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Rubonie Plague in Mazatlan. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.-Three cases of

Prohman Gets New Musical Comedy WASHINGTON, Aug. B.—Three cases of bulenic plague are reported at the town of Bugle, a small place on the western coast of Muzatian, where the plague prevailed last Spring. Procautionary measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic last Spring. Procautionary measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic last Spring. Procautionary measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic last Spring. Procautionary measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic last Spring. Procautionary measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic last Spring. Procautionary measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic last Spring. Procautionary measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic last Spring. Procautionary measures are reported at the town Charles Frohman, George Edwards and Will not be here until tomorrow. Those already registered are: A. H. Devers, W. A. Laidiaw, M. M. Shillock, J. E. Lathday, M. M. Shillock, J. E. Lathday, C. Beach, H. R. Lewis, J. W. Cook, Simultaneously in New York and London. LONDON: Aug. 18 .- A contract between

Commercial Congress Session at Seattle.

NEW SOUTH MEETS WEST

Welcomed by Governor and City's Mayor.

HILL'S NAME BRINGS APPLAUSE

John Barrett Is There, and Tells All the Delegates of the Glories of the Lewis and Clark Fair to Be.

The 14th annual session of the Trunsstances, and the leaders say the session promises to be the largest and most productive of good since the organisation of the association. The sessions are held in a big pavilion at Leschi Park, overlooking the waters of Lake Washington, and the weather ever since the delegates began to arrive has been most pleasant. The 900 or 800 men who are in attendance from all the states of the West assemble at the pavillon after a cable ride across the city, and are entertained at luncheon in the pavilion. Various excursions and other entertainments are planned for the pleasure of the visitors during their stay of several days in the city.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 18.-(Staff Cor. respondence.)-The fourteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress was called to order this morning with a fairly large and decidedly enthusiastic list of delegates in attendance. The greatness of this land of magnificent listances was exemplified in the widely eparated regions from which the different delegates came. From Louisiana, Texas, Alabama—in fact, from all through the Sunny Southland came a full repre-centation not of the men who have been pictured to us by Opic Read and other writers of lesser note of the old days befoh the wah," but active, energetic hustlers-men of the new South. They trooped into the big hall at Leschi Park and shook hands and rubbed elbows with the men of the new West, who gathered every state this side of the Mis-

Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Oklaia, Oregon, Washington and Idaho joined in showing the visitors how much more kind nature had been to us than to some of the states lying farther to the east. And Alaska, numerically shy on delegates, made up in quality for what she lacked in quantity, and Major Strong, of Nome, painted in glowing colors the wonderful resources of his new country. If there is anything of value that Alaska does not produce, it must have been unintentionally omitted from the Major's notebook, for that land, which he assured the Congress was the "brightest pearl in Columbiadom," would have blushed a pale salmon pink could it have heard all the nice things that were said

J. J. Hill's Name Applanded.

Overshadowing all other names con West, that of James J. Hill seemed pre eminent in the minds of the commercial ongress. Every time his name was mentloned, and nearly every speaker mentioned it, it was the signal for applause, and had the Great Northern magnate, tribute, known what an attraction he

His enthusiastic admirers, in their glowng tributes to his prowess, made a num evidence, and both had a good, strong hold on the affections of the congress.

The State of Washington was well represented, not only by a regularly credited delegation, but by a large number of prominent citizens, Ex-Governors Mc Graw and Semple chatted with the presnt chief of the Evergreen State, while waiting for the crowd to arrive in the norning. Ex-Senator John L. Wilson disussed the weather and other timely topics with Harold Preston and other po litical friends and adversaries. Congress man Cushman, who has never been a firm believer in river improvements, listened with a pleased expression to the hot air which interspersed some of the more year Mr. Thurber bobbed up with a carefully worded speeches, and a number carefully prepared paper defending the

John Barrett's Effulgence.

