

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 Indiana legislature has passed a local option law.

A steamer has arrived at San Francisco with a case of cholera.

Turkey is arranging for its first election when a parliament will be selected.

The American battleships Maine and Atlanta have left Naples on their way home.

English authorities declare the savings banks in schools of London have proven a failure.

The Canadian Pacific is said to have bought the White Pass railroad, which runs from Skagway to Whitehorse.

Some of the railroads are almost short on rolling stock after months when there were idle cars on every sidetrack.

The coroner's jury hold the freight crew to blame for the wreck on the Northern Pacific at Youngs Point, Montana.

The first word from Peary has been received by the Peary Arctic club. He left North Greenland for the north August 17.

Miss Katherine Elkins, of West Virginia, will marry an Italian duke. On their way home the couple will be escorted by several Italian warships.

Leslie Carter, one-time capitalist and promoter of Chicago, is dead.

Cholera in Manila will prevent the reception to the fleet as planned.

Fire at Oakland, Cal., destroyed almost an entire block, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

The wind has died down and danger from the Eureka, Cal., forest fires has greatly abated.

J. E. W. Clark, an Alaskan, is on a visit to Pacific coast cities and has just seen his first trolley car.

The epidemic of cholera at Manila seems to be under control. The daily average of new cases has fallen below 30.

Roosevelt has refused to grant a petition to stop Sunday baseball in the army, declaring that the game is fine exercise for the men.

A combination has been formed by Pacific and Atlantic steamship companies to secure European trade in competition with the transcontinental railroads.

Representatives from the principal cities of the Pacific coast have started on a trip to Japan to cultivate the friendly relations of the brown business men and offset anti-Japanese sentiment.

Thaw has been summoned to Pittsburgh for contempt in connection with his bankruptcy proceedings. This is said to be a part of the scheme to liberate him.

Charges of bribery are being made in Indiana's local option fight.

Rockefeller had a narrow escape from injury in an automobile accident.

Eastern Oregon has had its first snow. Only a flurry lasting a few minutes fell.

Portland is to close up its red light district, and extra police have been provided for the purpose.

A fire believed to be of incendiary origin destroyed \$100,000 worth of property at Redding, Cal.

Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, is to be replaced in November. Chung Men Yew is to be his successor.

The French bark Vendee, from Portland for the United Kingdom, has gone ashore off the California coast, and may be a total loss. She carried wheat.

General Bell, while in the Yellowstone park, rode 300 miles on horseback, averaging 100 miles a day, thus proving his fitness, according to the Roosevelt test.

As special officers were about to raid a counterfeiters' den near Seattle, the building took fire and burned. One man was caught with bar metal on his person.

By the explosion of a gun at Toulon 13 French sailors were killed and a cruiser badly damaged.

Hearst may run for governor of New York on the Independent ticket.

Authorities believe that the vigorous methods employed have checked the spread of cholera in the Philippines.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Portland Mill & Fixture company at Portland, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

The legislative halls of Indiana was the scene of a small riot until police interfered. Local option was the trouble.

A thousand small fires surround Lakes Superior and Huron and the northern part of Lake Michigan. Many settlements are cut off from communication and their fate is in doubt.

Charles Oliver, special detective, has been sent to jail for two days for approaching a juror in one of the Ruff cases.

Germany objects to France receiving preference over any other power in Moroccan affairs.

IGNORANCE OF SANITATION.

Lower Classes in Russia Refuse to Be Vaccinated.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—Since the beginning of the epidemic there have been 15,683 cases of Asiatic cholera reported in Russia and 4,102 deaths. In St. Petersburg alone, since the presence of the disease was officially admitted September 8, there have been 4,931 cases and 1,871 deaths reported.

The figures with reference to the invasion of this city by the disease cannot be relied upon as on a number of occasions authoritative sources showed the number of cases and deaths in a single day to be far in excess of that announced by the authorities. There is an appreciable betterment of the sanitary conditions and consequent decrease in the disease as shown by the figures given out Sunday.

