

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.

The rush of aliens to Europe has subsided.

The De Beers Company will reduce the output of diamonds.

Quiet has again been restored in Teberan, the Persian capital.

The premier of Hungary has challenged a man to a duel because he was accused of being dishonest.

The Kansas City grand jury is very busy returning indictments, principally for violation of the Sunday closing law.

The mint at Philadelphia has been ordered to cease coining silver and coin only double eagles. About \$1,000,000 gold a day will be coined.

The explosion at the Darr mine, Jacobs Creek, Pa., killed every miner at work in the tunnel. Only six bodies have been taken out and there are at least 180 dead.

Immigrants afflicted with contagious diseases are coming into New York faster than the local authorities can care for them. One day recently 99 immigrants suffering from contagious diseases were turned over to the local authorities by the Federal health inspectors.

Smallpox has broken out near Pe Ell, Wash.

An assay office has been established at Albany, Oregon.

James Hamilton Lewis is a candidate for governor of Illinois.

Goldfield mineowners say efforts at compromise come too late.

Legal holidays are over in California. December 21 was the last.

The battleship fleet is well off the Florida coast and all is well on board.

Japanese are anxious for Admiral Evans to visit them with his battleship fleet.

Representative Scott, of Kansas, would prohibit dealing in futures on grain.

The first train has passed under the Hudson river at New York through the McAdoo tunnel.

The total loss to vessel property on the great lakes amounted to \$743,000 for the season of 1907.

The Illinois Snuffree court has declared unconstitutional the law forbidding speculation in theater tickets.

The Searchlight Bank & Trust company, of Searchlight, Nevada, has been looted by the president of the corporation.

Friction between Cortelyou and Roosevelt may result in the resignation of the former.

Michigan electric road managers say they cannot operate at a profit for less than 2 cents a mile.

An Atlantic liner arrived at New York a few days ago with only seven first class passengers.

George Rex Clarke, blind since birth, has just graduated from the University of Chicago with an A. B. degree.

A New York man has had his name changed from Crooke to Croche, because his sweetheart would not accept such a name.

The Supreme court of Illinois holds that the anti-cigarette law does not prohibit the sale of cigarettes made from pure tobacco.

More than 100 all steel passenger cars will be in use on the Pennsylvania railroad between Pittsburg and New York shortly after January 1.

The liner Oceanic, which has just sailed for Europe from New York, carried \$5,107 money orders, worth \$1,192,422.25, which is a record cargo.

The regulation requiring soldiers to stand at salute while the "Star Spangled Banner" is being played is modified so as to permit the men to stand erect and to salute only at the last note of the music.

The czar and the douma will clash on the rebuilding of the Russian navy.

Cortelyou denies that he is a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

Wireless messages from the fleet show that it is making good progress in its journey south.

Butte mobs have defied the Federal court's orders and deported nonunion telephone linemen.

Electric power has been cut off at Goldfield and the mines have had to suspend temporarily.

Justice Gould has enjoined the American Federation of Labor from boycotting the Buck Stove & Range company.

The state does not seem to be making much progress in the Pettibone trial. Judge Wood will not permit Colorado labor troubles to be brought into the case.

Johan Poulsen, of the Inman-Poulsen company, of Portland, told the Interstate Commerce commission his company could make money even with the increased lumber rate on railroads.

PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS.

Captain Greene Selected to Pilot Big Fleet Safely Through.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The man who is to pilot the United States battleship fleet through the Straits of Magellan is in Los Angeles on his way to Washington, from whence he will proceed to Rio de Janeiro, there to join the fleet on January 1.

The man selected by the Navy department for this important service is Captain E. F. Greene, of the United States army transport service. He is 58 years of age and has made in all 17 trips through the straits. He has been a sailor since he was 14 years of age, when he joined the Confederate navy. His first trip was made in 1869 and the last a year ago, when he brought the lighthouse tender Junita to the Pacific coast. Captain Greene will assume charge as pilot of the fleet at Punta Arenas about February 1, according to schedule. There will be assigned to him by Admiral Evans one of the fleets of the torpedo craft with which he will lead the way through the straits. The actual passage will require about 48 hours. Captain Greene anticipates no danger in taking the squadron safely through.

WILL CHECK EMIGRATION.

Japan Gives Canada Assurance—Divert Stream to Corea.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Negotiations between Canadian Minister of Labor Rudolph Lemieux and the Japanese government, which have been delayed by a hitch over details, will be concluded within the next few days. It is understood that Minister Lemieux has finally agreed to accept Japan's verbal assurance that she will undertake the self imposed task of limiting emigration to Canada. The exact method of limitation will be left entirely in the hands of the Japanese government. The assurance is identical with that given the United States.