A prominent figure at the afternoon ses sion was the Hon. John Barrett, who kept up an active circulation among the visiting delegates and dazzled their eyes with the alluring brightness of the colors is which he painted the forthcoming Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Most of the Portland delegation arrived this morning, but a few of the straggiers

C. J. Browne, W. E. Brown, R. L. Dar-The Portlanders had no regular place

on the speech programme today. But dur-ing impromptu remarks called for by the chair, Mr. Hazen gave the delegates an intimation that there was such a pla as Portland on the map, although there had been nothing in the previous speeches by Washingtonians and Californians to warrant such a supposition. Mr. Hazen invited the delegates to corroborate his statements by visiting the metropolia of the Northwest and seeing for them-

The attention of the Congress will be formally called to Portland and the Lewis and Clark Centennial by a resolution which will be introduced at the morning

Greham Takes the Gavel

The delayed arrival of the delegates prevented the meeting being called to oruntil 10 o'clock. Chairman Donald, the local committee, handled the gavel and in a few words explained that important business engagenents had prevented President Kirby's attendance, and a delayed train was responsible for the nonappearance Judge Gavin, chairman of the executive mittee. He, therefore, introduced Hon. Walter Greham, ex-president of the ongress, as temporary presiding officer. Mr. Greham's remarks were brief and nostly laudatory of the past work of the organization and expressing a hope for its ontinuance on equally successful lines. He then introduced Governor McBride. who, in behalf of the State of Washington, made the address of welcome. The

was vigorously applauded. Following the Governor, Mayor Humes spoke on behalf of the City of Seattle, Judge Thomas Burke, on behalf of the commercial organizations of the city, delivered a pleasing address, which was not intended to conceal the speaker's admiration for Mr. James J. Hill. The address was warmly applauded.

Governor was in good speaking trim and

In the absence of President Kirby, Tom Richardson, of New Orleans, read the president's address, which had been forwarded by mail. It was greeted with frequent applause.

Invitation to Oregon, Following this address the chairman called for impromptu speeches from a number of delegates. Under this order of business George W. Hagen answered for Oregon, and in a few well-chosen remarks invited the delegates to visit the Oregon metropolis. Hugh Craig, of San Francisco, made a brief talk, which contained considerable food for thought among those doing business in competition with this lively city. He said in

"We have heard so much about how you are getting ahead of California up here that we've come up here to find out how you do it. And now that we have heard that Mr. Hill can carry a ton we shall go home disappaointed. For, with all of our efforts, the best our railroads can do is to carry a ton of freight

100 miles for 75 cents. mint in the United States and we natur-more than 200,000.

The reclamation fund gets all cash re Alaskan gold. But when the first season was ended we found that we received but a small proportion of it. It per cent diverted to educational purposes. homa, Indian Territory-all were well has all gone to Seattle. We learned that Unfortunately, statistics of disposal and represented, while for the Pacific Coast, Seattle had an assay office, which took sale of public land in other states are not in the gold and paid for it by exchange yet available, hence the showing of Ore on Chicago. We tried to get the gold gon cannot be compared with other Westpress rate on gold to Philadelphia from from this city to San Francisco.

Came to Learn How

"After learning these lessons we decided to come to Seattle to learn how you do it, and yet there are some things we can do in California, and we do them. Our credit is good; we propose to keep it good. We propose to make it to the ed second place to none, and has more interest of such men as James J. Hill than equalled the returns of North Da come there."