For the 24 hours ending at noon the number of new cases in the city was 268 and the number of deaths 143, as compared with 312 new cases and 153 deaths for the previous 24 hours.

Difficulty has been experienced in dealing with the workmen of St. Petersburg, who with their families comprise three-fifths of the population for they were unable and unwilling to comply with the sanitary precautions. The ignorance of the lower classes and their superstition greatly increase the difficulties of the situation. During the earlier stages of the epidemic few could be prevailed upon to undergo preventive inoculation, which is provided free of charge, but latterly the authorities have made inoculation compulsory in some quarters of the city.

SITUATION MOST SERIOUS.

Unbroken Drouth in East Is Raising Havoc With Industries.

Pittsburg, Sept. 29.—With losses aggregating several million dollars from forest fires, and heavy damage to crops and livestock, and the reported loss of a number of lives due to fighting timber fires; the enforced idleness of thousands of workmen owing to suspensions because of lack of water; the authorities anticipating serious epidemics of contagious diseases, and many small streams dried up and practically obliterated, the drouth of 1908, which has held western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia for two months, remains unbroken. While in the Pittsburg district the water supply is sufficient to carry on all business, the low stage of the rivers has caused a congestion of much coal in this vicinity. Every available barge and float has been loaded with coal, and at present there are almost 20,000,000 bushels in the Pittsburg harbor.

About 15,000 miners employed in the river mines along the Monongahela valley are out of work.

In all sections of the dry zone prayers are offered up daily and these prayers will continue until they are answered with rain.

STUDENTS FIGHT DISEASE.

Drafted in Manila to Battle With Epidemic of Cholera.

Manila, Sept. 29.—There were 14 new cases of cholera and three deaths reported for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Practically the entire staffs of the bureau of sciences and the local medical schools have been drafted into the service to fight the disease. The two senior classes of the medical schools are acting as nurses.

A serious situation is caused by the supply of disinfectants running very low. The bureau of sciences is experimenting with electricity and sea water to produce chlorine for use until the new supplies of disinfectants arrive. Enormous quantities of disinfectants have been used in vigorous efforts to cleanse the entire city.

New Party in Cuba.

Havana, Cuba, Sept. 29.—That the Liberal party will lose the entire negro vote in the coming election seems assured, as the result of an attack made on a mass meeting of negroes by a mob of Liberals. The fact that the negro element proposed to form a national party angered the Liberals, as they saw that such a party would draw more from their ranks than from the Conservatives. General Estenoz, leader of the negroes, has announced that his party is a certainty, as his followers cannot hope to secure their rights without a party of their own.

New Road to Peace River.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 29.—A special dispatch from Winnipeg says: The Canadian Pacific is rushing its survey through from a point near Athabasca leading to Grand Prairie, north of Edmonton, Alberta. From there the main line is being extended to Pine Pass. The company is concentrating its efforts on a survey through Pine Pass and from that point the line will be extended through British Columbia to a point north of Prince Rupert.

New Coal Field Found.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 29.—A rich find of good coal with a seam eight feet in width has been located as a result of the boring at Deep Bay, Vancouver Island, about three miles south of Union Bay, by the Wellington Colliery company of R. Dunsmuir's Sons. The seam will be worked as soon as arrangements can be made to sink on it.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

SURVEYORS ARE BUSY.

Alturas-Midland Line Now Believed to Be Assured.

Klamath Falls.—Engineer B. F. Knowlton, of the Southern Pacific company, is establishing a large survey camp near Merrill, and is buying horses and supplies on an extensive scale. The survey is supposed to be a line from Alturas to connect with the California Northeastern railway at Midland, eight miles below Klamath Falls. Incorporation papers were filed some weeks ago for the Modoc Northern railway, and Engineer Knowlton's surveying party is believed to be here for the purpose of determining the location of this road from northern California into southern Oregon.

