

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.

Carroll D. Wright, the noted economist, is dead.

Mrs. Yerkes accuses her executor of paying her income with talk.

Harriman announces that he will spend millions on railroad extensions in the West.

English suffragettes are still busy in an effort to secure recognition before parliament.

J. M. Dickinson, of Tennessee, is said to have been selected as Taft's secretary of war.

The Utah senate has turned down a drastic anti-saloon bill for a more conservative measure.

A new branch railroad is to be built from Spokane to connect with the Crow's Nest Pass line of the Canadian Pacific.

Report says Ethel Roosevelt is on the verge of becoming engaged to William Phillips, third assistant secretary of state.

King Alfonso witnessed a flight by Wright in his aeroplane, but the ruler was forbidden to accompany the famous aeronaut.

Fire at Lovelock, Nev., destroyed property valued at \$40,000 and for a time threatened destruction of the entire town. The lives of 30 people were endangered.

The courts have decided that the Snell fortune shall go to a niece.

Castro has left Berlin on account of the large number of beggars bothering him.

The United States sent \$1,000,626 in cash to the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Prince Ferdinand has asked the powers to recognize the independence of Bulgaria.

Guardians have been appointed for a German prince of the royal family because of his extravagances.

A number of the Danish royal family were on the cruiser which was rammed by a freight steamer.

Fifty villages and 50,000 acres of land are under water in Prussia as a result of the Elbe river being out of its banks.

Trains cannot get across the Rocky mountains in Colorado on account of the heavy snow. All roads have large gangs of men at work.

Grand Duke Vladimir is said to have been involved in a conspiracy to appoint a regency for the czar and an investigation had just started when he died.

An immense irrigation scheme is planned in New Mexico which will water 500,000 acres. The largest dam in the world will be built to store the necessary water.

Hill has incorporated a company to build a railroad in Canada.

Governor Gillett will sign the bill closing all California racetracks.

A permanent tariff reform organization has been formed at Indianapolis.

Three San Francisco firemen were injured while rescuing Chinese from a burning building.

English and Scotch suffragettes started a riot in an attempt to interview Premier Asquith.

The Kansas legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor by druggists except as used in prescriptions.

The California senate has gone on record as favoring election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The International opium conference is in session at Shanghai, China, in an endeavor to devise plans to stop the use of the drug.

Frequent quarrels between opposing attorneys mark the progress of the Calhoun trial in San Francisco. The jury is not yet complete and 12 special venues have been exhausted.

The opening of the Portland gateway, so that passenger traffic from the East could go to the Sound over Harriman lines to Portland and from there over Hill roads, would affect railroads throughout the United States.

King Edward has opened the British parliament.

The senate is likely to recommend that half the navy be kept in the Pacific.

Explosion of gas in an English coal mine cost 180 lives.

Soldiers at Fort Worden, Wash., beat up the Port Townsend police.

King Alfonso is determined to make a flight in Wright's aeroplane.

An attempt to revive the anti-Jap school bill in the California legislature failed.

At the present rate a month will be required to secure a jury in the Calhoun bribery case.

RIOT AND PILLAGE.

Scores Injured and Homes Burned or Wrecked at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 23.—Following a harrangue at a mass meeting in the city hall, South Omaha, yesterday, at which two members of the state legislature and an attorney were the principal speakers, a wild mob of 800 to 1,000 men started for the Greek quarter to avenge the death of Patrolman Edward Lowery, who was shot and killed Friday night by a Greek whom he had placed under arrest.

Before their thirst for blood had been satisfied, more than 30 buildings were burned, wrecked or badly damaged and probably a score of persons injured, half that number seriously. By heroic work the police prevented actual loss of life. The rioting continued far into the night.

Governor Shallenberger was consulted and expressed a willingness to call out the troops if necessary. No such decision was made last night, however. Fifteen arrests had been made up to midnight.

The South Omaha police continued to arrest stragglers until late in the night, the station being filled to its capacity. About 50 Greeks received medical attention and were given quarters at the police station for the night.

About 400 Greeks were removed to a place of safety in South Omaha and are being guarded in a body. A similar squad is being cared for in Omaha.

QUAKES FRIGHTEN SPAIN.

Drive Out Worshipers, Who Trample Women Under Foot.

Alicante, Spain, Feb. 23.—Severe earth shocks were experienced this morning throughout the whole district of Elche. The first occurred about 4 a. m. The most serious, which came while the people were in the village church, caused a panic among the congregation, which rushed to the doors, trampling under foot a score or more women and children. The furniture in the houses was overturned and crockery and windows broken.