Other short talks were made by John H. Smith, of Salt Lake; Colonel F. C. Zacharie, of New Orleans; Colonel Rufus A. Hoyt, of St. Paul; Dr. T. C. Frazier, of Coffeyville, Kan.; Major J. thrown over the land affairs of the state nected with the development of the great E. Strong, of Nome, Alaska; Fred Fleming, of Kansas City, and W. G. Welmer, of South McAlister, Indian Territory. The most interesting features of the

afternoon session were speeches by Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, and Colonel Tom Richardson, of New Orleans. There who is not displeased with this sort of was nothing in the addresses of either Smoot or Richardson that rubbed the fur would have proven, he would have un- of any of the delegates the wrong way, doubtedly dropped in on an inspection but Mr. Thurber, of New York, infused a little ginger into the proceedings with a spirited speech in defense of trusts, favoring a ship subsidy and anber of ridiculous statements regarding his tagonistic to organized labor. The ripple transportation feats, but the universal of applause which followed his effort had knowledge of the man and the road he, not subsided before a dozen delegates has built on Puget Sound was ever in were on their feet striving for recognition, and Judge Zacharle, of New Orleans, secured the coveted task of answering the New Yorker. Mr. Thurber and the Judge had met at previous see sions of the Commercial Congress, and are said to have mixed before.

Hot Shot at Thurber.

"The political questions in Mr. Thur ber's paper," said the Judge, "are beyoud the purposes of this convention. read a paper in New Orelans three years ago in defense of the ship subsidy; in Washington, D. C., he defended the sugar trust, and he was charged with being in the employ of the sugar people; at our meeting in St. Paul last of other prominent Washingtonians of beef trust, and now he comes at us with lesser importance aided in keeping things another paper attacking organized labor, It has no place in the records of this Congress.

C. B. Brown, of Stockton, Cal., took issue with Mr. Thurber on the trust question. Dealing particularly with the Standard Oll Company, for Mr. Brown omes from the oil regions.

Mr. Thurber made no reply to the caustic remarks that he called forth with his paper, but sat quietly smiling until the storm blew over.

The session adjourned about 5 o'clock, and this evening the visitors were entersteamboattained with a around Lake Washington. Between ses-

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Land Entries Break All Records.

RECEIPTS ARE IN KEEPING

Year Just Ended Four Times Over the Leader.

IRRIGATION MAY BE BOOMED

Great Increase Likely to Hasten Government Work East of the Cascades-Business for Nations Also Reaches a New Mark.

FIGURES THAT TELL THE

TALE.		
Oregon— No. entries No. acres Collections United States—	1905. 18,744 1,844,658 \$2,065,210	1962. 11,792 1,297,009 \$508,281
No. entries No. acres Collections	207,782 19,741,070 10,557,580	196,161 19,772,385 85,980,088

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 15.—The State of Oregon witnessed the greatest activity in its history in the settlement and sale of its public lands for the fiscal year ended June 3, 1983. The year broke all records, both as to the number of entries, the amount of lands disposed of, and the cash receipts from sales, combined with fees and comnissions collected at local land offices. During the year just ended there were in all 18,744 entries made in Oregon, embracing a total area of 1,844,608 acres of

land. The enormous aggregate of funds

derived from sales, fees and commissions

was \$2,665,230, nearly four times th

imount collected in 1982. Reclamation Fund Swelled.

unprecedented gains are apparent when these figures are compared with those of 1902, when there were but 11.792 of freight a 100 miles for 40 cents we want entries in Gregon, covering 1.20.000 acres to warm you that if we do not capture of land. In just year miles for and commer. Hill and carry him home with us missions amounted to 20.781. These returns mean that the State of Oregon last year contributed in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 to the reclamation fund, or twice as much as the state contributed in the "We have in San Francisco the finest two years preceding, when it turned in

ceipts, with the exception of money for expenses of the land service, and the 5 sent to San Francisco for coinage, but we ern States. Last year, when Oregon found that J. J. Hill had given an ex- broke all its previous records as to the number of entries and amount of lands Seattle cheaper than the express rates disposed of, it stood second only to North Dakota, having transacted more land business than Washington, Idaho, Montana, and, in fact, all Western States. save that one. It cannot yet be determined whether Oregon in the past year distanced North Dakota, but certainly, in view of its enormous strides, it has yieldkota, as shown a year ago.

