

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Castro vows vengeance on France. Democratic senators have united to fight the San Domingo treaty. The will of the late Charles T. Yerkes may be contested by his widow. The Union Pacific has bought a control of the Illinois Central railroad. W. C. T. U. workers will ask Miss Roosevelt to bar wine from her wedding.

LEASE RANGE LAND.

Day of Small Cattlemen Is Near at Hand in West.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The time is unquestionably coming when congress will authorize the leasing of that part of the public domain suitable for grazing, but not at the present session. The tendency of the times is to break down the large stockmen who have dominated the public range in times past and to protect and encourage the small stockowner. The cattle baron of the past, like those of his number who still survive, had little interest in the public welfare. His was a war of extermination on the small stockman; he had no care for the future; he looked only to the profits of today.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

ADD TO RESERVES.

Government Will Soon Take Action on Oregon Forests.

Washington—The present year is likely to see several million acres added to the forest reserve of Oregon. Up to this time 6,072,550 acres have been brought within permanent forest reserves, and 6,908,336 acres additional have been temporarily withdrawn. Just what part of this latter area is to become permanent forest reserve and what part is to be turned back to the public domain has not been determined.

PROGRESS ON UMATILLA.

Water Users Sign Contract—Is Best Among Irrigation Plans.

Washington—Officials of the reclamation service are pleased with the progress being made by the landowners on the Umatilla irrigation project. Late advice from the local engineer indicates strong interest on the part of the water users, who have already pledged 13,000 out of the 18,000 acres included in the project. As most of the legal difficulties have been adjusted by the secretary of the interior, it is believed that no great delay will occur in signing up all the land embraced in this project.

TEMPEST OF FLAME.

Great Fire Devours Elevator, Wheat and Horses in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—Fire, which originated in the Union Grain elevator in East St. Louis, Ill., last night, after completely destroying that structure, spread to surrounding buildings and freight cars in the yards of the Terminal association, and caused damage estimated at \$1,250,000 before its progress was checked. At an early hour this morning the flames were still casting a ruddy glare, but it is believed that the fire is well under control, and there is little further danger of its spreading.

LAWYERS LOBBY FOR BIG FAT FEE

Attempt to Get \$150,000 for Negotiating Sale of Land.

Washington, Feb. 3.—An attempt of certain lawyers to hold up the Colville Indians for \$150,000 cash is apt to defeat the bill now pending in congress to open the south half of their reservation and pay the Colville Indians \$1,500,000 for the land which they relinquished in the north half of the reservation ten years ago. These lawyers have been itching for many years to get a large slice of money which they believed the government would pay the Indians, but so far have not succeeded.

PUBLIC WORKS IN HAWAII.

Delegation Comes to Urge that Customs Money Be Used There.

Washington, Feb. 6.—A delegation of Hawaiian citizens arrived here today to appear before a committee of congress to advocate legislation requiring three-fourths of the customs duties and internal revenues collected in the territory to be expended on public works there. It is said \$1,200,000 a year, equal to \$8 per capita of the population, is taken out of the territory, which the members of the delegation say constitutes a heavy drain on its resources.

Initiative Petitions Filed.

Salem — The secretary of state has notified the governor that he has received and placed on file in his office two initiative bills, one to abolish toll roads and for the purchase of the Barlow road over the Cascade mountains, and the other for amending the local option law.

Land Money Divided.

Salem — Secretary of State Dunbar has apportioned the 5 per cent land sales fund among the several counties of the state. This fund was received from the United States government and constitutes 5 per cent of the proceeds of sales of government land in Oregon for 1905.

Order for Coal Strike.

Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—It was intimated at the national headquarters of the United Mineworkers of America today that before the adjournment of the present session of the executive board, Secretary-Treasurer W. B. Wilson will be instructed to prepare a formal strike order, effective April 1, in order to avoid the necessity of reassembling the board after the adjournment of the present session. No meeting of the board was held today.

Look for Busy Season.

Baker City—In spite of the heavy snow, the past week has been lively in mining circles, especially where the placer men been active in preparation for the coming season with the prospect of a plentiful supply of water. George W. and Edward Borman have just put 15 men at work cleaning out their big ditch near the old Virtue mine, seven miles east of Baker City.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 70c; bluestem, 72c; red, 68c; valley, 73c. Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$28; gray, \$27 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$23@23.50 per ton; brewing, \$23.50@24; rolled, \$24@25. Buckwheat—\$22.50 per cental. Hay — Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13.50@14 per ton; valley timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$7@8; grain hay, \$7@8.

