905, it may be said that Oregon is committed to the enterprise, heart, mind and purse. The only point about which there will be contrary opinions is the extent of the fair. Its proportions will be governed more or less by circumstances, but there is no doubt that it will be the greatest exposition ever attempted west of Chicago.

In this connection, the resolutions of the Oregon Historical Society, passed at the annual meeting December 15, are apropos:

The Oregon Historical Society, recognizing in the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Pacific Coast not duly the chief of those romantic and adventurous movements which have ever characterized the advance of the American pioneer spirit, but also an event of the highest practical value, both disclosing the worth and resources of the vast region traversed and constituting one of the strongest links in our chain of title to the "Oregon country," as it was formerly known, and deeming that the approaching centennial anniversary of this occupancy of Oregon soil in the highest degree merits commemoration with becoming acts and ceremonies:

Resolved, That this society will undertake to erect during the year 1905 on the site of Fort Clatsop an imposing and enduring monument to this great achievement in our National history and to the memory of the brave men who accomplished it;

That in connection with the erection and dedication of this monument the society recommends the holding of a Northwestern industrial exposition at the City of Portland, which shall fittingly portray the progress and wealth of the region with which this expedition is inseparably connected, and its relationship to the other states of the Union, as well as to foreign countries;

That the Governor of Oregon be, and he hereby is, requested to submit to the approaching Legislative Assembly this action on the part of the society and to urge upon that body a cordial and effective support of the movements contemplated, and that the president and secretary of the society publicly invite the people of this state to co-operate in the accomplishment of the ends in view;

That the Governor be, and he hereby is, requested to transmit to the Governors of the States of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, which were comprised in whole or in part in the "Oregon country," a copy of these resolutions, with an invitation to the people of said states to participate in the objects above set forth, and that he request each of said Governors to submit his communication to the next ensuing session of the Legislative Assembly of their respective states for consideration and action;

That the secretary communicate to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Oregon and the other states above-named this action of the society and solicit their advocacy of such Congressional aid in the accomplishment of the purposes above set forth as may be available.

PRODUCTION OF METALS.

Idaho's Output Last Year Was Over Fourteen Millions.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 31.—The production of metals in Idaho during the year 1900 amounted to $14,150,000, an increase of $586,582 over 1899. The gold production, according to present estimates, fell off $500,000, while that of other metals increased. The figures for the year are as follows:

Gold	$ 2,000,000
Silver	6,000,000
Lead	6,000,000
Copper	150,000
Total	$14,150,000

Utah's Production.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 31.—According to the annual statement issued by Wells, Fargo & Co., the mines of Utah have produced metals during 1900 to the value of $16,011,290. This is an increase of nearly $4,000,000 over the production of 1899. The figures for the year just ended are:

Gold	$ 4,125,220
Silver	6,248,610
Copper	2,514,397
Lead	3,122,863
Total	$16,011,290

Colorado's Production.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—The Rocky Mountain News gives the following totals as the result of carefully compiled statistics of Colorado's mineral output for the year 1900:

Gold	$35,183,457
Silver	15,445,398
Lead	7,317,810
Copper	2,341,319
Zinc	1,045,000
Iron	5,684,620
Coal	9,625,000
Total	$76,622,674

Pneumonia at Denver.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—Pneumonia, which is very prevalent in Denver at this time, has reached out to the players, and several prominent actresses are ill with it. Misses Adele Rafter and Belle Fremont, of the Bostonians, have been sick for several days, and have had to remain in Denver, while their company left for Omaha. Miss Fremont's condition is very serious. Miss Pursell, of the "My Friend From India" company, is in a critical condition at St. Joseph's Hospital.

NEARING AN ACUTE STAGE.

Controvery Over Asphalt Interests in Venezuela.

CURACAO, Dec. 31.—Via Haytien cable.—The diplomatic controversy over the rival asphalt interests in Venezuela is approaching an acute stage. The Venezuelan Government ignores the protests of Washington against the semi-official conspiracy to deprive the New York & Bermudese Company illegally of the Bermudese asphalt lake. Minister Loomis, at Caracas, is striving for a peaceful solution of the difficulty. The financial condition of the country is excellent.

Scorpion Goes to Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Navy Department has ordered the Scorpion to proceed at once to La Guayra, Venezuela, to replace the Hartford at that point.

The dispatch of the gunboat is due to the troubles growing out of the asphalt concessions, and the purpose is to afford all due protection to American life and property, should either become endangered. At the same time, the relief of the Hartford will permit that ship to go to Port of Spain, in the near vicinity, and exchange crews with the cruiser Buffalo, which arrived there today, en route to Manila. No serious significance is attached by naval officials to the dispatch of the Scorpion, although it is admitted that it is directly connected with the troubles in Venezuela. Although a small boat, the Scorpion has something of effectiveness in action. During the Spanish War she engaged three Spanish gunboats in the harbor of Manzanillo, driving them ashore and blowing them up with her five-inch guns. This performance, together with her speed, has given her a record of marked efficiency in the Navy. The trip from San Juan, where she is now, to La Guayra will take about three days.