It is stated that the hitch arose over the desire of the Canadian government to secure a definite promise in writing outlining the undertakings. This was positively declined by Japan because it would entail a sacrifice of treaty rights. Minister Lemieux also desired to secure from the Japanese government a note giving the exact number of laborers that the government proposed to allow to emigrate to Canada. This was also refused.

Cut in Railroad Force.

Sacramento, Dec. 24.—Orders from the general Southern Pacific offices in San Francisco were posted yesterday in the local railroad shops to the effect that the shops will close, with the exception of enough men to handle roundhouse work, today and remain closed until January 1. It is stated unofficially that after the first of the year the force in each of the shops will be reduced or the men will be given from three to four days a week. It is also said that a similar reduction will be made all over the Harriman system.

Favors Giving Tithes.

New York, Dec. 24.—Joseph H. Choate in an address at the annual meeting of the State Charities Aid association advocated adherence to the old Mosaic law that one-tenth of all property be given to charity. He said he did not believe many of the rich women and men who composed his audience had lived up to the law and that if all the people of the country had done so there would not have been any financial troubles like those through which the country has just passed.

Will Cut Oil Rates.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—The state railway commission has decided to cut oil rates in Nebraska 30 per cent. This action was forced by alleged discrimination by the railroads in favor of the Standard Oil company. The railroads view the proposed reduction with great disfavor, and declare that they will lose money on every gallon of oil they move at the new rate. They are already outlining a fight to maintain the present toll.

For State Line Stations.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 24.—The railroad commission of Oklahoma has ordered the Santa Fe to establish stations at all points on the state line crossed by the company. The action was taken because of a decision on the part of the commission that the Santa Fe had failed to sell interstate tickets at the 2-cent rate.

Chile to Welcome Fleet.

Valparaiso, Dec. 24.—The house of W. K. Grace & Co., of this city, has received a telegram from New York certifying that the American fleet, now on its voyage to the Pacific, will enter the ports of Chile. Preparations are being made here to give them an agreeable welcome, in which the government will join.

Goldfield to Be Troopless.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Roosevelt has ordered the troops withdrawn from Goldfield Monday, December 30. No statement as to the reason for withdrawal is offered but at the War department it is assumed by many that General Funston has found that it was not necessary to send the soldiers there.

British Squadron in Pacific.

London, Dec. 24.—According to the Standard, the Admiralty has decided to establish next May a Pacific and North American squadron, the base of which will be at Esquimaux, B. C.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

HELP FOR STUDENTS.

University Establishes Loan Fund Instead of Making Gifts.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The University of Oregon is planning a loan fund of at least \$5,000, based on the belief that a loan is better than an outright gift in the form of a scholarship. Some subscriptions have already been made to the fund, and a number of prominent men of the state have agreed to guarantee amounts up to \$500. President Campbell is using his best efforts to raise the entire \$5,000 this year if possible.

In almost every high school graduating class there are some who do not have the means for a college education, but who would take advantage of any fair opportunity offered them to secure one. The treasurer of the loan fund, who is to be the high school inspector and will thus have an opportunity to know personally the members of the classes, will work in conjunction with the city superintendents and high school principals. He will make loans to such students as need them each year at a low rate of interest, with the agreement that they are to repay the principal as soon as they are able after leaving college. A small amount of life insurance will be taken out on each at the expense of the fund. It is the plan to have ten men guarantee the fund against loss to the amount of \$500 each. The university has had a small loan fund of about \$300 for the past four years. During this time, 25 students have been enabled to complete their college course who otherwise could not have done so. Only one loan has been lost.

WANT BRAND ON ALL SHODDY

Woolgrowers Working for Protection of the Industry.

Pendleton.—In accordance with one of the resolutions passed at the recent convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, the secretary has sent to the Oregon congressional delegation a request for an act compelling the branding of manufactured goods and clothing, the object being to protect the public from shoddy and cotton counterfeits of woolen goods. The pure food law is cited as an example that it is right for the government to protect the people from frauds, counterfeits and adulterations of all kinds.

Another resolution passed at the same time calls for the retention of the import duty on wool, woolen fabrics, hides, meat and meat animals, with the object of continuing the present prosperous condition of the wool and livestock industry.

New Road Is Under Way.

