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DISPERSING THE FLEET.
 Dewey's Ships Have Finished Work and Are Coming Home.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—According to the Herald's correspondent at Culebra Island, Admiral Dewey, having decided that the purpose of the concentration of the warships has been accomplished, has issued orders that the squadrons disperse to their former stations. Admiral Dewey and his staff, on the Mayflower and the Dolphin, will sail Thursday for Washington. The cruiser Albany has sailed for Boston, where she will be reeathed, and the cruisers San Francisco and Nashville have left for Norfolk to undergo repairs. Rear-Admiral Sumner has transferred his flag to the cruiser Newark and will return to the South Atlantic station. The torpedo flotilla has sailed north and the Prairie will start today with patients who become ill during the maneuvers.

MRS. NATION'S NEW WORK
 She Buys Large Building as Home for Drunkards' Wives.
 KANSAS CITY, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the temperance reformer, today closed negotiations for a large residence at Kansas City, Kan., to be used as a home for drunkards' wives. The price paid was \$700, and it is understood that Mrs. Nation will spend several thousand dollars in improving the property, which will be turned over to her within three months. The money to establish the home was raised by Mrs. Nation on her recent trip East.
British Trade Statistics.
 LONDON, Jan. 7.—The monthly statement of the Board of Trade shows that during December imports increased \$1,422,500, and exports decreased \$472,500.

WORK IS IN VIEW

Session of Legislature Has Much to Do.

MANY IMPORTANT BILLS

Little Opposition to Lewis and Clark Appropriation.

EVERYTHING READY AT SALEM

Accommodations Have Been Arranged, and Capital Building Is in Readiness—Desks Named—No Inaugural Ball.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Unless all signs show that the Oregon Legislature of 1903 will pass more important legislation than any of its predecessors. There is also reason to believe that the bills introduced will not only be more important than ever before, but also more numerous. The Taxpayers League, of Portland, and the Marion County Bar Association, of Salem, besides numerous other organizations, have prepared many bills which will be introduced and strongly supported for passage. Besides these, each member of the Legislature will have measures which he believes should be passed in order to improve the laws of the state.

It is now quite generally believed that the Lewis and Clark Centennial bill will pass without material opposition. This, in itself, is one of the most important measures known in Oregon for many years. It is quite certain that at this session the state will enter upon a policy of taxing franchisees, and that the Legislature will pass one or more measures which will require corporations to pay for the special privileges they enjoy. The revision or amendment of the law accepting the donation of 1,000,000 acres of arid land under the terms of the Carey act, is another matter with which the Legislature must grapple, and perhaps there may be an attempt to change the law regarding water rights, though there has been a change in sentiment on this subject. Considerable doubt is expressed as to whether it would be wise to change by law at this time the law of water rights as it has been laid down by the courts in the decisions upon cases that have arisen. Then there will be legislation regarding the management of state lands, the leasing of school lands, construction of fish hatcheries, amendments to the game laws, enactment of a fellow-servant law and a dozen other measures which the labor unions desire to have placed upon the statute books, the passage of a law prescribing the procedure under the initiative and referendum, the passage of a flat salary law, and a law providing for direct nominations. These are some of the most important subjects before the Legislature.

Convict Labor.
 In addition to considering matters of general legislation, the Legislature will be compelled to grapple with some important problems in the management of state institutions. Probably the most important of these is that concerning the sale of convict labor. The state is now under contract with the Northwest Stove Foundry to furnish the labor of convicts at the exceedingly low price of 3/4 cents an hour. If the convicts work an average of nine hours, that amounts to 2 1/4 cents a day. The stove foundry managers have the privilege of using men or letting them lie idle, as they choose, so that the state has no guarantee that the men will be employed, even at this low wage.

It has been proposed that the Legislature provide for the establishment of a state mill at the prison, so that the convict labor will not come in competition with free labor, but this is impracticable since it would require an investment of \$250,000 to put in a plant of this kind. At the time the stove foundry was established the employment of prison labor therein did not conflict with the interests of free labor. It is argued that if the convicts were not employed in making stoves, there would be an opportunity for the operation of stove foundries by free labor. It is apparent that a few years hence this same argument might apply to the operation of a jute mill.

Since it is not practicable, however, to establish a jute mill, it would seem that the Legislature has before it a choice between two measures for the removal of the present objectionable sale of labor. The price of convict labor could be raised so as to equal the actual value of the labor, or the convicts could be employed upon the public roads. There is a very strong sentiment in favor of this last plan, and if some member should present a bill which seems to point out a method by which convict labor can be employed economically on the highways, the measure would very likely meet success. If such a law should be found impracticable, the Legislature will need to provide for a new contract with the stove foundry.