NEW ARBITRATION PLAN.

To Settle Disputes Between Publishers and Typographical Union.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A pamphlet was issued here today containing a new plan of arbitration between the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and the International Typographical Union. The plan was devised in December by a conference committee composed of Alfred Cowles, of the Chicago Tribune; M. J. Lowenstein, of the St. Louis Star; A. A. McCormick, of the Chicago Times-Herald and Frederick Driscoll, commissioner, representing the publishers, while James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union; C. E. Hawkes, vice-president, and J. W. Bramwood, secretary, represented the Executive Council of the International Typographical Union.

The meeting of the directors of the Publishers' Association approved the plan, and it is to be finally submitted for action at the approaching annual meeting of the association in New York, in February. It provides, in brief, that if any publisher having a contract with a local union will agree to submit to arbitration any differences arising under the contract, the International Typographical Union will underwrite contract and guarantee its preservation. Provision is made for local conciliation or arbitration first. If this does not effect a settlement, then the matter is to be referred to a National board of arbitration, composed of the president of the International Typographical Union and the commissioners of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, who, if they cannot agree, shall select a third member. Work is to be continued during the time occupied by arbitration, and if so adjudged, the board's decision will have practical effect upon the day the issue was raised.

Ambassador Cambon Returns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—M. Jules Cambon, the French Ambassador at Washington, who has been abroad for five months on leave of absence, returned on the French liner, La Gascogne. He refused to talk for publication. Mr. Hermitte, of the Embassy, and Edward Bruert, Consul-General for France in this city, were also passengers.

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TO INSPECT LINES

Hill to Take Financiers Over Transcontinental.

FORERUNNER OF BIG CHANGES

Believed to Be an Incident in the Harmony Programme of Messrs. Hill and Harriman—To Be Forty or Fifty in the Party.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 31.—A gathering of railroad financiers to inspect personally the great systems of the country, and who are to be the guests of J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, is scheduled to leave St. Paul about January 15. It is rumored that the party will number between 40 and 50, and that they will be gone on a trip which will consume two months, running west over the Great Northern and back and forth over the various transcontinental lines. This inspection is said to be the forerunner of gigantic changes to be made in the operation of the great lines of the country. At President Hill's office the rumor could not be confirmed. Among those to be of the party are J. Pierpont Morgan, E. H. Harriman, Jacob Schiff, Roswell Miller, Norman B. Ream, J. Tod Kennedy, Marshall Field and others.

(This is believed to be an incident in the grand harmony programme that was formed more than a year ago, and which President Hill and Chairman Harriman are credited with gradually getting into effect. J. Pierpont Morgan is the head of the financial house that reorganized and has controlled the Northern Pacific. Jacob Schiff is of the banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., which is heavily interested in the Hill-Harriman railroad properties, and also floated the last great loan of the Northwestern system. Roswell Miller is president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, one of the latest reported allies of the great transcontinental combination. Messrs. Ream, Kennedy and Field are prominently connected with various railroads as directors and stockholders. It is regarded as significant that President Miller is given no part in these proceedings, the only names mentioned being those of men favorable to the new transcontinental policy.)

FESTITICS' DIVORCE SUIT.

The Countess Granted a Decree of Separation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The Countess Festitics de Tolna was granted a divorce today by Judge Bahrs. All her charges were accepted as true. The Count's indifference, his neglect, his cruelty, received the severest condemnation of the court. His counter-accusations were dismissed with a word.

This divorce suit has attracted unusual attention on account of the prominence of the parties concerned. The divorcee, formerly Miss Ella Hagin, was married to Count Festitics de Tolna, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Hagin, in New York City, by Rev. George H. Houghton, February 24, 1892. Dr. Henry L. Tevis was the best man, and Theodore Havemeyer and Secretary Mazly, of the Austrian legation at Washington, welcomed the bride at the altar. The religious ceremony was preceded by a civil marriage performed by Judge Ingraham, of California. It was announced at the time that the couple would spend the greater part of their time at the Count's splendid home in Vienna. In reality, they lived most of their married life on a yacht.

The divorce was granted on the grounds of wilful neglect, desertion and cruelty. The Count's answer to the complaint charged his wife with such misconduct as flirtation, which the court declares was not proved.

A COLD WAVE.