At Orevelente, a town of 10,000 inhabitants about 18 miles from Alicante, two severe shocks were felt between 8 and 8:30 a. m. Houses rocked and swayed at an alarming angle and people ran to the countryside in terror. They are now camping in the open fields.

CUPID IS LOSING HIS HOLD.

Divorces in Canada Show Rapid Increase in Recent Years.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 23.—One of the most noticeable features of the legislative program at the present session of the Dominion parliament is a long list, for Canada, at least, of divorce applications awaiting hearing before the senate. They are as many in number as were granted during the 20 years after the confederation.

The average divorce application presented to the senate costs upward of \$1,000, and this is a good deal more than the aggrieved husband or wife can ordinarily afford. Between 1888 and 1900, a period of 12 years, the number of divorces granted was 35, and at this session of parliament, if all applications are successful, the number will be 24.

Kato Denies All War Talk.

London, Feb. 23.—The newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, Count Takahira Kato, today said that he saw no reason why Japanese relations with the United States should not remain excellent in the future. Count Kato declared that there could be no dominant power in the vast waters of the Pacific.

"We have no interests there," he said, "that can clash with the United States. We mean to have our own sphere of influence in our own part of the Pacific, but not to the detriment of a single power."

Doctors Desert Patients.

New York, Feb. 23.—The steamship Prinz William IV brought reports of great distress at the hospitals at Caracas. A short time ago the physicians and nurses in the hospitals went on strike because the authorities had failed to furnish sufficient supplies of food and medicine. Three hundred patients in the hospitals were starving. The passengers of the Prinz Wilhelm IV include U. Paulus Sannon, Haytien minister to Washington.

Clerk Spends \$500 a Day.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 23.—After a five-days' sojourn in Fairbanks, during which time he threw money around like a drunken sailor, Private William Lane, clerk to the paymaster at Fort Gibbon, departed between two sons, leaving a record of expenditure that beats anything the camp ever saw, and starting an investigation that has disclosed the fact that the army funds at the post are short by about \$10,800 and everything not accounted for yet.

Town Plans Greeting.

Oyster Bay, Feb. 23.—A reception will be tendered to Theodore Roosevelt when the ex-president returns to his home. Fireworks and illuminated decorations on houses and stores will, it is expected, form part of the celebration. Mr. Roosevelt and his son Kermit are expected to leave here on March 13 for Africa.

Ex-Vice President is Ill.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Adlai E. Stevenson, ex-vice president of the United States, is ill at his home in Bloomingdale, Ill., according to reports received here today. His activities in the recent campaign are said to have proved a severe strain on his 74 years.

A WEEK WITH OUR STATE LAWMAKERS AT SALEM

Saturday, February 20.

Salem, Feb. 20.—Both houses of the legislature cleared away all accumulated business before adjourning, but it was nearly 11 o'clock before all were finished. Appropriation bills amounted to \$1,100,000 more than the session of two years ago. A number of laws needed by the state were passed and several of the new measures will increase the revenues.

The house bill appropriating \$210,000 for new buildings and improvements at the Agricultural college passed the senate by a unanimous vote this morning.

The Weston, Ashland and Monmouth normal schools were all left in existence, but both houses refused to pass appropriations for their maintenance.

The house passed the game code practically as it came from the senate. Both houses passed a tuberculosis sanatoria bill carrying an appropriation of \$45,000.

The dairy inspector bill, which had been killed Wednesday, was reconsidered by the house and passed.

Only 12 members of the house voted for the bill creating a state highway commission.

Whether or not Oregon shall have a constitutional convention will be decided by the voters of the state at the election of 1910.

By a vote of 16 to 9 the senate refused to sanction the bill providing for an additional bank examiner.

Repeat of the grant to railroads of valuable tide lands in Lincoln county was voted by the senate this afternoon. Only four members opposed the measure.

Friday, February 19.

Salem, Feb. 19.—The senate this afternoon, on recommendation of the ways and means committee, killed in succession house bills appropriating \$100,000 each for Weston, Ashland and Monmouth, by indefinite postponement, by majority amendments to the Monmouth bill appropriating \$10,000 each for the normals for the rest of the school year, and \$70,000 for permanently continuing Monmouth.

Both houses have adopted the joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment for the division of the state into 30 senatorial and 60 representative districts, with one member from each district.

The army bill, practically the same as the people voted down last June, has passed both houses.

During the evening session the members of the house presented Speaker McArthur with a fine gold watch and guard.

County division fights will not bother the legislature hereafter, a bill having been passed leaving the matter to the voters of the district affected.