Showing Indeed Remarkable. Remarkable as is the showing made by Oregon las year, it is the more remarkable in view of the damper that was as a result of disclosures of extensive These inspectors took unusual care in examining all entries to establish their validity, and of which tended to retard the public land business.

Enormous withdrawals were made both for forest reserve and irrigation purposes which caused an outcry that the Government was interfering with the settlement and development of the more desirable sections of the state. The facts and the figures seem to confirm the declaration of the Interior Department that temporary withdrawals do not interfere with legitimate land entries.

New Settlers Credit to State. Although figures, so far as available, do not classify the entries made in Ore-

gon, the fact that over 18,000 new entries are reported is the best evidence that Oregon is attracting settlers in no small numbers, and home-builders and citizens of the desirable class are seeking out the state where they can establish homes un der the most favorable circumstances. There is a guarantee that the new settlers are desirable citizens from the very fact that all entries, particularly those of the first half of the year, were most care fully examined to determine whether the entrymen were acting in good faith and in their own interest, rather than in the interest of others. May Hasten Irrigation Works,

The fact that Oregon has now contri-buted between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 to the reclamation fund will no doubt serve as an incentive to the Interior Departent to hasten its examination of proposed irrigation projects east of the Casade Mountains, in order that the state may soon receive some practical benefit from its otherwise active land business.

Certainly no state is entitled to more recognition than Oregon. Once the Government completes an irrigation system in the state, the lands opened up thereby was contribute to the reclamation fu direct, as the law provides that the settiers shall repay to the Government in ten annual installments the actual cost of the construction of storage reservoirs and canals built by Government aid. This

ury each year from regular entries an

High-Water Mark for Nation Also, high-water mark in the history of public and business in the United States. that year not only were more entries re corded, but many more acres of public domain passed into private ownership than in any preceding 12 months. More than this, there was a phenomenal increase in the receipts from cash sales, fees and commissions, the returns of the year just closed almost doubling those of

the year preceding. To be exact, there were in the past fiscal year 207,783 entries made under the several public land laws, embracing in the aggregate 19,742,070 acres of land. This is an increase of 11,621 entries and 368,685 acres over the showing made in the year The total receipts from cash sales, fees and commissions, amounted in 190 to \$10,557,530, or \$4,677,442 more than the re-

celpts of the previous year. Three years ago Binger Hermann, then Commissioner of the General Land Office, in making his annual report, which showed the disposal of 12.452,887 acres of land and \$4,066,812 in cash receipts, predicted that the public land business had reached its maximum limit, and would thereafter show a gradual decrease. He based his opinion on the fact that the returns of that year were greatly in excess of those of the year before and former periods.

Money for Irrigation, Under the National irrigation law the

et receipts from the disposal of public lands is diverted into the reclamation fund, for use in building Government irrigation systems. About 25 per cent of the gross receipts are deducted to meet expenses and to pay the 5 per cent for educational purposes. This means that the reclamation fund will be swelled to the extent of \$7,500,000 as a result of the and office business for the year, for the receipts, as heretofore, given, will later be augmented by nearly, if not quite \$500,000 derived from fines, timber sales and various funds not yet reported.

The reclamation fund embodying only net receipts for the two previous years unted in round numbers to \$7,700,000 Wa... the fund added last year, there will be about \$15,000,000 available by the time the first expenditures are made. This fund becomes permanent in a way, but is being constantly increased as each receipts are added each year.

Tacoma Customs Official Resigns, OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Aug. 18.-The Secretary of the Treasury today received and promptly ac cepted the resignation of Special Agent J. Linck, of the customs service, stationed at Tacoma. In doing so the Secretary explained that in all the charges brought forward there had been not the least reflection on Linck's character, but he apparently failed to come up to requirements as an inspecting official.

Destroyers at New London.