A railroad construction camp has also been established two and a half miles south of this city, where a sub-contractor of Ericson and Peterson has a contract for a mile and a half of grade, to connect with the grade already completed through the marsh.

WALNUTS IN HIGH FAVOR.

Hundreds of Acres to Be Planted in Yamhill County.

McMinnville.—The planting of English walnuts in this county will be done on a grand scale during the coming season. This year over 1000 acres were planted. A tract of 1000 acres has been platted near Amity and sold to be planted to walnuts. The Oak Hill farm, near North Yamhill, recently sold, has 40 or 50 acres in trees, a good portion of them bearing, and the remainder of the 1016 acres will be planted to trees. The Jacobs-Stine company, of Portland, has lately acquired title to the Riverside orchards tract lying east of this city, and comprising 500 acres, which is slated to sell to walnut planters.

Democrats File Nominations.

Salem.—The Democratic party filed its nominations for presidential electors with the secretary of state September 18. It was the last day for filing. The names of electors are as follows: E. S. J. McAllister, Portland; Samuel White, Baker City; August Hucksenstein, Salem, and O. D. Coshov, Roseburg. The Democrats were last to file their nominations. The Socialists filed their nominations first on July 29, the Republicans and Prohibitionists together on September 10, and the Independents followed on September 16.

Hay Is Very High.

Klamath Falls.—Growers of alfalfa hay in Klamath county are holding up the price, and as a result cattlemen say they cannot afford to buy. Hay is scarce this year, and cattle owners are having difficulty in securing hay at prices to enable them to sell at a profit. H. V. Mitchell has just purchased 1200 tons of Shasta valley at \$7 per ton, and will feed there, as Klamath county ranchers ask \$8 and \$8.50 per ton.

Spring Wheat Goes 40 Bushels.

Hillsboro.—E. W. Dant, who threshed out of Reedville for 29 seasons, states that he recently turned out 2000 bushels of wheat raised on the Hare ranch, a mile south of Hillsboro, that produced 40 bushels to the acre. This has not been uncommon in this county this season for winter wheat, but this grain was sown this spring. Spring oats, however, are reported as light all over the county.

Wallowa to Have Courthouse.

Enterprise.—The county court has accepted plans for a courthouse, to cost \$30,000. Bids for foundation and basement will be advertised for immediately in order that the foundation at least may be put in this fall. Wallowa county has been set apart from Union county 20 years, and this will be the first courthouse erected in the county.

Multnomah's Good Showings.

Portland.—That only 1 per cent of the taxes imposed in Multnomah county will be delinquent on the first Monday in October is the showing expected from figures now available in the tax collection department of the sheriff's office. The estimated delinquency is \$32,299.12, on a tax roll that totals \$3,226,564.25.

La Grande Faces Coal Famine.

La Grande.—Unless the coal strike in Montana comes to an abrupt end La Grande will experience a coal famine. In fact there is only sufficient coal on hand with the local dealers to fill passenger orders, and no more can be had. The coal situation is grave.

Athena Wheat Nearly Sold.

Athena.—Nearly all of the wheat in this section has not only been sold, but has been delivered and shipped. This is contrary to the usual order of things, inasmuch as the shipping season heretofore has lasted for several months.

HORSES FOR HAWAII.

Island Planter Has Buyer in Klamath Falls Country.

Klamath Falls.—John T. Baker, a large land owner and influential man of affairs of the Hawaiian islands, has been hunting in Klamath county the past two weeks, and has just ordered a carload of Klamath county horses shipped to his ranch in the islands. Mr. Baker came to the United States with Prince David and a party, expecting to hunt in the wilds of Oregon, Washington and Alaska. On account of the death of Prince David in San Francisco all plans were changed, and Mr. Baker went back to Honolulu with the body. On his return to San Francisco the Klamath country was recommended to him as excellent hunting grounds near his hand. He was delighted with his hunt, and expects to come back next year with a party of friends.

