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WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

A felling almost akin to despair reigns in the Russian admiralty.

Forest fires continue to rage in the reserves of Montana, destroying much valuable timber.

Japanese ships are cruising off Chefoo in search of the Russian boats Diana and Novik.

Paraguayan rebels have demanded the city of Anuncion, allowing it 24 hours to surrender.

A cloudburst near Globe, Arizona, caused a loss of several lives and great damage to property.

A Russian gunboat was sunk by coming in contact with a mine near the Liao Tung peninsula.

The Russians will sink their ships at Port Arthur rather than let them fall into the hands of the enemy.

The corporation counsel of Chicago has decided that the packers have no right to house employes in their plants.

Forest fires in Clarke county, Wash., are doing great damage. A number of homes have been burned and much cordwood destroyed. A suspect has been arrested.

The Russian Baltic fleet has sailed for the Far East.

General Stoessel made a defiant reply to the Japanese demand that he surrender.

The wheat crop in Eastern Oregon and Washington will be to greatest ever known.

The Russian ships damaged in the recent battles can take no further part in the war.

The Grand Army has elected General Wilmon Blackmar, of Massachusetts, commander in chief.

It is believed that the raid of the Russian squadron will not cost shipping more than \$250,000.

Indications are more favorable than ever that Russia will agree to the American definition of contraband of war.

The Japanese consular general at Shanghai has notified the consul that a fleet is coming to seize the Russian war vessels there.

The Japanese are making a final assault on Port Arthur, and reports say they have already sacrificed 20,000 men. Several important positions have been taken.

Japan has demanded the surrender of Port Arthur.

A Georgia mob overpowered the militia, seized two negro murderers and burned them alive.

Great Britain, in her answer to Russia, contends that foodstuffs cannot be classified as contraband.

The government is experiencing trouble in securing Oregon gold for the Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollars.

The Russian admiralty is still in the dark as to the fate of Witte's ships not heard from since the Port Arthur battle.

America deems that Japan was in the wrong in taking the Russian torpedo boat from Chefoo and that the vessel should be returned.

It is now certain that the Japanese have taken important land positions at Port Arthur, the fire from which compelled the Russian fleet to leave the harbor.

To date the Russian navy has lost seven cruisers and one battleship besides those which have just taken refuge in neutral ports and disarmed. The Japanese have lost one cruiser and one battleship.

Petersburg expects the fall of Port Arthur at any moment.

The Malheur irrigation withdrawal has been increased 26,000 acres.

Japan is laying in great quantities of supplies for a winter campaign in Manchuria.

The Japanese navy is co-operating with the army in the final assault on Port Arthur.

The Japanese have sowed many mines in the bay.

FURTHER CLOSURE TO FRAUD.

Public Land States are Divided into Districts.

Washington, Aug. 20.—To render the inspection of the service of the general land office more effective, the acting secretary of the interior today divided the public land states into nine inspection districts, placing a special agent in charge of each. This special agent will have supervision over all other special agents assigned to this district and will have charge of all inspections carried on in that district, being in turn directly responsible to the general land office.

Oregon has been made a special district with Special Agent Thomas B. Neuhausen, of Minnesota, in charge. Washington is another separate district with Edward W. Dixon, of Oregon, in charge, while Idaho and Montana combine to make another district under Harry H. Schwartz, of South Dakota. These special agents are selected from the list of five land offices because of their proficiency and adaptability for the service and will receive \$1,500 instead of \$1,200 as heretofore, with an allowance of \$3 per day for subsistence.

Nicholas J. O'Brien will be in charge of the Idaho-Montana district.

Oregon and Washington are the only states that constitute separate districts. The experience of the past two years has demonstrated that with all special agents reporting direct to the general land office at Washington it has been almost impossible to keep check on those who go wrong. Numerous discharges have lately been made, because special agents have been found participating in fraudulent land operations, locating settlers on desirable lands, furnishing speculators with valuable inside information, etc. It was this discovery that led Land Commissioner Richards to work out the new system which was approved today.

Special agents in charge of the districts will have headquarters at local land offices to be selected by them. Each will have a civil service clerk, whose salary will be \$1,000 per annum.

TO SAVE TIMBER.

Bee Alarm System May Be Put in Reserves.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The agricultural department is considering the advisability of installing wireless telegraphy in forest reserves throughout the West with a view to making the system of forest protection more effective. While the present ranger system is quite successful, numerous large fires have occurred in reserves patrolled by rangers because of their inability to reach the fires at the time of their origin. Secretary Wilson's idea is to provide each reserve with a practical fire protection system that can be used to give an alarm the moment fire is discovered and set the rangers and the rangers to the scene without delay. While not satisfied wireless telegraphy can be employed with good effect, Secretary Wilson believes the plan worthy of investigation, and has directed Chief Moore, of the weather bureau, to tour the Black Hills reserve in South Dakota with a view of determining the possibilities of this new service. If it is found wireless telegraphy is too expensive or impracticable, Chief Moore will report on some other fire alarm system which will be effective in teaching rangers in all parts of the reserve, as well as the rangers upon and adjacent to the reserve. If some system can be devised that will not be too expensive, Secretary Wilson will recommend its adoption and ask congress to make the necessary appropriation for equipping all the forest reserves in the West.

It is believed such a fire alarm system will be especially valuable and practicable in a reserve like the Black Hills, where large mining interests are conducted within the reservation and employ a large force of men. Secretary Wilson will not go into details in discussing his plan, but will merely say how it is proposed to use wireless telegraphy. He wishes little publicity given the proposition until Chief Moore reports.