Grants Pass.—The government is making good progress under the direct supervision of the local forestry service, in extending a road down Rogue river into Curry county. This particular stretch of road will open up a wide latitude of country rich in mineral and prolific of the best marketable pine. When this work has been completed, 10 per cent of the proceeds will be diverted to the school fund, thus increasing the permanent means of keeping up schools. About \$5,000 has been appropriated to be used in developing the highway, and it is expected that congress will set aside \$5,000 more to be used on this project.

Another Mill for Albany.

Albany.—Albany is to have another flourmill. In the next few weeks a plant with a capacity of 50 barrels a day will be established by E. A. Johnson, who now operates a saw mill at Drain, and P. B. Marshall, who for years has been secretary of the Albany Farmers' company. The two men have consummated the purchase of the three warehouses of the Albany Farmers' company, situated at Albany. Tallman and Tangent, and in addition to carrying on a warehouse business, will operate a flourmill in one of the local buildings of the old company.

Heat and Light for Agency.

Pendleton.—Supervising Engineer Pringle of the Indian department, who has been at the Umatilla agency examining the facilities for heating and lighting the buildings of the agency, will recommend, it is understood, the erection of a one-story brick structure, 40x70 feet, in which a complete electric lighting and heating plant will be installed. It is desired that the building shall be completed for the opening of school next year.

Fruit Meeting in Eugene.

Eugene.—Plans are under way for an important meeting of the Lane County Horticultural society with the officers of the State Horticultural society, in Eugene, the first week in January. President W. K. Newell and Secretary H. M. Williamson, of the state board, will be here to address the meeting, and there will be some members of the faculty from the Agricultural college in attendance.

Land Claimants Anxious.

Pendleton.—In the Umatilla land fraud cases, which will soon begin, about 200 entrymen will be involved in the La Grande district. Great uneasiness is being shown as to the outcome of these cases.

New Notaries Public.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has named the following notaries public: Thomas Coates, Tillamook; J. L. Campbell, Glendale; Virgil H. Massey, R. F. D. No. 8, Salem.

SPECIAL SHORT COURSES.

Oregon Agricultural College Plans to Aid Farmer With Little Time.

The Oregon Agricultural college will give winter short courses, beginning January 7, 1908, as follows:

- 1. General Agriculture; two weeks.
2. Dairying; six weeks.
3. Horticulture; six weeks.
4. Mechanic Arts; six weeks.
5. Household Science; six weeks.

Many young men as well as many mature farmers who are so situated that they cannot take a four years' course of study desire to acquaint themselves more fully with the most recent developments in agriculture. There are others who feel the need of a more practical knowledge of farm mechanics and the use of tools. It is to meet the needs of these classes that these courses will be given. The course in Household Science will be of value to the women of the home who desire to more thoroughly acquaint themselves with the principles of good cooking and of general home management. The subjects to be discussed will be of interest and importance to every farmer and homekeeper and it is hoped that a large number will take advantage of this opportunity.

A circular containing further information will be sent on application to the Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

CHANGES FOREST BOUNDARIES

Department Heads Demands of John Dap Stockman.

John Day.—Cy J. Bingham has received his commission as acting forest supervisor for the Malheur national forest reserve, with headquarters at John Day. The boundaries of the new reserve are the John Day river on the north, previous withdrawal on the east, former lines on the south, irregular lines running near the center of townships in range 27 on the west, Heppner forest is extended to the John Day river and headquarters removed to Monument. The remaining portion of the western division is renamed Deschutes and headquarters at Prineville. Stockmen rejoice at the change.

Grain Instead of Hops.

Aurora.—During the past two weeks this section has been well soaked with the usual winter rains and the farmers are well pleased with the outlook. The ground is in good condition, and much work has been done for the winter rains. An unusually large acreage of grain has been sown this fall, many of the hopgrowers thinking it better to put in small grain than to depend entirely on hops for financial returns on their properties.

Big Lumber Contract.

Astoria.—The Olson-Mahoney Lumber company, of San Francisco, which has been awarded a contract for 6,000,000 feet of lumber by the Isthmian Canal commission, is closely identified with the Clatsop Mill company and the Astoria Box company, of this city, and it is expected a large part of this order will be cut at the local mills.