Henry Straw, a local horse dealer, has charge of the buying of a carload of horses for Mr. Baker, and is to deliver them at the ranch in Hawaii.

Send Eugene Apples East.

Eugene.—The Lane County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association will ship from 20 to 30 carloads of apples to Eastern and Southern States this fall, with the purpose of establishing the reputation of this section of the Willamette Valley as an apple country. All apples that are shipped will be of good quality and well packed. Some fine apples are grown about Eugene, and the country has suffered a good deal by the careless orchardist, who did not care what went out of the country. But this year the association is in control, and nothing but the best apples will go to make Lane county's reputation.

Rare Ones on Beach.

Waldport.—George W. Blodgett, a lapidist of Portland, is camped with a party of Portland people on the beach south of Waldport. Mr. Blodgett has found some very beautiful and valuable stones here, one in particular being a large, clear agate containing pyrites of iron on ferulic forms. The stone is large enough to be cut into seven smaller stones about an inch long. Just such a stone is not described in geology. Mr. Thomas, the veteran lapidist at Newport, says the small pieces are worth \$100 each.

Gathering Coos Bay Data.

Marshfield.—Colonel W. H. Holabird, of San Francisco, is in Coos Bay as Mr. Harriman's representative to report on business conditions relative to the building of the Coos Bay-Drain railroad. The committee recently appointed to confer with Mr. Harriman at Roseburg will assist Mr. Holabird in gathering necessary data as to the freight business in prospect for the new road. Mr. Holabird is the guest of General Manager C. J. Millis, of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Will Rebuild Sawmill.

Tillamook.—Several Tillamook citizens have made arrangements to rebuild the sawmill of the Tillamook Lumbering company, which was burned down last October, and have incorporated the Tillamook Lumber Manufacturing company for that purpose, with a capital stock placed at \$10,000.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.50. Oats—No. 1 white, \$30 per ton; gray, \$29. Wheat—Club, 80c per bushel; forty-fold, 92c; turkey red, 92c; fire, 89c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 91c. Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20. Fruit—Apples, new, 50c@1.25 per box; peaches, 40c@75c per box; pears, 50c@81c per box; plums, 50c@81c per box; grapes, 40c@1.25 per crate; Wordens, 20c@25c per basket; huckleberries, 8c@10c per pound; quinces, \$1.25@1.50 per box; ground cherries, 75c per box. Potatoes—85c@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound. Melons—Cantaloupes, 50c@75c per crate; watermelons, 7c@1c per pound; cabbages, \$1.75 per dozen. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; artichokes, 65c per doz.; beans, 3c@4c per pound; cabbage, 2c per lb.; cauliflower, \$1.25 dozen; celery, 75c@1.00 per dozen; corn, 75c@81c per sack; cucumbers, 30c@40c per box; egg plant, 50c@1.25 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8c@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; sunsh, 11c per pound; tomatoes, 17c@25c. Extras—34c per pound; fancy, 32c; choice, 30c; store, 18c. Eggs—Oregon extras, 29c@30c; firsts, 27c@28c; seconds, 23c@26c; cash, 24c@27c per dozen. Poultry—Fancy hens, 13c; spring, 14c; ducks, old, 12c@12c; spring, 14c@15c; geese, old, 9c; young, 10c@11c; turkeys, old 17c@18c; young, 20c. Veal—Extra, 8c@8c per pound; ordinary, 7c@7c; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c. Hops—Oregon, 1908, 7c@8c per lb.; 1907, 2c@4c; 1906, 1c@1c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10c@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15c@15c. Mohair, choice, 18c@18c per pound.

RUSSIA BEGRUDGES MONEY.

Bureaucracy Weighs Dollars Heavier Than Human Life.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—The bureaucracy of St. Petersburg is weighing dollars against human life, and as a result Russia is today threatened with one of the gravest cholera scourges in the history of the empire.

