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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.

England has just been visited by a severe storm.

The Colorado State bank, of Durango, has suspended.

The revolutionary agitation is growing in Portugal.

The Yaqui Indians are again on the warpath in Mexico.

The National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, will reopen.

Japan and Russia have combined to freeze China out of Manchuria.

The bridal gifts of Marshall Field's daughter were stolen in England.

The peace conference of the Central American republics has been concluded.

Scotchmen in London are again adopting the kilt as a regular wearing apparel.

The East has just exeprienced a great storm. Heavy snow fell and many wires are down.

Premiums are being offered for the new gold pieces without the motto "In God We Trust."

A petition to allow women to vote on municipal affairs in Paris was greeted with laughter by the council.

General Funston finds the Goldfield situation serious.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp says Indians are losing millions yearly in timber lands.

A house-to-house canvass at Monongah, W. Va., shows 18 still missing as a result of the mine disaster.

Plans are complete for re-organizing the Merchants' National bank at Portland and it is expected to open soon.

District Attorney Langdon, of San Francisco, also admits that the evidence of Ruef will be required to convict Calhoun.

The American Can company has control of the Pacific coast, having absorbed the United Can company, of San Francisco.

Goldfield mineowners have withdrawn their new scale and opened negotiations with the American Federation of Labor. The object seems to be to get this organization into a fight with the Western Federation of Miners.

D. L. Anderson, president of the Foochow university, who has just returned to this country, says China is on the eve of a bloody revolution that will mark her entrance into the parliament of the world as a power to be reckoned with.

The campaign against rats is being kept up vigorously in San Francisco.

The Michigan state treasurer is to be removed for putting funds in a rotten bank.

The great fleet of warships is all ready to start on its voyage to the Pacific.

The presence of General Funston at Goldfield is believed to have a good effect.

Bristol's nomination has been withdrawn from the senate as district attorney for Oregon.

Mrs. Longworth has undergone an operation for appendicitis, but there is nc fear of the results.

Senator Bourne, of Oregon, will continue his third-term agitation despite the statement issued by Roosevelt.

Kuropatkin has taken the witness stand in behalf of Stoessel and the general stands a better chance of being cleared.

Two mail pouches containing valuable packages were stolen from the Omaha postoffice, and no trace of them has been found.

Harry Orchard is not displaying as much bravado in telling the story of his crimes to the Pettibone jury as he did at the first recital.

Heney has admitted that he needs Abe Ruef's testimony to convict Calhoun and may yet grant the ex-boss immunity and get him on the stand.

Sousa has fully recovered from the effects of ptomaine poisoning.

State Attorney Healy says he will enforce the Sunday closing laws in Chicago.

The ordinance allowing theaters to open in New York on Sundays has been held up.

In the Boston city election Republicans elected the mayor for the first time in six years.

Queen Carola, of Saxony, is dying.

The prediction is made in the East that Bryan and Roosevelt will be opposing candidates for president.

A bridge in construction across the Susquehanna at Bloomsburg, Pa., collapsed and seven men were killed and nearly 20 others injured.

Andrew Carnegie has given another $2,000,000 to the Carnegie institute in Washington. This increases his endowment fund to $12,000,000.

ROOSEVELT AS A SAINT.

Russian Peasants Worship Picture of President

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Americans think a great deal of President Theodore Roosevelt, but it has been reserved for the Russian peasants settled in Eastern Siberia to reverence the well known picture, which shows the gleam of teeth, as that of a saint. That they do so is asserted to be a fact by Alexander G. Denbigh, who arrived on the steamer Siberia, and is now staying at the St. Francis hotel.

"The people there are of the lowest class of Russian peasants, and know nothing about the outside world," said Denbigh. "In every house, no matter how poor it may be, there is sure to be an ikon of some kind, and if it is possible for the owner of the place, he also has a picture of a saint.

"The picture of our president has gone over the world, and can be found in many queer places. I remember asking one of my men from the Ural mountain district, who had never heard of Roosevelt, what picture he had in his tent. He at once told me that it was one of St. Peter—without the beard and with specs on. Curious to see such a picture, I went to the hut and found that it was a chromo of the president of the United States. The man assured me that he had the best of good fortune since he had obtained the picture of the 'holy saint.'"