I Can't Stop Use of Wine.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Despite the protest of the Christian Endeavor societies of Connecticut, the traditional bottle of wine will be broken across the bow of the battleship Connecticut when she is launched. Acting secretary of the Navy Darling, in his reply to the protest, said: "Permit me to suggest that you and the 2,000,000 people you represent ought to look to the thought that wine thus expended can neither injure nor contribute to the cup of human sorrow."

Cruisers Heard From.

London, Aug. 20.—A dispatch to the central news from Vladivostok says the cruisers Rosin and Gromobol of the Vladivostok squadron have returned.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FINE TIMBER DESTROYED.

Fire on McCully Mountain Supposed to Have Been Set by Campers.

Albany—The forest fires which have been raging in the mountains of Oregon for the past ten days are having the usual effect on valley towns. A pall of smoke, so thick that the eyes burn, hangs over Albany, and the horizon is narrowed down to a very short distance. The sun looks like a ball of fire, being almost hidden from view a part of the time.

The smoke in Albany is particularly bad because of a fire in close proximity to the city. Just east of Lacombe, which is only about 15 miles from Albany, is a fire which has been burning for several days, and is doing incalculable damage. The fire is on the side of McCully mountain, which is covered with one of the finest bodies of timber in the county. There had been a number of fires in that section for some time, but all were under control and the loss was normal. Albany people could see a large column of smoke rising from the side of the mountain east of Lacombe, and later came the news that an immense and destructive fire was sweeping over McCully mountain with irresistible force. The fire is thought to have been started by careless campers, and the authorities are investigating to see of the blame cannot be fastened on someone.

BRING HIGH PRICE.

Last Year's Hops Sell Well, and Picking Soon Begins.

Salem—Krebs Brothers, hopgrowers and dealers, have reported the purchase of 136 bales of 1903 hops from the A. J. Luce Hop company at 25 cents. This is the highest price paid for some time. Speaking of the hop situation, Leonard Krebs said that the greatest danger is that growers will begin picking too early. Some are talking of beginning September 1, which Mr. Krebs says is fully a week too soon.

In the Butteville, Hubbard, Aurora and St. Paul districts in particular the hops are usually too green, causing a loss in weight and also in quality. Mr. Krebs says that in view of the absence of vermin this season, there is no danger in letting the hops remain on the vine until they are ready for picking.

Exhibits of State.

Salem—From information that has been received by Secretary Wylie A. Moore, of the state fair board, it is evident that the state fair next month will equal, if not excel the splendid exhibitions which have been held here for the last five years. There are more horses in training on Lone Oak track now than ever before at this time of the year. Many breeders of livestock who have never been here before are making arrangements to come with their herds, and the livestock department will be as great an attraction as ever. Space in the main pavilion is being rapidly taken for county and general premium exhibits, and many new displays will be seen.

Hop Market to Open.

Salem—Though 20 and 21 cents is freely offered for contracts for 1904 hops, nothing of consequence is being done in the market. Growers are preparing for the harvest, which will begin about September 8 to 10, and are worrying very little about prices. The hops in this vicinity are in excellent condition so far as quality is concerned, and there has been no change in the estimates of the probable yield. Al Jordan, who still holds 200 bales of hops of the 1903 crop, has refused an offer of 23 cents a pound for the lot.

Wheat Crop Heavy.

Salem—Because spring wheat is ready to harvest, farmers are hauling little grain to town now, and there is little activity in the wheat market. All the farming mills in this vicinity are paying a premium of 2 1/2 cents above the export quotations, and buyers for export are meeting the milling prices.

Forest Fires Create Havoc.

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Wheat Market.

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HOP MEN IN HIGH GLEE.

Crop Will Be Large, and Quality Better Than Last Year.

Albany—Prospects are very bright for Linn county hopgrowers this year. The yield is expected to be fully as large as that of last year, and the quality of the product much better. The weather has been all that hop men could desire, and the crop is free from vermin. Picking will commence the last of this month. The prices for picking will be the same as last year.

But few contracts for sale of hops have been made up to this time. The prevailing price for those few that have been made is 20 to 21 cents. Although growers have made no effort to sell their hops before the season is fairly opened, yet there does not seem to be any disposition to hold the crop, as there was last year. This is thought to be due to the fact that the slump in prices late in the season last year caused a loss of thousands of dollars to those who were holding for top prices.

Land Patents Held Up.

Albany—Word has been received in Albany by Ed Dorgan, the timber locator, from the interior department at Washington, D. C., that all applicants of timber land in the Lake and Lake county districts will wait some time yet before their patents. All the claims proved up on their claims and receipts from the local land offices. Messrs. Jones, Erickson and Brown, the special agents sent out by Secretary Hitchcock, have recommended that the land be held up for further investigation. This is a great disappointment to the holders, who have waited for a long time for their patents. And the large number of people in Albany who have timber claims in the Eastern Oregon districts have a considerable amount of money tied up in the land.

Road to Aid Three Counties.

Albany—County Judge Section of Marion county, has been in conference with County Judge Stewart, county, regarding the proposed road to connect the Walla Walla valley with Deschutes county, in Oregon, and the route to the coast. Hon. J. S. Jones, the scheme and discussed through which the road at his mountain home, and will cooperate with county judges in an effort to conference with the county, to see if the work together and divide constructing the road, mutual benefit.

Crops in John Day Valley.

Prairie City—The John Day valley is this year an average crop. Stockmen are complaining of inferior crop, especially a superior one over the years. George W. Morrison, 25 tons of timothy hay from a parcel of land. Haying is under way, and in about another week the hay harvest will nearly be over. Only a small amount of being grown here, but it is of average quality. The fruit crop is good, with the exception of a few apples that was damaged by a late and hard storm.

Cove Cherries Get Prize.

La Grande—Union county, carried off the prize at the St. Paul fair, C. M. and G. G. Stack, owners of the greatest fruit in the state, have received their Royal cherries sent given the 1904 award.

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