Present for University.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The Alumni association has just presented to the University of Oregon a painting of President Johnson, the first president of the university. The work was done in Eugene by R. LeBarre Goodwin, of New York, at a cost of \$500.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 80@81c; bluestem, 82@83c; valley, 80@81c; red, 78@79c. Oats—No. 1 white, 28; gray, 28. Barley—Feed, 27.50; brewing, 31; rolled, 30. Corn—Whole, 32; cracked, 33. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, 16; Eastern Oregon timothy, 20@23; clover, 15; cheat, 15; grain hay, 15@16; alfalfa, 15; vetch, 14. Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@37c per pound. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6 1/2c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6 1/2c; packers, 6@6 1/2c. Poultry—Average old hens, 11@12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11c; spring chickens, 12c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 15c; dressed, choice, 17@19c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 12@13c; pigeons, 11@15c; squabs, 12@13c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35@37c per dozen. Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, 75c@81c per crate; pears, 1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, 89.50@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@81c per dozen; celery, 3.50@3.75 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 11c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/4c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/4c per pound; tomatoes, 1.50 per box. Onions—1.75@2 per hundred. Potatoes—50@65c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2.50 per hundred. 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 per pound.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

Secretary Cortelyou Makes Report to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Cortelyou has reported to congress the receipts from customs from Oregon during the past fiscal year to be \$1,140,612, of which there was collected in Portland \$1,123,291; Astoria, \$17,319 and Yaquina, \$1,355.

The total for Washington, all ports, was \$1,622,033. From internal revenue the collections were in Oregon, \$378,428; Washington, \$1,046,238, and California, \$5,536,796.

The immense lead of New York state in both items is shown: Customs receipts, \$223,127,065; internal revenue, \$32,353,797.

The reports of receipts from sales of public lands gives Oregon \$1,621,287, of which there was collected at Portland, \$163,796; The Dalles, \$344,276; Roseburg, \$415,004; La Grande, \$435,208; Burns, \$91,952; Lakeview, \$171,048. In Washington the receipts were \$660,714; California, \$387,270. Total receipts from land sales in the country were \$7,878,811.

The territorial government of Alaska cost \$51,472 in salaries, and \$4,919 in expenses.

The fine custom house at Portland cost in improvements only \$770.42, and the Baker City postoffice only \$50, and the Salem public building \$5,628.

During the year the government expended \$2,201 on its exhibit which was at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and \$1,382 on the exposition government buildings.

On harbor improvements the disbursements were: Entrance to Coos bay, Oregon, \$2,600; dredge for Oregon and Washington harbors, \$10,000; Grays harbor, Washington, \$1,000; Grays harbor and Chehalis river, \$3,990.

River improvements cost: Columbia and lower Willamette, below Portland, \$72,668; Columbia, at Cascades, \$270; Columbia, between Wenatchee and Bridgeport, \$1,000; Columbia, Washington, \$12,500; gauging waters of the Columbia, \$773,636; upper Columbia and Snake rivers, \$18,000; Coos river, \$500; Coquille river, \$4,400; Tillamook, \$3,980; Willamette and Yamhill, \$23,000.

The surveyor general's office at Portland cost in salaries, \$8,750; at Seattle, \$9,750.

Crater lake cost the government \$2,999.

Oregon's five per cent of the public land sales amounted to \$22,489, Washington's, \$20,011.

Pacific Northwest Indians cost, for support: Umatillas, Cayuses and Walla Wallas, \$2,713; Yakimas, \$3,391; Nez Percés, \$987; Warm Springs, Oregon, \$3,397; Klamath Indians, \$5,203, besides administration expenses at all reservations.

To maintain the Columbia river lightvessel, \$74,496 was the expense.

The summary of the nation's expenses shows the cost of the war department for the year was \$123,290,500; navy department, \$95,806,894; treasury department, \$72,174,930; state department, \$2,066,394; executive department, \$26,407; interior department, \$165,048,667; postoffice department, \$10,097,771; agricultural department, \$9,551,714; commerce and labor, \$9,328,831; judicial department, \$7,517,396.

It is an interesting fact that although the department of commerce and labor has been organized only a few years, its expense equal those of the department of agriculture.

The grand total of the governmental department expense was \$762,488,753, which did not include many millions of appropriations and some items which bring the actual outlay close to \$1,000,000,000.

Lumber Case Ended.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Taking of testimony in the lumbermen's case before the Interstate Commerce commission has been concluded.

Final arguments will be made before the commission on March 4 and a decision is anticipated shortly thereafter. In the meantime lumbermen of the Pacific Northwest named as complainants in the case will be entitled to ship under the protection of the injunction issued by the Federal courts at Portland and Seattle.