MEXICO'S ANNUAL EXPENSE

What It Costs to Conduct Affairs of Southern Republic.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—In congress yesterday the report of the minister of finance was read and the budget for the coming year was made public. The estimated receipts for the coming year total $103,385,000, while the expenditures will reach $103,203,842, leaving an estimated surplus of $181,158. The total increase of this year's budget is $6,595,275, the largest item in the increase being for $1,367,589 for maintenance of the department of war.

The revenues for the fiscal year just ended total $114,062,000, the expenditures $100,208,132, leaving a surplus of $14,077,989. The surplus of the previous year, $29,049,081, and the falling off of the past year, was due to large sums spent in public works—$17,208,608. Minister Limanteur maintained that the recent crisis in the United States would make itself felt in the coming year in Mexico, in that investments would be curtailed. Interest rates are higher, but this would only affect mining industries. He believed that in the end it would work for good rather than evil.

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS.

Committe Taking Contributions to Be Sent to Mononga.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 17.—The permanent relief committee, headed by Governor Dawson, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, today prepared an appeal for funds that is being sent to chambers of commerce and kindred organizations all over the country. Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, mayor of Monongah, and chairman of the committee, looking after the temporary wants of the victims.

The appeal says that fully 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. As near as can be determined, $50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. The committee feels that a total of $200,000 will be required to carry on the relief work. All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Relief committee, J. E. Sands, treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va.

New Use of Epsom Salts.

New York, Dec. 17.—Announcement of the discovery of the new anaesthetic, according to the American today, will soon be made by the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. The new anaesthetic is nothing else than plain, common salts, or, to give it its scientific name, sulphate of magnesia. It was discovered by Dr. Samuel J. Meltzer, one of the Rockefeller experimenters. Its greatest value is that it permits any sort of operation without any danger to the heart of the patient, as is the case with other anaesthetics.

Still in Race for Senate.

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—A special from Des Doines, Iowa, says that Governor Cummins, of Iowa, referring to his suggested candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said: "I have no thought of surrendering my candidacy for United States senator. The suggestion about the presidency is new here, although I have heard about it in other states. I do not intend to do anything that will take me out of the race for senator."

Fiat Money Saves Life.

San Rafael, Cal., Dec. 17.—Stewart Dunbar, a prominent insurance broker of Honolulu, while on his way to meet a party of friends last night, fell through a cattle guard on the narrow gauge tracks of the Northwestern Pacific railroad and caught his foot so that he would have been crushed to death beneath an approaching handcar had he not ignited a clearing house certifiate and used it for a danger signal

Forty Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 17.—The gale along the British coast on Friday and Saturday, which was described by Captain Jameson, of the steamship St. Louis, as the worst in his experience, subsided yesterday. It was responsible for the loss of some 40 lives.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

DAIRYMEN MEET.

Successful Two-Day Convention Held in Portland.

Portland—The most important meeting of dairymen ever held in the state of Oregon was that which convened last Thursday and Friday in Woodmen of the World hall, on Eleventh street, when the Oregon State Dairy association held its deliberations. The convention hall was crowded at both days' sessions with delegates and others interested in the development of the dairy industry. The hall in the basement of the Woodmen building, in which dairy products and the most approved dairy machinery were displayed, attracted large crowds.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock Thursday by President E. T. Judd, of the associaion. Tom Richardson, of the Commercial club, welcomed the delegates to Portland on behalf of that organization. In responding to the address of welcome President Judd thanked the Commercial club for its reception and its efforts in making this meeting of the association a successful one. The speaker referred to the important position dairying in this state has reached in the last few years, and said that this was the first time in the history of the state that the dairy industry had received the recognition its importance should command and would fully pay the cost of promotion.

Papers were read by prominent dairymen and others from all parts of the state.

Football Men Good Students.

University of Oregon, Eugene—University of Oregon football men during the season just past have made good records in the class room as well as on the football field. The records of the Registrar's office show that of the twenty men composing the regular squad, only half a dozen have received grades as low as 'D' in any of their subjects. There have been no failures and their work as a whole compares favorably with that of last year, when in the final examinations in February, the football team ranked slightly better than the average for the whole student body. The records show also that for the two months just past, football men have cut fewer classes than any other class of students. Reports of absences of all students are sent to the Registrar's office daily and a careful record is kept. The University works on the theory that students are there first to study, and this means regular attendance at classes.

Men Do More Work.