The house passed the bill raising appropriations for state fair premiums from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for two years. The bill had already passed the senate. The senate bill for an experimental farm in Eastern Oregon has passed the house, carrying an appropriation of \$7,500 per year.

The water code bill was passed by the house with only one vote against it.

The insurance bill, creating an insurance commissioner, has passed the house. The measure will bring a net income of \$20,000 a year to the state, it is estimated.

The senate passed the house bill for extension of the portage road with only five votes against it.

At the 1910 election the people will have a chance to vote on the Eastern Oregon asylum, both houses having passed the bill.

The game and fish laws of the state are to be published and 10,000 copies distributed free, according to a senate bill passed today.

The bill abolishing secret societies in high schools has been passed by the senate and received the approval of the house today.

Thursday, February 18.

Salem, Feb. 18.—The senate killed appropriation bills today which will mean a net saving of \$101,091.69 to the state.

The senate bill exempting municipal bonds from taxation was passed by the house.

Reform taxation amendments allowing segregation of state and county taxation, as favored by the state grange, will be submitted to the people in 1910.

By a senate bill passed by the house today, minors will not be allowed to engage in any game of cards, pool or other public amusement in a public place.

The house passed the senate bill requiring that all male persons before securing a marriage license must present a certificate of health not more than 12 hours old.

Owners of bank stock are not to be made liable for the mismanagement of the bank or its debts, the house having refused to pass such a measure.

The senate bill requiring operators of warehouses to have storage rates plainly stated on receipts passed the house.

At the night session the senate passed

Buying Gilliam Sheep.

Condon—Gilliam county and Condon have been visited this last week or 10 days by four or five sheepsman from Montana and Wyoming. One Montana man from Fort Benton bought 10,000 head of mixed yearlings for April delivery to Condon for \$4 a head with the wool on. The prevailing price for sheep is \$4 a head with the wool on and \$3 after being shorn. From all indications wool will be a good price this year.

ed the house bill appropriating \$7,000 for claims against the Drain normal school.

At the night session the house appropriated \$362,000 for improvements of state institutions at Salem and increased the agricultural college maintenance appropriation from \$50,000 to \$80,000 a year.

By the terms of the new military code bill Adjutant General Finzer will hold his place during good service, which practically means life.

Wednesday, February 17.

Salem, Feb. 17.—The governor sent a special message to the legislature today urging the passage of a constitutional amendment providing for state construction and operation of railroads.

Central Oregon is the territory the governor aims to help and such a bill is pending, but its passage is doubtful.

The house refused to consider the bill providing that county assessors should assess at actual value and fix the levy on a basis of 50 per cent of that amount.

The senate passed the house bill fixing a bounty on scalps of coyotes, cougars, wildcats and wolves.

The charity appropriation bill as passed by the house carries a total of \$41,618.35.

Two examiners of state banks and two deputies are provided for in a bill passed by the house.

The house passed a bill abandoning the Drain normal and authorizing the regents to turn the property over to the common school district of Drain.

The senate passed a bill providing for a free ferry over the Willamette at Independence and another measure requiring all doors of public buildings and halls shall open outward.

The house passed a senate bill making 10 hours a day's work for females in telephone and telegraph offices.

The senate ways and means committee is not in favor of three normals and further changes may be made before the session is ended.

Tuesday, February 16.

Salem, Feb. 16.—Appropriations for \$318,000 passed in the house today, and for \$10,000 in the senate. Yesterday the total in the house was \$1,739,000 and in the senate \$726,000.

The house tonight reconsidered the vote by which the \$25,000 appropriation for the Alaska-Yukon exposition was defeated and passed the appropriation. At a late hour the house also considered and passed the \$200,000 appropriation for an Eastern Oregon asylum.

Appropriations for about \$1,000,000 more have passed one or both houses, and continuing appropriations of past sessions amount to \$500,000 additional, with allowances made for items in this session's budget. These figures show that the state expenditures for the next two years may exceed \$4,000,000, and will probably not fall short of that figure.

The senate today voted \$20,000 for buildings and grounds for a tubercular sanitarium; provided for a third judge in the Second judicial circuit; passed the Columbia river pilotage bill; put to a vote of the people the question of number and location of normal schools, and provided \$10,000 for a bridge across the Snake river at Ontario.

The house killed Orton's bank guarantee bill; authorized counties to levy not to exceed a 3/4 mill tax for advertising purposes; appropriated \$50,000 for Indian war survivors, and voted \$210,000 to the agricultural college.

Both houses will adjourn sine die Saturday and night sessions are being held in an effort to get all pending bills disposed of before that time.

Monday, February 15.