More Islands Than Thought.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Uncle Sam is richer by 1,400 islands than he thought he was. When the United States purchased the Philippines the charts showed 1,200 islands in the archipelago. The charts used in making the treaty were known to be far from perfect, but it was thought they were sufficiently accurate for all purposes of the treaty. Accurate maps were brought to San Francisco today from the islands, which show that in the group are 2,600 islands. Many of them are small.

Hope to Rescue Miners.

Ely, Nev., Nov. 23.—The three miners entombed in the Alpha mine will, unless further trouble is experienced, probably be released by Christmas day, according to Foreman Gallagher. The 500-foot level was reached last night by the rescue party at work on the cave-in, and now that danger of a further cave-in has been averted, work is being pushed with all possible speed. The men have been imprisoned since December 4.

Dr. Hanna Is Appointed.

New York, Dec. 23.—According to a special dispatch from Rome to the New York World, Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna, professor of dogmatic theology in St. Bernard's seminary at Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco, in succession to the late George Montgomery.

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION

Entombs Over Two Hundred Men in Pennsylvania.

Third Disaster in Same District in Nineteen Days—Raises Total of Deaths From the Three Accidents to 550—Over Half the Dead Are Americans.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 20.—An explosion of gas in the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal company, located here, yesterday entombed between 200 and 250 miners, and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mine alive. Partially wrecked buildings in the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies found early in the rescue work indicate an explosion of such terrific force that it seems impossible that any one could have survived it. All of the 13 bodies taken out up to this time are terribly mutilated, and three of them are headless.

This is the third mine disaster since the first of the month in the veins of bituminous coal underlying Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, for the Naomii mine, near Fayette City, and the two mines at Monongah, W. Va., in which the earlier explosions happened, are in the same belt as the local workings. Yesterday's catastrophe swells the number of victims of deadly mine gas for the 19 days to between 550 and 600.

That this disaster does not equal or even surpass in loss of life and attendant horrors the one in West Virginia is due to the devotion to church duties of a considerable number of the miners. In observance of the church festival, many of the 400 or more men regularly employed at the mine did not go to work. Those who escaped through this reason are members of the Greek Catholic church and they suspended work to celebrate St. Nicholas' day.

As was the case at Monongah, the explosion followed a brief shut down. The Darr mine having been closed Tuesday and Wednesday. It was just 11:30 o'clock when the tenth trip of loaded cars had been brought out to the tipples that there came an awful rumbling sound, followed immediately by a loud report and a concussion that shook nearby buildings and was felt within a radius of several miles. At the same time there came out of the mouth of the mine an immense cloud of dense smoke and dust that floated across the Youghiogheny river.

Intuitively everyone in the vicinity knew what had happened and all started for the one place—the mouth of the mine.

As far as known only one man who went to work escaped. Joseph Mapleton, a pumper, emerged from one of the side entrances shortly after the explosion. He had left the part of the mine where most of the men were working and was on the way to the engine room for oil.

A considerable number of the miners were Americans, some of the officers estimating that probably more than half of the victims are Americans, as the majority of the foreigners did not work.

The Darr mine is located on the west side of the Youghiogheny river, in Westmoreland county, along the line of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad, 40 miles southeast of Pittsburg and 18 miles northwest of Connelville. It is one of the largest of the Pittsburg Coal company.

There was much drunkenness here tonight, some of the men who got a good start on account of the holiday continuing their carousal after the explosion in celebration of their escape. A new air shaft for the mine is being constructed, work having been started on it several months ago. Had this been completed, it is said, the loss of life today would have been much less serious.

Makes Traveling Safer.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 21.—That safety devices save limbs and lives is demonstrated by the casualty report of the Union Pacific railroad. In spite of greatly increased traffic, the number of people killed and injured by the road during 1907 was 1,209, as compared with 2,097 in 1906. The report contains a list of the principal train accidents of the year, with a statement of the causes and consequences in each case. Each wreck was investigated by a special committee consisting of operating or other officials of the road.

New Grand Jury at Work.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The new county grand jury held its first session yesterday and after quickly perfecting the details of organization took up the case of the missing Colton securities and the connection of former officials of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company with the disappearance of valuable stocks and bonds. A number of witnesses were examined, and the taking of testimony had not been concluded when the meeting adjourned until today.

New Drydock Projected.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The Bulletin says that within a few months the Union Iron works will let a contract for a floating drydock large enough to accommodate all vessels that come to this port, with the possible exception of the Pacific Mail liners Mongolia and Manchuria.