Low Temperatures Reported in Colorado.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—Today has been the coldest of the year in Colorado. At 8 o'clock A. M. the Government weather station in Denver reported the temperature at 18 degrees below zero. From that point the mercury rose to 10 degrees above, and then receded again. At 10 o'clock tonight it stood at 12 degrees below, and was still dropping. Stories of extreme cold come from all parts of the state.

Imprisoned on a Mountain.

WALSENBURG, Colo., Dec. 31.—It has been storming at intervals in this section for several days, and the roads leading to the summit of Mount Blanc are impassable. Fears had been entertained for the safety of the 100 or more miners on the top of the mountain, who had not yet laid in their Winter's supply of provisions. People living at the base of the peak say, however, that if they were in danger of suffering by scant food supply, some of them would have cut their way through before this and called on the neighboring camps for help.

The Storm in Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 31.—A general snow storm has prevailed over the eastern, central and southern sections of Wyoming during the past two days. On Powder River and Salt Creek, the snow is very deep. Much difficulty in feeding stock is experienced, although no serious damage is reported as yet.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Commercial Interests in Copenhagen Opposed to the Sale.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Times says he is authorized to deny that there have been new negotiations for the sale of the Danish West Indies. "Although a majority in both houses in the Danish Parliament favor the sale, it is very doubtful if such a project will succeed," he adds, "as strong commercial and other interests are opposed."

Gila River Reservoir.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 31.—Arthur P. Davis, one of the most noted members of the Government Hydrographic Bureau, has arrived from Washington to conduct soundings on the Gila River with a view to the construction on that stream by the Government of one of the biggest storage reservoirs in the world. The main purpose in view is the relief of 8000 Indians, whose water for irrigation has been diverted by white settlers.

Change in Postal-Telegraph.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Leander Parker, general superintendent of the Postal-Telegraph Company, has resigned, and E. J. Nally, assistant general superintendent, has been appointed to the office. The resignation and appointment will take effect tomorrow. The post is one which entails the management of all the wires, offices and business of the Postal company west of Pennsylvania, north of New Orleans and east of Arizona. Mr. Parker has held the position since 1893, and Mr. Nally has been his assistant since 1890. Mr. Parker's retirement was due to poor health.

General Gaselee Seriously Ill.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—According to a special dispatch from Pekin, General Sir Alfred Gaselee, commander of the British forces in China, is seriously ill.

OREGON STATISTICS FOR 1900.

Products of Farm, Orchard and Range.

Wheat, corn, oats, hay, potatoes, wool, hops, barley, rye, mohair, vegetables, hemp, etc.	$27,198,024 00	
Fruit	2,000,000 00	
Sales of stock	10,500,000 00	
Butter, cheese and milk	5,113,013 00	
Poultry and eggs	4,750,000 00	—$ 49,561,037 00

Product of Mines.

Gold	3,770,000 00	
Borax	100,000 00	
Silver	15,000 00	
Coal, 90,000 tons	720,000 00	—$ 4,155,000 00

Product of Factories.

Manufactured goods, including lumber, estimated	—$ 60,000,000 00

Product of Fisheries.

Columbia River salmon pack, 358,723 cases	$ 2,282,295 10	
Salmon pack, Oregon coast streams and bays, 73,800 cases	323,321 60	
Fish consumed locally and shipped abroad, 5,580,128 pounds	274,967 00	
Shellfish	47,388 00	—$ 3,027,971 70

Portland's Foreign Commerce for the Year Ended Nov. 30, 1900.

Imports	$1,476,801 00	
Exports	8,524,882 00	—$ 10,001,683 00
Grand total		—$126,745,691 70

Independent Statistics.

Government land sold in Oregon year ended June 30, 1900, acres	840,976.96
Population of Oregon	413,536
School population of Oregon	133,181
Population of Portland	90,426
Individual deposits in National banks of Oregon, September 5, 1900	$ 11,782,009 39
Deposits in National banks of Portland September 5, 1900	5,474,520 89
Cost of public education in Oregon in 1900	1,588,825 53
Lumber cut of Oregon in 1900 (898,160,000 feet)	8,802,200 00
Jobbing trade of Portland in 1900	110,000,000 00
Cost of new buildings erected in Portland in 1900	936,685 00
Sales of real estate in Portland in 1900	3,521,866 00
Bank clearings in Portland in 1900	106,926,526 44

PACIFIC COAST WHEAT SHIPMENTS

The total shipments of wheat (flour included) from the Pacific Coast for the year 1900 were 41,588,941 bushels. Details of these shipments appear in another column. Portland leads all other ports, as she has for the past three years. The totals for the different ports were as follows:

Port	Bushels	Per cent
Portland	15,858,387	38.13
San Francisco	15,431,338	37.34
Seattle and Tacoma	10,299,216	24.53
Total	41,588,941	100.00

PHILIPPINES TAXES

Commission Will Raise Revenue From Land.

