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BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader

There is a wave of cholera at Lodz, Russian Poland.

Castro has left the capital for a month's vacation.

Atlantic City, N. J., will keep all liquor shops closed on Sundays.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is seeking an entrance into Winnipeg.

Business conditions in the East in all lines indicate a return of prosperity.

Oklahoma banks are releasing their National charters in order to get state charters.

The reception to the American fleet at Melbourne was fully as great as that at Sydney.

England will not aid, but would be pleased to see Holland give Castro a sound thrashing.

J. C. Gleason, head counsel for Thaw during the trial, has sued for \$50,000 balance of fees.

The steamer Asia has just arrived at San Francisco with a cargo of raw silk, valued at \$2,000,000.

The Schmitz cases, in which he is charged with bribery by allowing prize nights, will be called soon.

Eugene Semple, once territorial governor of Washington, is dead.

The Springfield grand jury has indicted 78 so far for taking part in the race war.

Three thousand people are homeless at Fayetteville, N. C., as a result of the floods.

T. P. Shonts says if the railroads are not left alone there will be further depression.

The British tramp steamer Duncan was sunk in Oriental waters by a typhoon. Fifty-one of the crew were drowned.

Movement of crops all over the country has greatly lessened the number of idle freight cars, and there may be a shortage.

A fast passenger collided with a work train near Hardin, Okla. Both engines were overturned. Two trainmen were killed.

The interstate commerce commission has outlined a form of annual report to be made by railroads, and says the companies must tell the amount of business transacted.

The Imperial Japanese bank, at San Francisco, has been closed by the bank commissioners. The officers made loans to themselves until only \$400 in cash and a number of notes were left.

Ex-Senator William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, is dead.

Count Tolstov's condition is such that recovery is not looked for.

Two Chicago men have been arrested for forcing two small boys to steal for them.

Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, husband of the notorious swindler, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

A San Francisco man has been arrested in Paris, charged with victimizing jewelers to the extent of \$50,000.

Japan is preparing for a grand reception to the American fleet. It is expected to reach Yokohama October 17.

When the American battleship fleet left Sydney, 80 stragglers had failed to join their ships and will follow later.

A Supreme court justice has severely reprimanded and discharged a grand jury because it would not indict saloon men for keeping open on Sunday at Atlantic City, N. J.

The Amateur Athletic union of the United States has severed relations with the British association because of the sportsmanlike conduct of the Britons in the recent Olympic games.

Ten million bushels of the new wheat crop of the Pacific Northwest have been sold.

The French ambassador to Spain has been called home to discuss the Moroccan situation.

The president will go to Jordanville, N. Y., to take part in the dedication of a public library.

A. O. Brown & Co., a big brokerage firm of New York, has failed for more than a million dollars.

Six Chinese have been caught at El Paso, Tex., who had been smuggled across the line from Mexico.

The government has about fixed the responsibility for the big robbery of the subtreasury at San Francisco recently.

Returns from the Democratic primaries indicate that Governor Ansel will again be the nominee for governor of South Carolina.

The Illinois Steel company, whose plant is at South Chicago, has just put 500 men to work and expects to employ another 500 next week.

St. Paul has asked 300 Sioux Indians to visit the city during the state fair and take part in a reproduction of the massacre of 1862, when 800 whites were killed.

Big Fire at New Orleans Wipes Out Three Blocks.

New Orleans, Sept. 1.—Fire which broke out in the center of the commercial district Sunday afternoon swept over portions of three blocks, destroying a large number of wholesale houses, manufacturing houses and stores. Originating at Brinnville and Chartres streets, the flames worked their way north as far as Conti street and west to Royal, with a loss of between one and two millions of dollars before the flames were finally subdued.

At the time the alarm was turned in, shortly before 3 o'clock, the New Orleans firemen were in the midst of their annual picnic at a suburban park, and the engines and patrols responded with a mere handful of men. It was fully an hour before the department was in position to make anything like a successful fight against the fire, and even then the handicap against it was added to by an inadequate supply of water.

The fire was one of the most spectacular that has occurred in New Orleans during recent years. Two warehouses filled with wines and liquors were among the buildings destroyed. Barrels of whisky and brandy exploded with thunderous roar, which could be heard for blocks, which shook the walls of adjoining buildings and endangered the lives of firemen engaged in fighting the flames.

It was not until several hours had elapsed that the fire was gotten under control, and even then it continued to burn well into the night.

Among the establishments burned are: Central Glass Company, George D. Scott Lighting and Electrical Instrument Company, Heidenheim, Levy & Weiss, shirt manufacturers; Noon & Dietz, wholesale millinery; Kost Commission Company, Paul Gellit & Sons, wholesale liquor dealers; New Orleans Junk Company, Isador Keiff & Co., boots and shoes, and Thos. Harris & Co., wholesale liquor dealers.

CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA.

Will Be Granted Nine Years Hence, According to Edict.

Peking, Sept. 1.—An edict was issued today setting forth in detail the stages that will be reached each year in the conversion of the form of government in China to the foreign system and assuring the people in the name of the emperor that a constitution will be granted nine years hence. An edict issued last year produced a constitution within a decade.

Recently there has been a formidable movement in the provinces looking to the securing of a constitution and provincial delegations which have come to Peking to inquire into the matter have been treated with great respect by the members of the grand council.

Recent affairs in Persia and Turkey have been cited by the members of the delegations, who declare that China should in no way be behind the other countries.

MAKE PAPER FROM CANE.

New Industry on Point of Arising in Trinidad.

London, Sept. 1.—A new industry, that of paper making, seems to be on the point of arising in Trinidad. A local manufacturer has produced paper from the fiber of cane bagass and bamboo, and, according to Professor Carmody, who presented some specimens of the paper to the Trinidad board of agriculture, the future of the new industry is assured, as the demand for fiber is great, and Trinidad, according to the professor's calculation, ought to produce about 40,000 tons of fiber from the canes ground annually.

Paper made from bamboo fiber is said to retain its whiteness and to escape attack on the part of insects. Professor Carmody produced a copy of a paper-makers' journal, printed on paper made in 1879, from fiber of bamboo, which showed no signs of yellowing, and was otherwise in a perfect state.

Settlers Ready for Rush.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 1.—In the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan there will be a great rush for land today. All the Dominion land on which these foreigners refused to perform homestead duties, thousands of acres in extent, will be thrown open to settlement besides which the new pre-emption law passed at the last session of parliament goes into effect. This gives the privilege to all settlers to enter for a second homestead. Barricades and chutes have been erected around the land offices to prevent a rush.

Accused of Park Holdup.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 1.—A special to the Independent from Livingston says that advice received at the sheriff's office here state that soldiers in the Yellowstone National park had captured a suspicious looking character in the Fire Hole basin, whom they had arrested on suspicion of being connected with the holdup in the park. The man had considerable money on his person, but his name or any other facts could not be learned.

Japs Quit Plantations.

Rio Janeiro, Sept. 1.—The Japanese immigrants who were sent to the state of Sao Paulo by the Imperial Immigration Company of Tokio are leaving that section in large numbers. They have been at work on the coffee plantations, but apparently were not satisfied with the employment. Many of them have arrived at Rio Janeiro for the purpose of securing employment as domestic servants.

ROGUE RIVER MELONS.

Annual Harvest On and Quality Up to Standard.

Grants Pass.—The annual crop of Rogue river watermelons has begun to move. The first of them are of fine quality, and uniform size.

Shippers load the melons in cars for transportation very much like brewers do in packing a car with beer bottles. The melons of this valley are well adapted to shipping, and can be quickly piled into the cars, tier after tier. A few years ago this method was not used, but the melons were promiscuously piled, and the shipper very frequently found considerable loss from shifting in transportation. This year tight cars are being used, and the windows and cracks are nailed up.

Experience has proven that many melons are often plugged and carved while en route by the use of a jack knife and long handled spoon, at every station where the car might stop, and during the season many melons have been spoiled in this way by boys who are lying in wait and note the arrival of the car upon its entering the yards.

MUST DIP SHEEP

Secretary Smythe, of Oregon Commission, Will Seize Offenders.

Pendleton.—Despite their efforts to evade the Oregon quarantine law, Washington sheepmen who grazed their flocks in Oregon this year will be forced to dip before moving out of the reserves. Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the Oregon Sheep commission, and State Sheep Inspector W. H. Lytle are on the alert for movements of Washington sheep in this state and are prepared to seize any herd which may be moving through Oregon territory.

Washington sheepmen recently secured an injunction from County Judge Gilliland, of Umatilla county, restraining Oregon officials from enforcing the dipping law, but this injunction does not prevent criminal prosecutions of Washington sheepmen violating the Oregon law, and there promises to be something doing in the way of sheep dipping when the Washington herds are started out of the Blue mountain reserves across Oregon territory.

May Build Albany Plant.

Albany.—A report, said to be well founded, is current here that O'Shea Bros., of Portland, are planning to erect a \$20,000 packing plant in Albany. Banned from the Portland field by the terms of the sale of the Union Meat company's plant, they have selected Albany as a desirable site because of its railroad facilities. According to reported plans, they have a site of 25 acres in view and will soon commence work on the plant. The foundation for this rumor lies in the fact that John O'Shea spent several days in this city last week. But real estate men, with whom he consulted, assert that he was merely looking for a residence.

