

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Ice has stopped navigation on the Upper Columbia.

Several deaths have been reported in Montana from the severe cold weather.

A proclamation is to be issued granting great liberty to the Russian workmen.

The president proposes the recovery of the body of Paul Jones, who was buried in Paris.

Turkey is preparing for war by hurrying guns and troops to the disturbed districts of Macedonia.

It is stated on what is believed to be good authority that Kuropatkin is to be relieved and General Grippenbergh given his place.

The Missouri Pacific railroad is having much trouble with snow blocking its tracks. As high as six trains have been lost at a time.

At the time of the North sea incident war was much nearer than was admitted to the public by either of the nations concerned.

It is announced that as a result of the disturbances at Lodz, Russia, 144 people have been buried and that over 200 persons are still in the hospitals.

Senator Mitchell declares he will not give up his seat and that he will be able to explain everything in connection with the many indictments in a satisfactory manner.

The Japs have captured a hill on the Hun river.

The czar says he intends calling a national congress.

J. Pierpont Morgan has gone for a cruise in European waters.

Russian war vessels have been ordered to leave German port in Africa.

Representative Williamson has been indicted on the charge of subornation of perjury.

St. Petersburg strikers keep quiet, but trouble continues in Poland and the Caucasus.

Crossed electric wires in a six-story Chicago building caused a fire loss of over \$600,000.

A. H. Tianner has confessed that he committed perjury in order to shield Senator Mitchell.

Fire damaged the historic Catsino theater in New York and caused a panic among the chorus girls.

The cold wave which crossed the mountains from the East has caused some loss to stockmen. The thermometer ranged from 17 above at Portland to 40 below in Idaho points.

All the recent members of the president's cabinet will continue in office except Postmaster General Wynne, who is to be appointed consul general at London. Mr. Cortelyou will be nominated postmaster general.

Japan will next besiege Vladivostok.

Workmen at St. Petersburg have struck again and increased their demands.

Many German coal mines have been blacklisted and the strike may be renewed.

Many conflicts between police and strikers in Poland cause hundred of deaths.

General Stoessel has answered his accusers by showing that food and ammunition would not have held out more than four days longer.

A new blizzard is raging east of the Rocky mountains, with the temperature ranging from 4 below at Chicago to 20 below at Duluth. All trains are late on account of wind and snow.

Eleven Eastern Oregon projects for the reclamation of arid land are now under consideration by the government engineers. Malheur ranks first, but obstacles are still in the way which may cause it to be abandoned.

The president has appointed Joseph H. Kibbey, of Arizona, to be governor of that territory.

Grand Duke Nicholas is reported to be going to Manchuria to help Kuropatkin.

John Barrett, minister to Panama, says that there are but few cases of yellow fever on the isthmus.

The American Tobacco company has declared an initial dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on its common stock for a period not yet stated.

In New York in a single quarter last year, with a total population of 3,838,824, there were 24,034 births and 21,058 deaths, a natural increase of 2,056 in the population of the city.

Albert T. Patrick, who is under sentence of death for the murder of William M. Rice in New York, hopes to escape by proving at a second trial that embalming causes congestion of the lungs. The prosecution proved that Rice died by chloroform administered by Patrick.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Tuesday, February 7.

After a continuous session of nine hours the senate tonight passed the joint statehood bill. As passed the bill provides for the admission of the states of Oklahoma, to be comprised of Indian Territory and Oklahoma and New Mexico according to the present boundaries, with Arizona eliminated.

The house devoted the entire day to debate on the railroad freight bill, with the exception of a few minutes just before adjournment, when a message from the president was read recommending a board of survey for the Philippine archipelago.

Wednesday, February 8.

Although the result of the presidential election was known early in the evening of November 8, it was not until today, when the house met in joint session, that Theodore Roosevelt and Charles W. Fairbanks were officially declared to be elected. An immense audience gathered to witness the ceremony.

The house devoted five hours today to debate on the railroad freight bill. A number of the members spoke on both sides of the question.

Very little business was transacted in the house today. Kearns, of Utah, claimed to have voted against the joint statehood bill, and his vote is recorded for it. Discussion as to whether it should be changed was lengthy. Friends of the statehood bill claim it will pass in the house.

Thursday, February 9.

After nearly four days' discussion the house today, by a vote of 328 to 17, passed the bill providing for the regulation of freight rates.

The senate devoted today's session to the agricultural appropriation bill. There was a renewal of the discussion of the policy of distributing the appropriation bills among a number of committees.