Salem, Feb. 15.—The house today passed the general appropriation bill for 1909-10. The deficiency appropriation bill was also passed and \$75,000 for extension of the state portage railway. A great many other measures got through, but for the most part they were of local character.

The senate was in a slaying mood and killed 13 bills. Some of them were important and on less strenuous days would have provoked hours of debate.

The senate also passed the bill increasing the state fair appropriation from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year.

In the afternoon both houses and many pioneers of the state united in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the admission of this state to the Union. The exercises were held in the hall of representatives and many prominent men spoke.

At a session tonight the senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for one normal school at Portland, as opposed to the bills passed by the house for \$318,000 for three normals; cut down the agricultural college maintenance appropriation and voted down a bill for a new \$60,000 agricultural college at Union.

The appropriation bills passed by the house amounted to \$1,727,000, cutting the bills only \$2,440.

Revival of Hop Industry.

Salem—Hop contracts far in excess of the contracts for a similar period for last year, and advices received by growers and dealers here from every hop center in Oregon, indicate a wonderful revival of the hop industry. The prevailing price in contracts is 10 cents, and thousands of pounds are being contracted for by all the dealers here. Reports from Oregon City indicate a condition even more favorable to hopgrowers than that found here.

MANY ON PENSION ROLL.

Little as It Is, John Bull Makes It Hard to Get.

London, Feb. 22.—England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland have 596,038 old age pensioners, according to official figures just made public. Previous statements of the number have been mere estimates and nearly 100,000 too low. A large number of claims are also under consideration. When they have been acted on, estimating again, the total will be about 600,000.

The United Kingdom's population at the last census was 42,000,000, so that about one person in 70 is on the old age pension roll. Inhabitants as much as 70 years old, the lowest pensionable age, number only 1,254,286, however. This means that nearly half the country's population of the required age is poor enough to claim the benefit of the act.

Of the 596,038 pensioners, 539,388 receive the full allowance of \$1.20 weekly. To receive this amount it is necessary for the applicant to prove that his private income does not exceed \$1.92. Those whose incomes do exceed this amount are pensioned only enough to bring the total up to \$3.12 weekly.

Of the 658,248 who have been refused or have not asked pensions, it is not to be presumed that all or even a large proportion have private incomes exceeding \$3.12. Anyone who has ever received public relief even to the extent of having a tooth pulled at a public dispensary or has been accidentally injured and carried unconscious into a public hospital is classed as a pauper and is, as such, ineligible. The same applies to anyone ever convicted even of a minor offense, or who has been at any time in his life a permanent resident of a foreign country.

As illustrating the varying degrees of prosperity in different parts of the United Kingdom, 38 per cent of the English and Welsh pensionables are receiving pensions, while in Scotland the percentage is 49 and in Ireland 98.

PANIC AMID FLAMES.

Large Steamer Burns and 200 Lives Reported Lost.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 22.—The Argentine steamer President Roca, from Southern ports, according to reports received here, has been wrecked between Puerto de San Antonio and Puerto Madrid, on the East coast. The steamer caught fire, and it is believed the crew and 200 passengers have perished. It is reported also that the steamer sank.

Press dispatches received here this afternoon state the flames spread with great rapidity and the steamer was headed into shore as rapidly as possible. A panic prevailed and many lives were lost, some of the estimates reaching as high as 200. The President Roca was on her way north from Puerto de San Antonio.

Later official messages report that the vessel sank, but only 20 lives were lost. Three hundred and fifty passengers and members of the crew were saved, according to these advices.

The Presidente Roca belonged to the Hamburg South American. She was the largest steamer trading regularly between Buenos Ayres and the Northern ports of the republic.

DECIDES SPOKANE RATES.

Rumored Commission Favors Contention of Coast Cities.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Interstate Commerce commission has reached a decision in the Spokane rate case, and will announce its findings this week. It is rumored that the decision is favorable to Portland and other Coast points and adverse to the Spokane contention.

The commission, according to report, holds that Spokane is not entitled to as low a rate on Eastern shipments as are cities on tidewater, which have the advantage of water competition. No member of the Interstate Commerce commission seen today would discuss the decision, and it is therefore impossible to confirm the rumor.

Weavers Boycott A.-Y.-P.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—Resenting the anti-Japanese sentiment recently expressed throughout the length of the Pacific coast of the United States, the Ashikaga Weavers' league at its last meeting decided that it would not participate in the Seattle exposition. The weavers declared they were willing to sacrifice \$1,000,000 in export trade rather than attend the fair. A committee of the league will meet tomorrow to discuss the feasibility of sending emissaries throughout Japan to urge all of the weaving towns to join.

Powers Will Mediate.