Klamath Falls,—J. D. Church, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific, has just returned from the end of the California Northeastern railway and states that the 950 men now at work for Ericson & Peterson, the contractors, are doing more work than the 1,100 men they were working last summer. The grade between Bray and the first townsite, Mount Hebron, is about completed, and Mount Hebron may remain the terminus of the road for this winter. However, as Dorris is only 13 miles distant from Mount Hebron and the grade very easy, that town may be the terminus.

Embryo Farmers Interested.

Albany—Linn county school children are taking great interest in the new subject of agriculture, the teaching of which was begun this fall. No experiment work has yet been begun in this county, but in the seventh and eighth grades in all the schools of the county one recitation each day is required in an agricultural text book. Reports received by County School Superintendent Jackson state that probably greater interest is manifested in this study than in any other branch.

Water Reaches Hermiston.

Hermiston—Water in the distributing system of the government project has reached Hemiston. A good flow in the A line heralded the coming of water for irrigation next season and activities under the Umatilla government reclamation project are under full headway. The water traversed the big feed canal a distance of 26 miles to the reservoir gate, where it was turned through what is known as the by-pass into the distributing system of ditches.

November Ideal Month.

Burns—November was a month of ideal fall weather in Harney. There were two flurries of snow, on November 16 and 23, but they were followed by pleasant sunshine and the snow disappeared in a few days. There has been a great deal of fall plowing done and the amount of winter wheat sown this year is double that of any year in the history of the country.

B F. Mulkey Has Resigned.

Ashland—Announcement has been made at the state normal school here that President B. F Mulkey would retire from the institution on January 1 and will engage in the law and abstract business at Jacksonville as a partner in the Jackson County Abstract company, which maintains offices at Ashland and Medford and will open one at Jacksonville.

Timber Made to Pay Tax.

Oregon City—The assessed valuation of Clackamas county property is very close to $13,000,000. The figures were made public by County Assessor Nelson, who has made an increase of about $2,500,000 over the valuation of last year. This increase is all on the property of the big corporations and on timber lands.

WANTS ANOTHER ROAD.

Southern Oregon Hopes for Lessened Rates in Competition.

Grants Pass — The announcement through the press that Moffatt & White are about to extend the Oregon Electric line through Rogue River valley has been received here with the greatest satisfaction. It has been the dream of the citizens that some day another transportation company would find its way into the valley.

The annulling of trains 11 and 12 by the Southern Pacific company has aroused the people to greater activity and to stand ready to offer an inducement to a competing line. The resources from the mills and mines and the products of the field have been carried for years by one railroad company, with charges running up into thousands of dollars.

Want Graduates for Teachers.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The University of Oregon is experiencing the largest demand in its history for graduates, both men and women, to take principalships and positions as teachers in the high schools of the state. Of the fifty-three members of last year's class, twenty are teaching in the high schools and colleges of Oregon and the Northwest, and the demand was much larger than the supply. At the present time there are a number of positions vacant because there is no one available who is adequately prepared to take them. The University would be able next year to place as teachers some forty or fifty men and women, if its graduating class furnished that number. The class of 1908 now numbers about sixty members.

Electric Line Great Boon.

Freewater—The month of November was a record breaker on the Walla Walla Valley Traction company's line. They hauled out of this city over 90 cars loaded with hay, apples and canned fruit. These cars were all for points on the Northern Pacific railway. The apple crop has been excellent this year and every apple of any account has been marketed. The second-class apples were disposed of to the Freewater cannery. The total value of the fruit crop in this vicinity is estimated at $500,000.

Request Railway Service.

Salem—A large number of farmers and shippers residing between Tallman and Shelburn, in Linn county, have complained to the railroad commission because the Southern Pacific has abandoned its train service between the two towns named. The complaint recites that traffic was abandoned because a bridge washed out about a year ago. The farmers want the commission to order the railroad company to renew the service.

No Depot for Suver.

Salem—The state railroad commission has turned down the proposition to give the people of Suver better depot facilities. The business of the station has fallen off in the past five years, and the people of Wells, two miles from there, have in a petition for a station.

Queer Schools.

Albany—Linn county has one school without a single boy pupil and another which no girls attend. Of course both are in small remote districts. District 84, in Fox Valley, near Lyons, has eight pupils, all of whom are boys, and District 119, near Sweet Home, has only five students and all are girls.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Club, 82@83c; bluestem, 84@85c; valley, 82@83c; red, 80@81c.

Oats—No. 1 white, $29; gray, $29.

Barley—Feed, $27.50; brewing, $31; rolled, $30.