After the passage of the freight rate bill by the house a spirited discussion was indulged in over the deadheads carried by transports. A resolution was adopted approving of the carrying of schoolteachers and members of the families of officers and men on transports.

Friday, February 10.

After maintaining its record for the rapid disposal of private pension bills, 433 being passed in an hour and a half, the house today considered for a short time the bill providing a government for the Panama canal zone. An early adjournment was taken to enable the Republicans to confer on the statehood bill.

Before the routine proceedings of the senate began, President pro tem Frye announced his selection of Perkins to read to the senate Washington's farewell address on February 22. Bills were passed authorizing the secretary of war to sell magazine rifles to rifle clubs upon request of governors of the various states, and permitting Oklahoma Territory to appropriate money to construct agricultural college buildings.

Saturday, February 11.

As an outgrowth of the investigation of the General Slocum disaster, the house today passed a number of bills amending the laws relating to steamboat inspection service and making far more rigid provision for the regulation and control of steam vessels. A bill was also passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai rivers in Kootenai county, Idaho.

The entire time of the senate today, which was not spent in executive session, was given to the Swayne impeachment trial. Four witnesses were examined. In executive session eight treaties of arbitration between the United States and European governments were ratified. The treaties are with Great Britain, France, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany, Spain and Austria-Hungary.

Monday, February 13.

The senate heard 10 witnesses in the Swayne impeachment trial today and devoted the remainder of its time to the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill.

The leaders of the house today began active work to get the statehood bill into conference. A paper is being circulated to get enough signatures to bring the matter up. After that it will require a vote that the bill be taken from the committee and sent direct to conference.

Must End War.

London, Feb. 10. — The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Chronicle sends an interview with a Russian who is in the confidence of M. Witte, in the course of which the Russian asserts that M. Witte recently said that peace in the Far East must be obtained at any cost. This Russian says Russia is willing to evacuate Manchuria and allow China to grant Japan a 99-year lease of Manchuria and the Liaoting peninsula. Russia would retain Saghalien, Vladivostok and the Ururi district. She would pay no indemnity.

May Accept the Goldborough.

Washington, Feb. 10. — The senate today passed a bill authorizing the secretary of the navy to accept the torpedo boat Goldborough, constructed by Wolff & Zwickler iron works, of Portland, which has repeatedly failed to stand the government test. The bill authorizes the secretary of the navy in his discretion to waive the 30-knot requirement and to accept the Goldborough at a reduced price, to be governed by the speed.

RECORD IS BROKEN

Blizzard in the Southwest Worst in Six Years.

INFLUENCE OF STORM IS WIDE

Extends From Great Lakes to Texas, From Atlantic to the Rockies — Many People Frozen.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Not during the last six years has the equal of the present cold weather been experienced in the West, and in many places no such low temperatures have been recorded since the establishment of the weather bureau.

The cold wave extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic. In the North the mercury has registered all the way from zero to 45 degrees below zero, the latter mark being scored at Richland Center, Wis.

Trains everywhere from the West and Northwest are anywhere from 2 to 12 hours late and from the packing of the snow in the cuts it is expected that it will be several days before the roads are able to revive the schedule time of trains. Several people have lost their lives, the majority of the fatalities being in the Southwest.

The loss of cattle on the ranges, particularly on those lying in the northern part of the states, will be very heavy. In Nebraska and the Dakotas and Montana cattle are being sheltered from the cold and it is not expected their losses will be nearly so heavy as those on the ranges further to the south.

The severe cold has brought upon the South a renewal of all the troubles visited upon it by the recent storm of sleet which has demoralized railroad traffic and almost destroyed telegraphic communication in some parts. The cold spread with great speed all over the south. Railroad traffic is seriously hindered by the snow all through the central part of Georgia and in the central and northern parts of Mississippi.

The Baltimore & Ohio road is the greatest sufferer and it is reported that there have been no trains between Meridian, Miss., and New Orleans for a week. The only news from the entire South came today from Western and Southern Texas, where a slight moderation in temperature was reported. From Western Montana and Nebraska come reports of 20 to 25 below zero. All through these states the month of January was the coldest known, and the month of February has so far shown equal severity.

GRAND JURY ADJOURNS.

Turns in Large Grist of Indictments as Parting Shot.