NEW LONDON, Aug. 18.—Four terpedo-boats destroyers arrived here today, and are at anchor tonight in the lower harbor. Their names have not yet been learned. It is expected that they will go to the naval coaling station at Groton tomorrow and after coaling proceed eastward.

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Reliance Will Give Shamrock Time.

SAIL SPREAD IS LARGER

One Minute and Forty-five Seconds on Course.

HER OWNERS NOT ALARMED

Both Vessels After Being Measured Return to Moorings to Await the Calling of the First Race Tomorrow.

RULES GOVERNING RACES.

The first of the five races scheduled famous America's cup, will be salled tomorrow. This race means the 12th challenge from British yachtsmen since the schooner America captured the cup, off the Isle of Wight, in 1851. Three races out of the five will decide the winner. Each race is to be started at Sandy Hook lightship The course will be either over a tri-angle, each side of which is 10 miles in length, or a best to windward of 15 miles and return, depending upon the direction of the wind. The time limit for each race is 51/2 hours. Each boat measures 90 feet on the water line. Shamrock III will be sailed by Captain Robert Wringe, and Captain Charles Barr will be the salling master of Reliance. Eleven o'clock in the morning is the hour announced for the start in

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.-The Reliance and Shamrock III were measured today in Eric Basin by C. E. Mower, the official seasurer of the New York Yucht Club As the result of his measurements and calculations, it was announced tonight at the vacht club that the Reliance would allow the challenger one minute and 45 seconds over a 30-mile course. It was found that the Shamrock III was slightly longer on the water line than the American boat, but the latter proved to have nearly 2000 more square feet of sail area than the challenger, and it was this enormous sail spread that taxed the American boat so heavily.

The announcement of the time allowace in favor of the challenger caused little surprise at the yacht club, as it was the very general belief that the Rellance would prove considerably larger all around than her opponent.

The Reliance and Shamrock swung lazily at their moorings, inside Sandy Hook tonight, ready for the international contest for the America's cup, the first race of which will be sailed on Thursday. The Shamrock III merely returned to her old moorings, the Reliance coming there The water was let in the dock where

Shamrock III lay at 12:30, and the challenger was affeat at 12:00. Five minutes afterward the water was turned in the Reliance dock. Measurer Mower at once began his work on the Shamrock. Apparently the spinnaker pole was longer than the base of the forward triangle, for after the measurement an eight-inch piece was sawed off the end of the spinnaker pole. After completing his work on the Shamrock, Mr. Mower started to work on the Reliance.

YET HOPE FOR CANAL.

Colon People Take Heart on Hearing Colombia May Reopen Case. COLON, Aug. 18.-The statement made

a dispatch from Foreign Minister Rico to Senor Herran, the Colombian Minister at Washington, announcing the rejection of the canal treaty, and which was published here today, to the effect that the Colombian congress may probably furnish a hasts for a resumption of negotiations with the United States, has caused a more hopeful feeling in some quarters with regard to the ultimate fate of the

The whole country is anxiously awaiting the future action of the United States.

GIRLS IN PANIC AT FIRE. Many Trampled Upon in Bad Blaze Due to Gasoline Explosion.

BOSTON, Aug. 18.-The explosion of a tank of gasoline in the basement of a eix-story block occupied by several manufacturing concerns on Wormwood street, South Boston, today caused a fire which inside of 50 minutes, completely destroyed the building, meantime precipitating a panic in which scores of employes received The monetary loss is \$150,000, overed by insurance.

Immediately following the explosion, a dense volume of smoke enveloped the ouilding and 250 girls employed by William Byer, manufacturer of lace curtains on the sixth floor, stampeded for the stairways, the only exit, and acreaming and fighting made their ways to the ground.

In the struggle many fell and were

HALSTEAD DENIES IT.

Not Chosen Dean of the Pulitzer School of Journalism.

PHILADELPIA, Aug. 18.-Murat Halstead today requested denial of the pub-lished statement that he had been chosen fear of the School of Journalism endowed by Joseph Pulitzer.