Corn—Whole, $32: cracked, $33.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, $16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $20@23; clover, $15; cheat, $15; grain hay, $15@16; alfalfa, $15; vetch, $14.

Fruits — Apples, 75c@$2 per box; peaches, 75c@$1 per crate; pears, $1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, $9.50@12 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, $1. per sack; beans, 7@9c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1 doz; celery, $4 per crate; onions, 15@20c per doz; parsley, 20c per doz; peas, 1c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1¼c per pound; radishes, 20c per doz; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1¼c; per pound; tomatoes, $1.50 per box.

Onions—$1.75@2 per cwt.

Potatoes—40@60c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, $2.25@2.50 per cwt.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32½@35c per pound.

Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@8½c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6½c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6½c; packers, 6@6½c.

Poultry—Average old hens, 11½@12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11@11½c; spring chickens, 10½@11c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 17@18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 12½@13½c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 37½c per doz.

Hops—1907, 5@7c per pound; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c pound.

WILL DO NOTHING.

Small Chance Congress Will Reform Currency

Washington, Dec. 16.—It can be stated on the highest authority that if the subcommittee of the house committee on banking and currency now dealing with the subject can have its way no effort will be made by the present congress to adopt legislation remedial of the present financial condition. All the energies of that committee will be directed toward the framing and passage of laws more general in character and which will be intended to preclude shrinkage of the circulation, entailing widespread financial distress.

The subcommittee held a four hours' conference today with its chairman, Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, at which the bill which the subcommittee has undertaken to draft was earnestly discussed, but no decision as to its precise character and scope was reached. It is not likely the subcommittee will be ready to report on the bill until after the holidays. Men high in the world of finance will be given an opportunity to appear before the committee to present their views on the proposed measure.

Much time will be spent in both the house and senate in considering the bill when reported, and it is the hope of the members of the banking committee that the finances of the country will have so adjusted themselves by that time that there will be no necessity for legislation looking to the correction of present conditions.

WOMEN IN TERROR.

Afraid for Their Lives Until Troops Arrived in Goldfield.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 16.—Delegations from the Woman's club, of Goldfield, and from the chamber of commerce, Merchants' association and Mining exchange called on General Funston this afternoon to acquaint him further with the conditions which have prevailed in Goldfield previous to the coming of the United States troops and the situation which led to the sending of Governor Sparks' dispatch to Washington asking that troops be sent here. The visit of these delegations doubtless was because of the efforts that are constantly being made to have the troops recalled.

General Funston said, after the conferences were over, that the statements were a revelation, especially those made by the women, who are wives of prominent citizens of Goldfield. The statements, he said, showed that for days the women of Goldfield had lived in a state of constant terror, until the coming of the troops though no instances of anything more than trivial annoyances were cited.

MAKE CANADA INDEPENDENT

Destiny is Union With United States or Monarchial Independence.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—The independence of Canada is now being openly discussed and in a measure promoted before some of the most important public bodies of the dominion. Today the idea of Canada as a nation is looming large on the public mind, and it has in a very short space of time marvelously changed public sentiment in that regard.

Speaking before the Canadian club at Ottawa, J. S. Ewart, K. C., of Toronto, predicted that Canada would yet fill an independent position in the world. Then she would pursue either one of three courses—a union with the United States as an independent republic, a union with Great Britain as an independent monarchy with her own sovereign, or an independent monarchy with allegiance to the British sovereign.

Canadian opposition against the imperial government was directed not against the king, but against the colonial secretary, who is generally ignorant of colonial matters.

Bankers Go Scot Free.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Five directors of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue State bank were freed today when Judge Windes held that the statute under which they had been indicted is unconstitutional. Michael A. Labuy, Josh Lister, Marcus Kirkeby, Frank R. Crane and E. L. Johnson are the men who profit by the decision. Paul O. Stensland, president of the bank, and Henry Herring, cashier, who were found guilty of embezzlement and are now serving terms in the sate prison, will not be affected by the decision.

Agree on Incorporation.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 16.—Articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' union, the purpose of which is the combination of hopgrowers of California, Oregon and Washington, were adopted here today. A committee was also named to visit Oregon and Washington to organize growers of those states, and, when such organization is effected, 10 of the 15 directors are to resign and give place to five from each of the states mentioned.

Buy Ties in Hawaii.