Heavy Steel to Be Laid.

Albany—The Southern Pacific company has already begun the work of replacing the light steel on its track in the Willamette valley with heavy 75 pound steel rails, and the distributing train is scattering the new material along the company's lines through Linn county. Before the end of the coming summer the company expects to have the entire line through the western part of the state laid with these heavy rails.

Feed Cattle On Beet Pulp.

La Grande — Grandy & Russell, the butcher firm, are feeding 1,000 head of cattle this winter, mostly for their own use. A great deal of sugar beet pulp is used, also a large quantity of hay. Ten men are employed steadily in feeding and caring for the stock. Five teams are engaged in hauling beet pulp and three wagons are used in hauling hay.

To Prospect for Oil.

Eugene—J. W. Zimmerman and C. F. Mitchell, of this city, who are working on a coal prospect ten miles southwest of Eugene, are preparing articles of incorporation and will organize a joint stock company immediately to work the property. They have struck a vein of coal which they say promises well. They also announce that they will bore 1,000 feet or more in hope of striking oil.

Minors Smoke Cigarettes.

Eugene—The members of the Loyal Temperance league, recently organized here, have taken up the matter of enforcing the law against giving and selling tobacco to minors. They announce that the first one caught violating the law will be arrested and fined.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS DAKOTAS.

Mercury Falls 65 Degrees in 24 Hours—Railroads Blocked. Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 5.—One of the most severe blizzards of the winter is raging in this state. While there has been only a slight snowfall here, the western part of the state has had a general and heavy snowfall. The wind has blown a gale all day and night, and no trains have arrived from the west since morning. At midnight the storm was unabated, and it promises to tie up railroad traffic badly.

Baltic-Black Sea Canal.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—An American named Wendell Jackson has a project for linking the Duna and Dnieper rivers by a canal near Vitebak and forming an international waterway from the Baltic sea to the Black sea. The plan is seriously thought of in some quarters and a committee was established today and authorized to examine and make a report on the matter, though, owing to the financial situation, there is no prospect of immediate further action being taken in the matter.

Will Not Sell Telegraph.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The secretary of war has turned down a proposal made by the local telephone company of Nome to take over the entire government telegraph system of Alaska on condition that it shall operate the same and transmit government business free of cost for the next 25 years. The department is not ready to dispose of the government telegraph system, but when it decides to take this step, will not sell it for less than its actual value.

Many New Rural Routes.

Washington, Feb. 5.—According to the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graaf, 271 rural delivery routes were established during January. Of the 3,468 applications for routes now pending, 22 have been assigned for establishment.

SOON TO TRY FRAUDS.

Henry Says He Will Prosecute the Herg Wyadda Murder Among the First. San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Francis J. Henry is engaged in mapping out plans for the continuation of the land fraud prosecutions in Portland. For three days he has denied himself to callers at his office, but today stated that he had not completed his arrangements. He is confident, however, that he will be able to reach all the offenders who have not yet been brought to justice. The disappearance of S. A. D. Pater, Horace McKinley, Marie Ware McKinley and Emma L. Watson does not worry him greatly.

Deficit Nearly Wiped Out.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures issued today shows a condition of the treasury which is eminently satisfactory to the authorities. On a year ago today there was a deficit of over \$28,500,000, which has now been reduced to less than \$3,400,000, with the prospect that this amount will be entirely wiped out within the next 30 days. This improved condition is due almost entirely to a large increase in customs and internal revenue receipts.

Imports Double in Seven Years.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The imports into the United States have practically doubled in value in the last seven years, according to a bulletin issued by the bureau of Statistics in the department of Commerce and Labor. In the calendar year 1905 the imports aggregated in value \$1,179,000,000, as against \$635,000,000 in the calendar year 1898. The increase in importations is distributed through all classes and all articles of merchandise.

Military Reserves in Hawaii.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The president by proclamation has set aside certain lands at or near Diamond Head and at Kupikipiki and at Punchbowl Hill, in the territory of Hawaii, for military purposes, until it can be determined by actual survey what portions of the land described will be required for permanent military reservations.