Portland, Feb. 14.—Just before adjournment, the federal grand jury returned the long expected indictment dealing with the Blue mountain reserve and the frauds attempted to be perpetrated by its creation. In the indictment are implicated John H. Mitchell, Bigger Herrmann, John N. Williamson, Franklin Pierce Mays, W. N. Jones and George Sorenson. The charge is that the defendants attempted to defraud the government of the United States of the possession and use of and title to 200,000 acres of land situated in various parts of the states and territories of the nation and of the total value of more than \$3,000,000.

Each of the men indicted will be required to furnish bonds of \$4,000 for his appearance before the court in April when the case will come to trial. This is the same sum asked of all those who have been indicted so far in connection with the land cases.

The grand jury was excused after having returned the indictments yesterday afternoon, and will take a recess until the call of United States District Attorney Heney, which will be made about the first of April, at which time Mr. Heney will return to Portland from the East and will resume the investigations which have not as yet been finished.

Each Side States Its Case.

Paris, Feb. 14.—The international commission which is inquiring into the North sea incident today heard the conclusions of the British and Russian agents upon the testimony presented. Today's session practically closed the work of the commission until a decision is reached, when Admiral Fournier, the president, will call a meeting for the purpose of announcement. The admirals in the meantime will hold daily private sessions to deliberate upon the decision, which is not expected for some days.

Great Discoveries in Thibet.

London, Feb. 14.—The London Daily Mail's Calcutta correspondent says that Captains Rawling, Rider and Wood and Lieutenant Bailey, who left Colonel Younghusband's party to undertake an exploring tour in Thibet, have mapped out a new strip in the western part of the country and have also discovered the hitherto unknown sources of the Brahmapootra river. The most important geographical results are expected to result from the expedition.

Partial Resumption at Warsaw.

Warsaw, Feb. 14.—There was a partial resumption of work today at some of the smaller concerns. The officials report that 600 persons were arrested in connection with the strikes, of whom 387 have been released.

KANSAS UP IN ARMS.

Lawson Has Been Asked to Lead the Fight on Standard Oil.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 14.—Thomas W. Lawson, of "Frenzied Finance" fame, may lead the movement to drive the Standard Oil company from Kansas. The Oil Producers' association, of Chantute, today forwarded an invitation to the Boston man to interest himself in the refining of oil in this state. The association adopted the invitation unanimously and insists that Mr. Lawson will be given the hearty support of the people of Kansas.

The plan of the association is to have Lawson and the Pure Oil company, of Pennsylvania, take up the refining of crude petroleum and the manufacture of its by-products in opposition to the Standard Oil corporation. The Pure Oil company is said to be the strongest competitor of the Standard Oil company in the United States.

Dispatches from the oil fields tonight say the statement of Manager O'Brien, of the Standard Oil company, that business in Kansas would be continued, is false, that there is a complete shut-down throughout the oil belt.

This has intensified the indignation of the people and members of the legislature, and the passage of the anti-Standard bills by the house Wednesday is assured. Thousands of letters from over the state have been received by members urging them to pass the state refinery bill.

INTENSE COLD IN COLORADO.

Below Zero Weather Clear Down to Borders of Mexico.

Denver, Feb. 14.—Reports of intense cold, accompanied in sections by snowfall, reached here tonight from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. In Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico, the worst storm since 1886 is raging. In New Mexico the storm reached the proportions of a blizzard and great damage to stock is reported. In the southern part of New Mexico, where cold weather is rare, the zero mark was reached at certain points.

The cold snap which has prevailed on the eastern slope of the mountains in Colorado for several days became intense last night, the thermometer dropping to 27 below zero in Denver at 6 o'clock this morning. The cold also penetrated the western slope tonight, and Telluride report 20 below zero.

At Fort Collins, in the northern section of Colorado, 22 degrees below was registered today, and at Monmouth, on the divide south of Colorado Springs, it was 26 below. At Twin Lake, near Leadville, 32 below was reported.

In Wyoming the cold has not abated, and much loss to livestock, it is feared, will result. Railroad traffic in all directions is seriously impeded, and telegraph and telephone wires are being snapped by the cold.

COLDEST IN YEARS.

Great Suffering Among the Poor of Oklahoma as Result.

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—The coldest weather in years prevails in this section tonight. At Kansas City it was 18 degrees below zero; at Concordia, Kan., 22 below; at Lawton, Okla., 6 below, and at Tulsa, I. T., 40 below. In Oklahoma and Indian Territory the weather is the coldest since 1899, and there is much suffering among the poor, who were caught unprepared. Cattle also are suffering.