Union's Books O. K.

La Grande.—J. H. Minnaugh, an expert accountant, formerly connected with the Grand Ronde Lumber company, has just completed experting the books of the officials of this county and finds, with the exception of a few unimportant errors and minor discrepancies, everything in shipshape. The warrant indebtedness of Union county six years ago was almost four times what it is now. On July 1, 1902, warrants were out to the amount of \$299,622.38, while July 1, this year, there was but \$68,061.53. Within two years the debt has been decreased nearly 50 per cent.

Harvest is About Over.

Pendleton.—Harvest is now over and several hundred idle men through the streets of Umatilla county towns. Many of these will go to Grand Ronde to work in the beet fields, many to the saw mills of the coast and others to the large cities to spend the winter. Local merchants report a much heavier cash trade this fall than ever before during the prevalence of the saloon. A different class of harvest hands came to the county this season.

Better Rules for Shippers.

Portland.—After a conference between the members of the railroad commission, agents of the express companies and representatives of the Portland commission merchants, it was agreed by the express companies to use more discretion in handling shipments of perishable products. The representatives of the express companies will cause at an early date their instructions to agents to be reissued and brought sharply to their attention.

Big Fruit Shipments.

Freewater.—The Freewater-Milton fruit district will ship out 600 carloads of fruit this season, including berries and fruits of all kinds. This will be 100 more cars than last year. At present the plum, summer apple and pear crop is on and an average of about four cars per day is being sent out. The fruit area was increased about 200 acres in this vicinity this season.

Alfalfa Hay Brings \$6.50 a Ton

Prineville.—Hay is selling in Crook county at \$6.50 a ton for fresh alfalfa, 600 tons at this price being disposed of by Thomas Starp, of Crooked river, to the Baldwin Sheep and Land company, of Hay creek. With hay about gathered except for the second crop, most farmers have commenced threshing their wheat, rye and other grain, all of which are an average yield.

FIGHT PRUNE COMBINE.

Albany Plant Being Prepared for Big Season's Run.

Albany.—The Northwest Fruit association, the new organization of fruit growers, began its fight against the "Prunepackers' association when the work was begun at the big packing plant in this city preparatory to operation during the coming prune packing season. A force of men under Manager S. A. Laselle is now putting the plant in shape for the season's run. The Albany plant has a capacity of about 175 car loads of dried prunes, but will not handle nearly as many this fall. Owing to the fact that the prune crop is light this year, and that many growers are already under contract to the packers' association for this season's crop, the new association does not expect to pack more than 60 car loads. Enough growers are in the organization now to assure about 40 car loads.

Protest Dipping of Ponies.

Pendleton.—Chief No Shirt and a few of his conservative followers among the Umatilla Indians, are vigorously protesting to the Indian commissioner against the dipping of their ponies for the mangle by the Federal authorities through the bureau of animal industry, in charge of Dr. S. W. McClure, of this city. The ponies are badly affected with the disease and orders have been sent out to dip all of them near the old agency three miles east of this city. However, No Shirt, Umatilla, Amos Pond, Poker Jim and a few others are making a vigorous protest and have employed Bert Huffman, editor of the East Oregonian, of this city, to take the matter up with the Indian commissioner to have the order modified.

School Session Near End.

Monmouth.—The special summer session of the Oregon State normal school for superintendents, principals and high school teachers is now half completed. The attendance is much below the expectation of the management. The state superintendent expresses disappointment that the young men and women in the teaching profession have failed to avail themselves of this course. Next year an effort will be made to choose a more convenient date for the session.

Line Through Maddock Canyon.

Condon.—Surveying on the new electric line which is to invade interior Oregon, running south from this city, is going on at full blast. O. Denny, of San Francisco, with a gang of surveyors, reports that the third survey out of the city, through the Maddock canyon, will be the route of the new railroad. R. A. Hollenbeck, a Spokane engineer, with a number of men, arrived last week to survey in the interior.

Harney County Fair.