SEDULA WILL BE ABOLISHED

Alejandrino's Men Trying to Escape From Mount Arayat—Question of Coinage for the Islands Laid Before Congress.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—The Philippine Commission has completed the preparation of a general municipal government bill. The provisions, in many respects, are similar to General MacArthur's order regarding municipal governments and authorizing elections, but they are much more elaborate, covering all details. The most notable new feature is the establishment of land taxation and the doing away with the sedula (or head tax) and taxation on people's occupations. A feature new to the Philippines is that the revenue from land taxes is to be expended where it is collected. The manner of holding elections and the duties of officers are prescribed. A decision in the San Jose medical college case has been deferred until Saturday.

General Frederick D. Grant wires that General Alejandrino's men are trying to escape from Mount Arayat. Two of them were killed Sunday. There is no water on the mountain, and food is scarce.

An official report says the Fourth Infantry and the Fourth Cavalry in Cavite Province have captured 109 armed insurgents and taken possession of their camps at Anabo and Malagran.

Captain Biddle, Chief of Engineers, has returned on the transport Meade from the Island of Guam. He says the conditions there have greatly improved by the planting of trees. The Arethusa, a United States water-carrying ship, laden with supplies, arrived there December 21, after a tempestuous voyage from Cavite, during which her boats were swept overboard. There is much suffering from hunger in the outlying districts of Guam, but no starvation. Two-thirds of the population are at Agana, the chief city of the island, and its vicinity.

COINAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Root Lays the Subject Before Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Secretary of War has communicated to Congress a cablegram from the Philippine Commission indicating a grave crisis in the monetary affairs of the archipelago. The message was communicated to Congress in connection with a mass of memoranda bearing on the problem which is now to be solved, as to the coinage of some kind of silver to take the place of the Mexican dollar in the Philippines. The commission has cabled that the stock of silver in the islands is rapidly diminishing, and urges that it requires an answer to the message sent September 7, setting out the necessity for prompt action, and asking what remedy shall be applied. It has been found impossible, apparently, to continue the ratio of two to one established and maintained arbitrarily, and the Mexican money is being drained away rapidly towards India, making it difficult for the disbursing officers to transact business.

The Transport Fleet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Adjutant-General Corbin received a cable message from General MacArthur this morning, saying the transport Buford, with 800 recruits, under Colonel Kline, from New York, arrived at Manila yesterday, and that the transport Warren sailed for San Francisco with 500 convalescent soldiers and a few prisoners. According to cable advices received this morning, the transport Port Stephens has left Nagasaki for Seattle, and the transports Conemaugh, Frederia and Westminster have left the same port for San Francisco.

The Annapolis, Frolic, Wompatuck and Piscatauqua, comprising what is known as the mosquito fleet, sailed from Hampton Roads for Bermuda yesterday, on the way from Manila.

Philippine Information Society.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Glendower Evans, of Boston, last night addressed a meeting at Hull House, in which she explained the purposes of an organization established 10 days ago in Boston that has for its object the education of the American people concerning the situation in the Philippines. It is the intention of the organization to establish auxiliary societies throughout the country, and as soon as Congress is ready to take up the Philippine legislation the citizens of the United States, it is believed, will understand the situation. The name of the new organization is the Philippine Information Society.

Arrival of the Grant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The transport Grant arrived after a run of 50 days and nine hours from Manila, 35 days and five hours from Hong Kong, and 18 days and eight hours from Nagasaki. On board are 57 cabin passengers and 526 sick and discharged soldiers. There were four deaths during the voyage.

THE SALOON WRECKER.

Quarantine Placed on Jail Where Mrs. Nation Is Confined.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 31.—The County Jail was quarantined for smallpox today. The Prohibitionists allege that the quarantine was put on by pressure of saloon interests as an extra punishment to Mrs. Nation, the saloon smasher, who is confined there. Mrs. Nation, in the course of an appeal to women everywhere to aid in the crusade against saloons, says:

"I can stay in jail and eat my bread and gravy in a tin pan and with a spoon. I can stay here and be quarantined from seeing any friends. I can sleep on a bed without a pillow and take the fare of the poor criminals and feel this a small sacrifice. Can you not do something? Take your consecrated rocks, hatchets, brickbats and everything that comes handy, and you can clean this curse out. Don't wait for the ballot. I have exhausted every ordinary means and looked into the faces of mothers, wives, daughters, who were broken-hearted, till I have become almost desperate, and I am doing the best I can, the worst I can and all I can, and expect to continue if it ends at the stake. I expect to lay my ashes here, even if my body shall be cremated by the whisky element."

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 reserve in the division of redemption, shows:

Available cash balance	$144,141,674
Gold	95,227,888