Great anxiety is felt for the Indian tribes, who are in no condition to withstand the storm, and experts say that dozens of them will die as a result of the blizzard.

Railroad traffic is impeded in Kansas by the high wind, which has piled the snow in the railroad cuts. Most passenger trains are using double headers, and freight trains are carrying only non-perishable freight.

The west bound Santa Fe through passenger train No. 9 today collided with a freight train which was stuck in a snow drift near Newton, Kan. One engineer was hurt and both engines were smashed, but no passengers were hurt.

Tiflis Laborers Return to Work.

Tiflis, Feb. 14.—The workmen here are generally returning to work, and the authorities are taking measures to protect those who are resuming their labors. Trifling disorders are reported at other places in the Caucasus. The civil governor has ordered a meeting of the municipal council to discuss means for the settlement of the labor troubles, but the councilors, finding that the order stipulated that the discussion be held in secret, declined to acquiesce on the ground that it would be impossible to arrive at a settlement.

Hailed as a Reform Measure.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—The news that Emperor Nicholas has indorsed the scheme for the revival of the Zemsky Zabor, or ancient land parliament, has spread through the city and created satisfaction among the liberal classes. The newspapers this morning were filled with articles descriptive of this ancient Russian institution, indicating that word had gone forth that the government had decided to listen to the voice of representatives of the people.

Hard After the Ladronez.

Manila, Feb. 14.—The band of Ladronez which attacked the town of San Francisco de Malabon, in the province of Cavite, January 24, and captured the wife and two children of ex-Governor Trias, are being hard pressed by a troop of cavalry under Major F. W. Sibley. They have released Mrs. Trias and her two children, whom they were holding for ransom.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Salem, Feb. 7.—A house bill introduced several days ago, but which has not been given more than passing notice, has proven to be one of the most important of the session. It provides that the various large corporations that have managed in one way or another to keep their property off the assessment rolls, shall pay all back taxes. Many of these grants go back as far as 1860. That such an assessment can be made and collected has already been held by the Oregon supreme court. The military wagon road companies hold the most of this class of grants.

The amended local option bill passed the house today. Enemies of the bill declare that they have the measure blocked in the senate.

The senate today passed the house bill creating the Eighth judicial district, composed of Baker county, and the Tenth district, composed of Union and Wallowa counties.

The bill authorizing Portland to issue bonds to purchase the Lewis and Clark fair grounds was passed by the house.

The use of traction engines for motive power on the public roads is to be placed under the strict control if Senator Wright's bill introduced today becomes a law.

To protect livestock from infectious disease is the purpose of a bill introduced by Senator Laycock.

Fourteen bills were introduced in the senate today and 32 in the house. Thirty-three bills were passed by the senate and 33 failed to pass or were indefinitely postponed. Six bills passed the house, 31 were indefinitely postponed and five failed to pass. Two hundred and sixty-three bills have been introduced in the senate and 360 in the house.

Salem, Feb. 8.—After a debate which occupied the attention of the senate all the forenoon, the bill to abolish all four state normal schools and establish one in their stead was defeated. The bill to abolish the Drain school has been favorably reported with some prospect of passing.

Women and girls may not work more than 10 hours out of the 24 in any one day according to the bill passed by the house today. This applies to all mercantile and mechanical establishments, laundries, hotels and restaurants.

The pure food bill passed the house with just one dissenting vote.

The so-called railroad commission bill was resurrected from the house table and passed by a vote of 34 to 18.

The house passed the bill amending the Portland charter so that bridges costing more than \$15,000 shall be paid by the city at large. The bill is to be submitted to the electors of the city.

The senate held only a half-day session, adjourning at noon until tomorrow.

Salem, Feb. 9.—The ways and means committee has practically made up the appropriation bills, which, with the standing appropriations and special acts, will bring the expenses of the state for the ensuing two years up to \$2,150,000.

All the normal schools have been granted what they ask for maintenance, but none will be given anything for new buildings.

The flat salary bill passed the senate with only four dissenting votes. The bill as passed will go into effect in January, 1907, at the expiration of the terms of the present incumbents.

The bill making gambling a felony was favorably reported to the house today.

The senate bill creating a juvenile court was passed by the house.

The senate bill raising the salary of the second warden of the penitentiary from \$900 to \$1,200 a year was passed by the house.

Fifteen bills were passed by the senate and eleven were killed. The house passed eight bills and indefinitely postponed 14.