Burns.—The Harney County Fair association has decided to give away \$3,200 in premiums and purses for horse racing and a series of baseball games. There will be about \$1,500 given away for the best agricultural exhibits. There is good prospect of the fair being a grand success as the people are taking more interest in the development of the county than in former years.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 88c bushel; forty-fold, 90c; Turkey red, 90c; five, 88c; blue-stem, 92c; valley, 88c. Barley—Feed, \$24.50 ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26. Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.50 ton; gray, \$26@26.50. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20. Fruits—Peaches, 60@90c per box; pears, 75c@1.50 per box; plums, 75c per box; grapes, 80c@1.25 per crate. Potatoes—\$1@1.10 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3 1/2@4c per pound. Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1.50@2 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crated, 1 1/2c per pound additional; casabas, \$2.25@2.50 per dozen. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, 1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound; corn, 25@30c per dozen; cucumbers, 30@40c per box; egg plant, \$1.75 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8@10c per pound; radishes, 12 1/2c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; squash, 40c per dozen; tomatoes, 60@90c per crate; celery, 50@90c per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen. Butter—Extras, 31 1/2c per pound; fancy, 27 1/2c; choice, 25c; store, 18c. Eggs—Oregon extras, 25@27c; firsts, 24@25c; seconds, 22@23c; thirds, 15@20c; Eastern, 24@25c per dozen. Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13@13 1/2c per pound; fancy hens, 14@14 1/2c; roosters, 10c; spring, 16c; ducks, old, 12c; spring, 13@15c; geese, old, 8c; young, 10c; turkeys, old, 17@18c; young, 20c. Veal—Extra, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c. Mutton—Fancy, 8@9c. Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2@5c per pound; olds, 1-1 1/2c; contracts, 7@8c. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 10@16 1/2c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@15 1/2c; mohair, choice, 18@18 1/2c.

San Francisco School Board Shuts Door on Chinese.

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—City Attorney Long has furnished the board of education an opinion dealing with the question of the admissibility of native-born Chinese children to public schools other than schools established for them. In brief, he holds that the question of nativity has no bearing on the case; that Chinese children are Mongolians, irrespective of birthplace, and that if special schools of equal standing are not provided for them, they are entitled to attend any school. The opinion is given in response to a query from the board of education with reference to the request of the parents of three native-born Chinese maidens who wished their daughters to attend schools other than the Oriental school.

The political code provides that every school shall be open for the admission of all children between 6 and 21 years of age, residing in the district. This section also authorizes boards of education to establish separate schools for Indian, Chinese or Mongolian children, and provides that when such schools are established, such children must not be admitted to any other school.

The object of the law is clearly to segregate the white children of the public schools from those of Mongolian or Indian descent, and is not to deny the latter any of the equal rights guaranteed by the constitution.

WOMEN TO BLAME.

All They Live for is To Dress, Says Hetty Green.

Bellows Falls, Vt., Aug. 31.—"The women of America have helped to make hard times. All they live for, all they care for, is clothes—the latest shape in skirts. And that gets what they want, or who pays for it." This is the declaration of Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, who today began her annual vacation of a month. When dinner was announced on the train, she produced an apple and three crackers from her reticule and cheated the dining car.

"I do not say the American women are immoral," she continued, "but they do not care what fearful prices their husbands, fathers and brothers may be compelled to pay for their finery. Times are bad in New York and New York deserves hard times. All are spendthrifts and money-wasters down there."

"This will be a hard winter, and we will not see good times before spring. The election will not help. The panic must run its course. Money men are doing nothing to stop it. Standard Oil could stop the hard times with one stroke of the pen, but Rockefeller will not do it. It will cost the government \$28,000,000 to collect that \$29,000,000 from him."

ARMY OF GUARDS NEEDED.

Yellowstone Park Tourists at Mercy of Robbers.

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—"The entire United States army will be needed to insure travelers in the Yellowstone Park against holdups. A thousand men would be required. The main road alone is 120 miles long, and it takes stage coaches four days to make the rounds."

Brigadier General Winfield S. Edgerly, commanding the department of Dakota, so expressed himself today. He was in the park last Monday when the latest "bandit robbery" relieved the purses of 120 tourists. The general returned to St. Paul yesterday.

"The present arrangements for protecting the park and its visitors," General Edgerly continued, "would appear to be as effective as any that can be made with the small garrison. Fort Yellowstone has only four troops, about 400 men of the Eighth cavalry, under Major Henry T. Allen. The horsemen of this single squadron manage at that to traverse the entire length of the main road, the road usually followed by the coaches, at least once a day. Then there are detached parties or single men going back and forth on special errands, so that the coach road is guarded far more closely than are any of our railroad lines."

"The only respect wherein the government would seem to have incurred any responsibility for the holdup is, as civilians have assured me, that it prohibits park visitors from carrying any firearms with them unless the arms are sealed so they cannot be used."

"I understand that although the robber is said to be in the Jackson Hole country, where he is safe for a time, the history of such events has proved that he will be caught."

Warrant Out for Banker.

Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—W. H. Carlson, president of the defunct Consolidated Bank, a state institution closed by the bank commissioners several weeks ago because of alleged insolvency, is to be arrested, charged with falsifying bank entries. A warrant was issued by the district attorney today. About \$50,000 was owing depositors by Carlson's bank when it failed. Carlson was United States railroad commissioner in Cuba under the first McKinley administration.

Puglia Leaves Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 31.—Dipping her ensign in token of farewell, the Italian cruiser Puglia, which arrived in port Tuesday from Vancouver, raised her anchor Saturday morning and slipped out of the bay and down the sound on her way to Portland. She will remain there about three weeks, while her boilers are cleaned and her machinery overhauled.

First Snow in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 31.—A dispatch from Anaconda, Mont., says that the first snow of the season fell there Saturday.

Damage From Southern Floods Was Greatly Underestimated.

Total Loss in Augusta Alone is Now Estimated at \$1,500,000—Other Sections Have Suffered Heavily Also—Call for Aid is Issued by Stricken City.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 29.—Loss of 30 lives, most of the victims colored, a call for assistance, damage estimated at \$1,500,000 in Augusta alone, \$1,000,000 in other parts of Georgia, and \$1,500,000 in South Carolina, summarizes the flood situation in the South. The temperature is falling and threatens suffering to people without shelter.

Reports of damage from points in South and North Carolina are coming in slowly. Bridges have been washed away in South Carolina along the Southern Railway, and until midnight last night it was impossible to secure communication with any point out of Atlanta. In Augusta, the principal suffering is along deep gullies known as Bridwell Bottoms and Perrys Bottom. Here the houses were covered to the eaves. The water also damaged business blocks in the city, and the total damage in this city will be a million and a half dollars. It is not expected that the loss of life will be increased. Most of the killed by high water were caught in their homes on the outskirts of the city.

There are many rumors of others killed, but these have not been verified. In South Carolina the loss of life will reach probably 20. In North Carolina possibly half a dozen whites and as many negroes have been killed. The flood water at Augusta is receding rapidly, and it is apparent that the loss has been underestimated.

LARGE MOB BILL.

Springfield Victims Begin Their Suits Against City.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 29.—The wife of Scott Burton, the first negro lynched in the recent riots here, has made no attempt to settle with the city for the death of her husband heretofore, but today filed suit for the \$5,000 which the law allows to the heirs of persons who are killed by mobs. It is announced also that a similar suit will be filed by the heirs of William Donegan, another negro who was lynched.

The heirs of four other negroes killed during the rioting cannot obtain the money because they were killed by stray bullets or in open battle and were not slain by the mob. Property owners continue to file suits for damages against the city, and the sum of the claims already made is over \$50,000.

It is expected that these cases will be given preference in the courts and will receive quick action. The general sentiment among the citizens is that the survivors of the families of the mob victims should be paid at once and that the city should pay for the damage done by the rioters.

ANOTHER CLOUDBURST.

Fifteen People Drowned by Storm in New Mexico.

Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 29.—A flood in the Cimarron river, following a cloudburst, washed away a number of dwellings at Folsom, N. M., last night, and 15 persons are reported to have been drowned. Twelve bodies have been recovered. Two miles of track and 12 bridges on the Colorado & Southern Railroad were washed out. Trains will be laid out 48 hours. Meager advice received here today says that the entire city was swept by the floods caused by the cloudburst. Many houses were swept completely away, and nearly every house in the town was damaged to some extent.

The advice says searching parties have been formed, and that it is expected many more bodies will be found before night. Folsom is in the northeastern part of New Mexico, near Raton, on the Santa Fe Railroad. Its elevation is about 7,000 feet, and it is constantly in danger of floods, which sweep down from the surrounding mountains whenever there is a cloudburst or heavy rain in the hills.

See German Generals.

Berlin, Aug. 29.—General Da Fon Seck, the Brazilian minister of war, and General Mendez Morales, of the Brazilian army, will arrive tomorrow at a Berlin hotel as the guests of Emperor William. The party has come out from Brazil to witness the fall maneuvers. The invitation extended to them and its acceptance are regarded as political acts rather than a pure military proceeding, with the object of drawing the two governments into more agreeable relations.

California Oil Merger Planned.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 29.—Plans are being made today for a \$30,000,000 merger of Southern California oil interests, according to the statement today of an official of one of the companies concerned. The merger was first proposed at a meeting of the representative of the principal operators of the Whittier district. Combination is believed to be the best means of regulating certain business of the companies and the merger will be effected.

Sage Was Worth \$64,153,800.

New York, Aug. 29.—Russell Sage's estate is valued at \$64,153,800. This fact became known today through the signing of the order for the transfer tax payable to the state.