London, Feb. 22.—One or more of the neutral countries will very shortly offer good offices to Austria and Serbia in the hope of settling their differences. Who will direct this has not been decided, but in any case it will not be Great Britain. The indications point to the selection of France, and there is reason to believe that such a proposal would not be at all distasteful to Austria-Hungary as they are on the best of terms.

Wireless for Railroads.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 22.—Dr. Fred Millener, experimental electrician of the Union Pacific railroad, will leave tomorrow for a tour of the East for the company. He will visit many wireless stations. Dr. Millener has been experimenting with wireless apparatus in connection with railroading for several months.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE STATE

Cheese Factories Report.

Tillamook—Seven of the co-operative associations have made their annual reports for last year, viz.: Fairview Dairy association, Red Clover, South Prairie, East Beaver, Maple Leaf, Three Rivers and Clover Leaf. These factories received 14,326,111 pounds of milk and the factory which received the largest amount of milk was Maple Leaf Creamery association, with 2,619,494 pounds. This association carried the banner for the largest amount of milk in 1907, but it is reported that the Tillamook creamery will out-distance the Maple Leaf for 1908. The amount of cheese these seven associations manufactured was 1,574,320 pounds and this was sold for \$194,448.01.

Farmers' Unions Growing.

Athens—The farmers' union idea seems to be growing in Umatilla county, notwithstanding the disappointments that it has encountered in the past. H. D. G. Cox, who has been looking after the organizations in this county, was in the city a few days ago arranging for a meeting in Pendleton at which all the local unions are to have delegates. The union here has called a special meeting to elect delegates.

Oregon Leads in Wool.

Pendleton—With an average fleece of 8 1/2 pounds, Oregon sheep last year sheared more wool to the sheep than those of any other state in the Union with the single exception of Washington. Those in the neighboring state on the north made an average of 8 1/2 pounds. In no other state was there an average of more than 8 pounds, while the average for the whole United States was only 7 1-10 pounds.

Cold Eradicates Mange.

Pendleton—According to the report of Dr. H. E. Pinkerton, of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, mange, the scourge of horsemen, was almost eradicated from the reservation by the snow storm of last month. Between 300 and 400 Indian ponies died as a result of the storm and practically all of the diseased animals were among this number.

Sawmills All Running.

Cottage Grove—Every sawmill in this locality is running at full capacity and many expect to put on night shifts to supply the urgent demand for lumber. Business in every line is opening up beyond all expectations. A number of new dwellings are planned and their construction will start as soon as the weather will permit.

Few Peach Buds Frozen.

Pendleton—Umatilla county orchardists are counting on full crops of all kinds of fruit this season, with the possible exception of peaches. A few reports of frozen peach buds have been made, but the consensus of opinion is that little or no damage was suffered as the result of the cold weather last month.

First Year Prosperous.

Grants Pass—The Rogue River Fruit exchange has just closed its first year. The organization has shipped many carloads of fruit, all carefully graded, labeled and neatly packed. After paying all expenses, maintaining its warehouses and making other improvements, there still remains money on hand.

Polk County Farm is Sold.

Monmouth—Another sale of 300 acres of farm land was made last week, being the Cockle place, to the Southern Oregon capitalists who are buying large tracts in Polk county. These tracts will be subdivided into small farms and orchards, and much of the planting will be done this spring.

Quarantine is Raised.

Salem—Quarantine at the Oregon State Insane asylum, which has been in force for some time on account of several cases of diphtheria, has been raised.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.10@1.14; club, 98c@1.01; red Russian, 95c@98c; Turkey red, 98c@1.01; valley, \$1.01. Barley—Feed, \$27.50@28 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$34.50@35. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13@15; Eastern Oregon, \$16@18; clover, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$14@15; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$13.50@14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.50. Apples—75c@82.75 box. Potatoes—\$1.25@1.30 per hundred; sweets, 2 1/2 c pound. Onions—Oregon, \$1.75@2 per hundred. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 sack; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.50; horseradish, 10c pound; artichokes, \$16@25 dozen; cabbage, 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2 c pound; cauliflower, \$2 crate; celery, \$4.50 crate; parsley, 30c dozen; peas, 15c pound; spinach, 2c pound; sprouts, 10c pound; squash, 2 1/2 c pound; tomatoes, \$1.75@2.25. Butter—City creamery, extras, 34c; fancy outside creamery, 32@34c; store, \$18@20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 cents per pound under regular butter prices. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27@30c dozen. Poultry—Hens, 15@15 1/2 c; broilers, 22 1/2 c; fryers, 18@20c; roosters, old, 11@12c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18@2