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HAPPENINGS OF 1910.

SUMMARY OF A YEAR'S IMPORTANT EVENTS.

War in Philippine Islands and South Africa.

Difficulties in Samoa, Death and Destruction by Fire, Wind and Flood.

Many causes have combined to make the year 1910 a rather remarkable one. Its opening was signalized by Spain's surrender of the last vestige of her sovereignty in the western hemisphere; its progress brought forth the declaration of war between England and the Transvaal Republic, and its close leaves those nations still engaged in a bloody contest, that may result in important political changes in South Africa. During the year the fighting between the natives and United States troops in the Philippines has continued and the war is yet on.

Other events, aside from warfare, that have occupied public attention to a greater or less extent have been: signing of the treaty of peace with Spain; settlement of difficulties in the Samoan Islands; trial, conviction and pardon of Captain Alfred Dreyfus in France; numerous large fires that have destroyed many lives and much property; tornadoes that caused disaster and death at Kirkville, Mo., in April, and at New Richmond, Wis., in June; several fatal shipwrecks; death of prominent men, among them President Felix Faure of France, Garret A. Hobart, Vice-President of the United States, and Robert G. Ingersoll; great street car strike at Cleveland and labor riots at Panama and Carville, Ill.

A brief chronological transcript of the year's events is given below:

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PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Interest to the Growing Western States.

Since the first of July the people of Alaska have contributed to the federal treasury in license money the magnificent sum of \$153,278.40 for the privilege of doing business in Alaska and developing the territory, says the Skagway Alaskan. This is in addition to the tariff duties paid, internal revenues, taxes and all other taxes common to the country at large. It is a special tax levied upon business in Alaska, such as no other citizens of the United States are required to pay; in fact it is a tax that was never before in the history of the United States levied against any of its people.

Plenty of Supplies at Dawson.

D. W. Bullock, lately arrived from Dawson, Alaska, reports: "Dawson is supplied with everything needed there for the winter. The report as to a great shortage of oats is not true. There is plenty of oats along the river and in Dawson to supply the interior. When we got away from Dawson, November 7, oats were selling for 22 cents a pound and hay at 15 cents. Last winter oats went to 40 and 45 cents, and hay to 35 to 50 cents. Tobacco sells in Dawson today for \$1 to \$1.25 a pound, less than it brings in Bennett. The Bennett price is \$1.50 a pound. Flour that sold for \$8 in Dawson a year ago is worth only \$4.75 there today. There will be plenty of beef in Dawson throughout the winter. Dumbolton had four acres loaded with beef on the way in, one of which is at Selkirk and one at Stewart river. I do not know where the others are. Dumbolton will take the meat through to Dawson over the ice after the river freezes. McDougall & Burns have 80 tons below Selkirk and will take it in over the ice. The labor market of Dawson is glutted. There were 1,000 to 1,500 idle men in the town when I left, and more were rushing in from up the river."

Attain Future Output.

Charles Christopher, who has negotiated more large Atlin mining deals than any other man in the country during the season recently closed, is authority for the statement that there will be no less than half a dozen large hydraulic plants put in operation in Atlin with the opening of spring. He says the output of gold in that country will exceed \$5,000,000. The gold commissioner collected royalty on about \$700,000 this summer, but he failed to collect on more than half the output. There was at least \$1,500,000 taken out of the Atlin gold fields this year, and next year the output will exceed \$5,000,000. Last summer the great majority of the miners did not get to work before August 1, and they all worked small claims and handled most of the dirt with shovels. Next year they will handle it by the hydraulic process.

Snowslide on White Pass.

News of a big snowslide on the White Pass & Yukon railroad was brought to Victoria by the steamer Tanager. A rotary and two engines were buried by the slide, and after they were shovelled out, the rotary ran into a rock, knocking out 13 of its 20 knives. The train which was behind the snow-sliding outfit was not injured.

P. O'Regan, one of those who endeavored to walk to Skagway from the snowbound train, was found unconscious, with his face and hands frozen. The operator at Glacier reported to Skagway that the track there was covered for a distance of 850 feet a depth of five to 20 feet. Telegraph wires beyond Glacier are down.

Heathen Chinese Threw a Bomb.

At Victoria, B. C., a dastardly attempt was made to wreck a Chinese Methodist mission church. While the congregation, principally Chinese, was worshipping, a bomb made of lead pipe and filled with gunpowder was exploded. No one was injured. The deed is ascribed to heathen Chinese jealous of the introduction of Christianity among their countrymen.

To List All the Hops.