Salem, Feb. 10.—An extremely warm fight is on in the senate over the proposed counties of Cascade and Hot Lake, or Clark, in Eastern Oregon. Charges of broken faith and bold lying were freely made in the capitol today. Men shook fists in one another's faces and called each other worse than liars and two combats were narrowly averted.

The house passed the bill creating a state mining bureau and providing a commissioner and two deputies.

The anti-cigarette bill was passed by

Good C ean-up at New Opp Mill.

Grants Pass — A remarkable record has been made by the Opp mine, of the Jacksonville district, which has just made a cleanup at the end of the first 15 days' run of the new 10-stamp mill. The plates yielded \$1,500 in free metal and the vanners gave up the same amount in concentrates for this time, which is equivalent to \$200 a day for ten stamps. The management is highly elated with the returns and the general outlook of the mine, and arrangements are already under way for the enlargement of the plant.

Marine Engine for Harvesting.

Pendleton—Walter McCormick, who, with his brother, farms 2,100 acres of land north of this city, has gone to California, where he will purchase a combined harvester. He will also purchase a marine engine, which will propel the separator part of the combine, and which will do away with at least 10 horses. If the plan to be utilized by Mr. McCormick gives good results many farmers will adopt the scheme and economize on horses.

the house.

Bills to abolish the normal school at Drain were defeated in both houses this morning.

Five minutes is the time to which debate on bills has been limited in the house.

The hunters' license bill, requiring each hunter to pay an annual gun license fee of \$1, passed the senate today. The bill exempts farmers and their families hunting on their own lands.

The governor vetoed the Port of Portland commission bill. Twenty bills were passed by the senate and 20 by the house.

Salem, Feb. 13.—By an overwhelming vote the house this afternoon defeated the railroad commission bill by Smith, of Josephine.

The house passed a bill to suspend the state fair this year and use the money on improvements at the grounds.

The house in committee of the whole cut down the appropriation for the various normal schools \$18,000.

The bill appropriating \$30,000 for the extension of the portage road passed the senate today with just one vote to spare.

The house voted down an appropriation with which to buy the governor a mansion.

Both houses held night sessions tonight and the consideration of bills in the house in which they originated.

During the four days remaining each house will devote its exclusive attention to bills originating in the other house. It is believed that by holding one or two evening sessions, all the work can be disposed. There are now on the house calendar about 110 senate bills and on the senate calendar about 160 house bills.

The Jayne local option bill has been read in the senate the second time. There is grave doubt as to its passage.

The house indefinitely postponed the bill creating Hot Lake county. The house today passed 43 bills. Twenty-four bills failed to pass. In the senate 10 bills were passed and 10 were killed.

Giants Work All Season. Grants Pass—Manager Al Cousin, of the Galice Consolidated Mines company, of Portland, has returned from his visit East, in the interest of his company, and has resumed personal management of the company's big hydraulic placer properties on Galice creek. This mine is one of the few in Southern Oregon that has been supplied with ample water for a full battery of giants all season, by reason of the light rainfall. Three and four monitors have been kept continually at work, and will be operated night and day for several months yet.

Logging Road Along Coast.

Astoria—The assertion is made that the Seaside Spruce Lumber company will soon begin work on the construction of a logging railroad south from Seaside. Rails for one and one-quarter miles of road are said to have been purchased. The proposed road is to run on the survey already made adjacent to the Necanicum river and can be utilized for the extension of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad to Nehalem if desired.

\$10,000 Raised in One Hour.

Tillamook — One hour after a subscription had been started to raise the \$35,000 subsidy required by Promoter Simmons for an electric railway along a free right of way from Forest Grove to Tillamook, \$10,000 had been raised. Mayor George Cohn heading the list with \$1,000. The Forest Grove board of trade has sent word that it will see to the furnishing of a free right of way from that point to the Tillamook county border through Washington county.

Rebuild Burned Mill.

Independence—The saw mill belonging to the Coast Range Lumber company at Falls City, which was burned recently, will be rebuilt at once. It is thought the mill will be in running order in six weeks. The pay roll of this mill amounted to several thousand dollars per month.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 85@86c; blue stem, 90@91c; valley, 87c per bushel. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.35@1.40; gray, \$1.40@1.45 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$12@13.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 26@27c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c. Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 75@80c; common, 60@70c.

Apples—4-tier Baldwins, \$1.25; Spitzenbergs, \$1.75@2.

Hops—Choice, 25@27c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@701c; mohair, 25@26c per pound for choice.