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—The Santa Fe Railroad company has just contracted for 5,000,000 road ties in Hawaii, the biggest contract ever let for such material to be shipped by water. The shipments may result in the establishment of a freight steamship line between San Pedro and Honolulu. The Southern Pacific may also place similar orders in Hawaii.

Old Suit Cleared Up.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—The decision of a jury in the Probate court today on an instrument of writing confirmed as the will of Solomon P. Sublette, a pioneer who died in 1857, and title to 208 acres of land in the southwestern part of St. Louis, valued at $2,500,000, is cleared.

OLD RATE IS STILL IN USE

Hill Makes No Advance on Lumber From Canada.

Northwestern Lumbermen Tell Their Troubles to Interstate Commerce Commission — Many Mills Have Closed, With Immense Quantities of Lumber on Hand.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Washington lumbermen who appeared as witnesses yesterday before the Interstate Commerce commission, took particular pains to "rub it in" on James J. Hill, because of his threat to drive more lumbermen into bankruptcy. One witness brought out the fact that, while the railroads assert that the old rate on lumber from Puget Sound to Chicago, Denver and Kansas City was not compensatory, the Great Northern is today loading lumber at Vancouver, bringing it to Puget Sound, thence East through the United States and back to Canada, landing it at Winnipeg and more distant points, for 40 cents, the rate formerly in force on Puget Sound lumber shipped an equal distance in the United States. Another witness recalled Mr. Hill's assurance given Washington lumbermen at a banquet some time ago to the effect that his roads would never impose a rate on lumber that would be injurious to the milling industry of the Northwest.

The Oregon men closed their testimony by submitting further comparisons of lumber rates from the South and from the West to Chicago and Kansas City. Several witnesses testified as to the technical case of the Oregon and Washington lumbermen, according to the amount of output of their companies, the points of destination of their product and the prices paid for it. The rates which the Oregon and Washington lumber producers were forced to pay were offered in testimony and the assertion was made that these rates were such as to compel the producers of lumber in the Pacific Northwest to close their mills. Witnesses testified that they were unable to place their product on the market East of the Rocky mounatins at a profit, and that they could not depend upon the local market in their territory to provide such a market as would enable them to maintain their business.

The line of cross examination indicated the purpose of the railroads to show that the rates were not exorbitant, but really were fair and equitable compared with the rates given producers of manufactured lumber in the yellow pine districts.

W. C. Miles, president of the Southwestern Washington Lumbermen's association, testified that 90 per cent of the mills in his section of the state had closed since it became known the lumber rate was to be advanced, and those mills now have on hand 70,000,000 feet of lumber, for which there is no market. He said the Weyerhaeusers now owned all the timber lands of the Northern Pacific grant and virtually controlled the price within 100 miles of the road. They bought 1,000,000 acres for $6,000,000 and sold one section of that for $75,000 stumpage. He said they now controlled prices and emphasized the fact that the members of his association were anxious that the Interstate commission should open the Portland gateway to Washington lumber so that Southwestern Washington millmen could dump their common stock into Oregon and other Harriman territory.

No indication of an end of the hearing is in sight. Several other cases are pressing for hearing by the commission, but it is not likely that the pending cases will be concluded before the middle of next week.

Recover 320 Bodies

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The search in mines No 6 and 8 of the Fairmount Coal company for victims of last Friday's explosion was suspended early tonight, partly because fire had again broken out in mine No. 8, and partly because practically every section of the two mines has been explored and it was not believed that further search along the same lines would result in the finding of more bodies. Three hundred and twenty bodies have been removed. Of these 71 were Americans.

Weeding Out Japanese.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—According to the report of petty officers on shore leave tonight, when the fleet pulls out Monday for the Pacific there will not be a Japanese cook or servant on any of the ironclads. This report is to the effect that the Japanese are being quietly but rapidly weeded out by order of the commanding officer, and thier places are being filled by negroes. No reason is given for the order by the officers.

Lowest Bidder on Canal Lumber.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Olson-Mahoney Lumber company, of San Francisco, was the lowest bidder at $124,372 for furnishing the Isthmian Canal commission with approximately 6,000,000 feet of lumber, ranging in sizes from 1x3 to 12x14 inches. The material is to be delivered at Colon or LaBoca. There were 21 bidders. It is expected that the Olson-Mahoney company will get the contract.

Will Continue 2 1-2 Cent Rate.

Montgomery, Dec. 14.—The Southern railway today agreed to keep in force the 2½-cent passenger rate until the other state rate questions are settled.