Premier Stolypin, into whose hands the work of enforcing imperative sanitary reforms was recently placed, is meeting with discouragement from those in authority on every hand. They are protesting vigorously against the enormous expense involved in cleaning up the city, and as a result of their opposition the work will probably be only half done.

One of Premier Stolypin's proposals is a complete new system of sewerage, the estimated cost of which is \$40,000,000.

It is being pleaded that the advent of cold weather will put an end to the cholera spread, whereas the history of all cholera plagues has been that cold weather is but a temporary check, being followed in the ensuing spring by a recurrence of the scourge.

Bad as conditions are in St. Petersburg, they are hardly to be compared with the menacing aspect of the disease in other parts of the empire. In scores of towns the wretched poverty of the people, covered with the ignorance and superstition against remedial measures, makes the work of guarding against the fearful outbreak in the spring an utter impossibility.

Doctors are appalled at the prospect, and say that whatever the outcome in St. Petersburg, there is no hope of improvement elsewhere.

ABOLISH COLONIST RATES.

Plan Almost Unanimously Approved by Western Railroads.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The colonization of the western country is going to be materially retarded if railroads between Chicago and the Pacific Coast carry out a plan which has been advanced by executive officials. A proposition has received the approval of nearly every railroad in the Western Passenger association to abolish all low or reduced rates after January 1, 1909. This determination has been reached because of the alarm felt over the reduction in net passenger revenues of western roads. This reduction is laid at the door of reduced rates, and genuine alarm is felt for the future. Railroad officials declare that with the 2-cent rate generally there can be no reduced rate without passing the margin of profit.

It is estimated that western roads have lost this season several millions of dollars in passenger revenues, compared with what they would have enjoyed had they maintained a minimum 2-cent rate west of Chicago. This conclusion is based upon careful statistics prepared by the Alton and other railroads, which show that railroads have carried more passengers than ever, but at a less net revenue than accrued from a smaller movement. This can mean only one thing, it is said, and that is the return of a minimum 2-cent rate everywhere.

It is not expected that this change can be brought about until the first of the year, but it now seems certain that, if the public desires reduced rates, they can be had only by a return to the 2-cent basis.

CHINESE AVOID HEAD TAX.

Hundreds Admitted Into Canada on False Statement.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 28.—A scheme has just been laid bare by the controller of Chinese immigration at Ottawa, which is believed to be the most elaborately conceived fraudulent device for defeating the Chinese "invasion" of Canada ever perpetrated.

By means of this device hundreds of young Celestials have been flocking in at the eastern ports of the Dominion and escaping the \$500 head tax by passing themselves off as merchants or other privileged classes. Canada has thus been victimized through honoring certificates of the charge d'affaires ad interim and consul general at the imperial Chinese legation in Mexico.

Statistics in the trade and commerce department here show that 280 Chinese immigrants were admitted into Canada recently at the ports of Montreal and Halifax alone, without paying the head tax and that not more than 15 Chinese should have been so favored.

Land Grab Thwarted.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—State Mineralogist Aubrey after a long fight has compelled H. H. Yard & Co., speculators associated with the Western Pacific, to release their hold on 13,000 acres of rich mineral land in Plumas and Butte counties. This land was located by Yard and his associates some years ago. Later Aubrey filed an action in the land office on the ground that while it had been taken as mineral land and was known to contain minerals, the land was desired for railroad purposes. The land office has now cancelled the filing.

Russia Seizes Yankee Gold.

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 25.—Apparently without warrant and with no explanation given, the gunboat Chilkha belonging to the Russian government with the Russian government aboard seized \$10,000 from American miners who had been working in Anadir, Siberia, on September 15. The miners were working under an agreement made by John Rosene, of the North-east Siberia company, with Czar Nicholas II.

Work for Young Teddy.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is to begin service with the Hartford Carnet Works at Thompsonville today. It is thought he will enter the operating department.

TWENTY KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Passenger and Freight Trains Crash Together in Montana.