Directors of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association met in Salem Tuesday afternoon, and were in session several hours. The chief business transacted was to require every hop grower to list his hops now on hand in their respective districts. The board also announced that it is now ready for business.

Northwest Notes.

An opera house is one of Albany's needs for 1910.

Male-buyers from California are in Southern Oregon counties.

A barns paper reports a sale of 2,700 stock sheep at \$2.60 per head.

It is estimated that the call for warrants recently made by the county treasurer of Whatcom county covers about \$170,000 of county indebtedness.

Figures of real estate transfers recorded in King county (Seattle) since July 1 show a total of 495 transfers, of an aggregate value of \$3,980,625, not including, of course, the value of the transfers for nominal sums.

In Unatilla county, wheat farms are advertised for sale at prices from \$20 to \$40 an acre. A farm on the foothills east of Milton sold for \$5,800 spot cash.

The old mill, on Chambers creek, near Fort Steilacoom, was recently destroyed by fire. It was one of the old landmarks of that part of the country, having been built in 1852.

The convention of the Linn county Christian Endeavorers is to be held in Brownsville on January 12, 13, and 14.

The Bellingham Bay & Eastern Railroad Company cannot find laborers enough to work on road construction at 20 cents an hour, and is getting in some Japs for that purpose. The Jap labor is not so satisfactory as white labor, but enough of the latter cannot be found.

Among the experiments in progress at the Payalup experiment station is a series of spraying tests for black spots, or canker, in hops, which is becoming so prevalent in that vicinity.

Over \$25,000 was spent in Lakewood in building improvements during 1909.

THE WORST AND THE BEST.

Wall Street Suffered, But General Business Was Good.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The worst day in Wall Street in many years was in part the legitimate result of the best year in business ever known. Because the country had prospered so greatly and so long, and its business had become so large, and so many millions were locked up in carrying stocks representing imaginary values, the question was not one of monetary supply. When the country found ample use for its capital in regular trade and productive industry, a contraction of loans became necessary, which would have been more painful if the volume of stocks had been larger.

The business of the country close to the holidays is necessarily smaller than it has been, and yet larger than at the same time in any other year. Exchanges through principal clearing-houses for the week have been 33.7 larger than last year, and 50.4 per cent larger than in 1909, including \$2.1 per cent gain in payments outside New York. There was not even a suspicion of unsoundness in any considerable branch of industry or trade, the extraordinary expansion in some being as well warranted as the material gain in others.

Cotton suffered in speculation for a day with stocks, but the great decrease in receipts from farms since September—over 1,500,000 bales—gives strong support to prices, as does the increase of 200,000 in takings by spinners.

Wheat has fallen both in foreign demand and in prices, in spite of still larger loss in Western receipts, for the week only 3,306,286 bushels, against 7,340,170 bushels last year.

Failures for the week have been 220 in the United States, against 258 last year, and 26 in Canada, against 31 last year.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed, the hearing is lost, and unless the inflammation is taken out of the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness cured by our method that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

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TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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The Pleasantest, Most Powerful and Effective Everlasting Remedy for

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Will cure any case of cold or flu in one day. It is the only remedy that can be taken at any time, in any place, and it will cure you in one day. It is the only remedy that can be taken at any time, in any place, and it will cure you in one day.

Manchester, England, has opened lodging houses under the control of the city to accommodate 60 men.

Throw Physic to the Dogs!

Constipation is treated by an intestinal tonic and liver stimulant, palatable, gentle, yet powerful. It is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It is the only remedy that can be taken at any time, in any place, and it will cure you in one day.

The Wisconsin College of Music has been opened with an imposing building as its home in Milwaukee.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Detroit Democrats are making plans for a new party organ in that city.

I believe my prompt use of Pilo's Cure prevented quick consumption. Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kansas, Dec. 12, 1895.

Baltimore claims the largest negro population in the world.

VITALITY low, debilitated or exhausted cured by Dr. King's Kidney and Bladder Pills. FREE B. Trial Bottle sent free. Write for it. Dr. King's Kidney and Bladder Pills. FREE B. Trial Bottle sent free. Write for it.

Rockford has the largest Woodmen's camp in Illinois, with 1,400 members.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Harburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The hard, white layer inside the shell of the coconut is not there in the freshly plucked fruit, except as a creamy film about a 16th of an inch thick, which has to be scraped off with a spoon. Sparkling liquid, in place of the acid "milk" known to English consumers, comprise the whole nut.

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If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you run the risk of keeping your system clogged with poisons. The most effective, pleasant and safe way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take

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Tropical Fruits—Bananas, 1.50 to 2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal; Persian dates, 6 to 8¢ per pound.

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