Light and Water for Institutions.
 Another subject of no small importance is that of supplying water for the Penitentiary, Asylum and Capitol. Under a decision of the Supreme Court the state has been enjoined from continuing to secure its water supply from Mill Creek. Under an arrangement with the Salem Flouring Mills Company the state has permission to continue the use of water for 60 days after the adjournment of the next Legislature, so it is up to the state's lawmakers to provide for other means of procuring water.

It is understood that T. B. Wilcox, the controlling factor in the Salem Flouring Mills Company, has offered to sell to the state what is known as the "North Power," in Salem, for \$55,000. This is the north branch of Mill Creek, below the Waller dam. If the state should buy this power, which would include the old brick mill, on North Front street, there would then be not only a sufficient water supply, but also power sufficient to generate electricity for all the state institutions, and to pump water to all the institutions. The state's contract for supplying electricity for the state institutions also expires some time in the present year, so that it is up to the Legislature to provide either for a new contract or a means of generating its own electricity.

FOR THREE YEARS

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THEN TO GIVE CONTRACTS

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 The Secretary is also authorized to contract, after advertisement, for terms of three years, for the carrying of troops, officers and all military supplies between the United States and the Philippines, on terms similar to the charter of the ships. Charterers must maintain ships in good condition.
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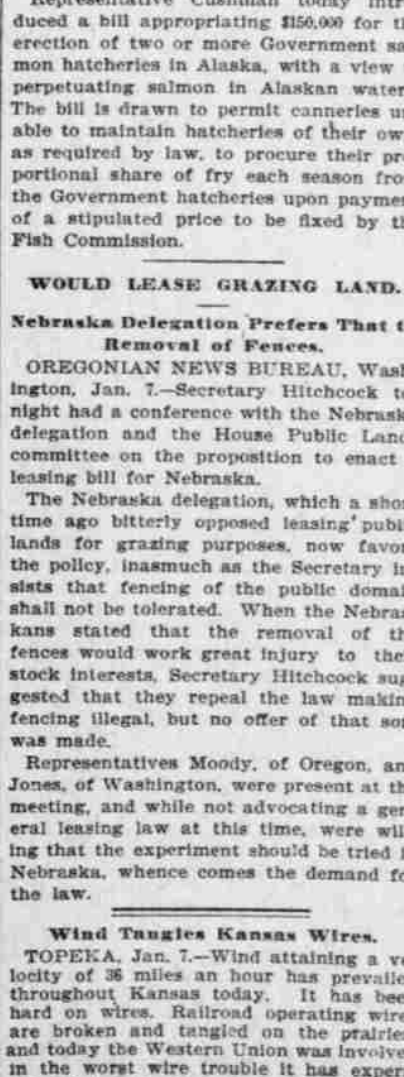
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CHARGES FILED

Surveyor-General May Be Suspended.

OFFICE FOUND DILAPIDATED

So Reports Agent Who Made Investigation.

NEGLECT OF DUTY IS ALLEGED

Chief Clerk Waggoner Left the Service Without Authority—his Case Will Probably Be Disposed Of With That of Meldrum.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary Hitchcock has before him charges that have been preferred against Surveyor-General Meldrum, of Oregon, which promise to result in the suspension, if not the dismissal, of that official. Some time ago the department became dissatisfied with the manner in which the office was being conducted, and had a thorough investigation made by its special agents. It is their report that is now under consideration.
 One of the most serious charges against Meldrum is that he is addicted to the use of liquor, and in consequence it is said neglects his duties, being frequently away from the office during office hours, leaving its control to subordinates. The Secretary does not wish to act hastily in the case, but will probably temporarily suspend Meldrum, placing the office in the hands of one of his own men for reorganization, as it is now reported to be thoroughly dilapidated.
 Chief Clerk Waggoner, who has also been investigated, telegraphed his resignation to Commissioner Hermann on December 4, and on the 5th the Commissioner accepted it by wire. When the matter was called to the Secretary's attention, he immediately wired Meldrum that Waggoner's resignation was not accepted, but that he would continue in the service until otherwise ordered. Waggoner, however, practically severed his connections with the service December 5, disregarding the instructions of the Secretary.
 While there is no proceeding governing a case of this sort, it is held by the department that, as Waggoner was appointed by the Commissioner on the approval of the Secretary, Waggoner's resignation would not be effective until approved by the Secretary. Inasmuch as Waggoner is under suspicion of misconduct in office, it is very essential that he should be retained in office. His case can be disposed of with that of Meldrum.

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