Not One in Smoking Car Escaped Death or Injury—Blinding Snow Storm Prevented Engineer Seeing Danger Ahead—Freight Should Have Been on Siding.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 26.—In the worst wreck in the history of the Northern Pacific Railroad, 20 persons were killed, 10 seriously injured, several fatally and about 30 more or less injured in a collision between passenger train No. 16, known as the east-bound Burlington flyer, and a west-bound freight train, at 8:10 o'clock yesterday morning, at a siding known as Youngs Point, about thirty miles west of Billings. The fast traveling passenger train crashed into the freight just entering on the siding during a blinding snow storm, the engineer of the passenger failing to see the signal flag of the brakeman of the freight train in time to avert the crash.

A heavy, wet snow which was falling at the time prevented the wreck from catching fire, and undoubtedly held the death list down to the figures given. Every effort is being made by the division forces, aided by volunteers from Livingston and Billings, to clear the wreck, and so far they are able to prevent further loss of life.

None of the passengers from the sleeping cars was injured. The train was made up of an engine, baggage car, smoker, a day coach and two Pullman sleepers.

The efforts to prevent fire were successful and that horror was saved the wrecked passengers. On the arrival of the relief train the injured were transferred around the wreck and taken to Billings.

The express car was raised over the platform of the smoker, and swept superstructure, seats and passengers off. Not a passenger in this car escaped death or injury. The other passengers escaped with cuts and bruises.

The scenes around the smoker were beyond description, heads, bodies, legs and arms being interwoven with broken seats and equipment. In one place five bodies were packed on top of each other. In another seven had to be pulled apart. It was almost impossible to succor the injured without trampling on the dead.

Railroad men, while refusing to be quoted officially or allowing their names to be used because of the regulations of the road in connection with publicity as to wrecks, intimate that the freight train was stealing time, that it had no orders to proceed to Youngs Point, and should have waited at Park City, about six miles from the scene of the wreck, for the passenger train. This is supposed to explain why the Burlington train was traveling about 50 miles an hour past the siding.

WOULD KILL ROOSEVELT.

Several Plots Uncovered in Different Parts of Europe.

Bayonne, France, Sept. 26.—Evidence of an anarchistic plot against President Roosevelt of the United States was yesterday made public by the secret police of several European countries.

Spanish secret service agents discovered traces of the plot while examining Canarava, the famous Spanish anarchist, in an effort to connect him with the suspected plot against the life of the king of Spain.

Papers were also found on two Italian anarchists arrested at Sessa, Switzerland, Wednesday, containing the most definite information possible regarding Roosevelt's African trip. They are now being held at Geneva in an effort to obtain further information against them.

There has been much activity noted among the anarchists of Europe during the past few weeks, but this is the first definite information that has been secured as to the nature of their plans.

Hope to Save Stranded Cruiser.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 26.—The work of extricating the United States cruiser Yankee from her position on Spindle Rock, where she struck during a fog on Wednesday, was centered yesterday in the construction of a wooden coffer-dam about the vessel. It is believed it will take almost a week to erect the same, and it may be a week or more before the vessel is finally freed. Should the seas continue smooth during that time it is anticipated that the work will progress without serious danger to the cruiser.

Pauper's Grave for a Gould.

Los Angeles, Sept. 26.—Officials of the county hospital are awaiting the decision of George, Howard and Helen Gould and the Princess De Sagen as to whether their cousin, Melvin A. Gould, should be buried in the notters' field. Gould died Thursday night at the age of 71. He had been an invalid seven years and had a hard fight to support himself. He appealed to his relatives, but they refused help. Two weeks ago he was compelled to enter the county hospital.

Ruef Jury Half Completed.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—After a month spent in examining talesmen, half of the jury necessary to try Abraham Ruef, on the charge of bribery, has been secured. After three peremptory challenges had been used on each side yesterday six jurors were accepted and sworn.