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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—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Cholera is raging among all classes in Seoul, Korea.

The Santa Fe has obtained track privileges in San Francisco.

A huge boycott against Japan has been unofficially started in China.

Crush to see aviation tests in Paris caused a riot and wreck on railroad.

William Jennings Bryan was greeted by an immense crowd on his arrival in Portland.

It is reported that Miss Gladys Kerens, of St. Louis, will wed Prince Schoenberg, of Saxony.

The Rock Island railroad has been mulcted of about \$300,000 by over-confidence in one of its big shippers.

Enormously rich deposits of silver and cobalt have been found in Canada, after having been overlooked for 30 years.

The real reason for the recall of Charles R. Crane, minister to China, is said to be indiscreet utterances while in Chicago.

It has been revealed that two Chicago aldermen are heads of one of the most gigantic graft and corruption systems ever known.

Wu Ting Fang visited a spiritualist meeting in Washington and appeared much interested, and intimated that he might attend again.

Hearst has accepted the nomination for mayor of New York.

A trainwreck in Kansas killed 17 laborers and wounded 10 others.

Freight cars are scarce in the East and a serious shortage is predicted before winter.

Prince Ito, president of the privy council of Japan, will make a long tour of Manchuria.

Professor Fryer, of California, says China is preparing to make war on encroaching foreign powers.

Wright made his first flight in a government aeroplane and began the instruction of signal officers.

Congressman Landis says the navy is top-heavy and needs a strong merchant marine to back it up in time of war.

A steamer reports that several thousand natives were drowned on the island of Yucatan by the recent Gulf hurricane.

Captain de Gerlach, who commanded an Antarctic expedition in 1907, has no doubt that both Cook and Peary reached the Pole.

Mix, the American balloonist who won the international balloon race in Switzerland, is about to lose the prize because some peasants dragged him to the ground for a moment.

Director of Census Dana Durand believes that college students will make excellent census enumerators, and he proposes to suggest that educational institutions give leaves of absence in April next to such students as may care to join the army of 65,000 enumerators.

Taft immensely enjoyed the beauties of the Yosemite valley.

Spanish revolutionists predict a revolt against King Alfonso.

British and German admirals shook hands across the banquet table.

Glenn H. Curtiss made three successful flights in his airship at St. Louis.

Near-beer dealers of Tennessee will have to pay a tax of \$1,150 each yearly.

Dewey says the U. S. navy is by no means a bluff. He advocates more warships and a ship subsidy.

Accumulated sewer gas and waste from neighboring garages caused a tremendous explosion in a New York sewer.

Nebraska Baptists are much wrought up because a Mormon convict has been appointed chaplain of the state penitentiary.

General Wood denies that the Boston army and navy maneuvers caused sickness and says much valuable knowledge was gained.

All the officials of Marshalltown, Iowa, have been indicted by the federal grand jury for imprisoning government secret service agents.

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American Consul Hanna, at Monterey, Mexico, again appeals for help for the earthquake sufferers.

Beginning Nov. 1 the Burlington will shorten its running time between Chicago and the coast to 72 hours.

The Wright brothers will make no more exhibition flights, but will begin the manufacture of aeroplanes for sale.

CHINA BEGINS BOYCOTT.

Insulting Aggression of Japan Is Given as Reason.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—Copies of circulars issued in North China by a body of Chinese calling itself the Popular Association of the Three Eastern Provinces have been received in Japan after having been spread broadcast among Chinese of the lower classes. The circulars contain inflammatory statements against the Japanese. They bear upon what is called the "weakness of poor China" and the "insulting aggression of Japan."

Assertions are made that Japan has devastated the arable lands of North China and has enslaved laborers along the line of the Antung-Mukden railroad, that Japanese officials have beaten the men, insulted the women and terrorized the people.

The circulars point out that the weakness of China in a military sense makes it impossible for her to resent this treatment, except by a boycott, and call upon the people of China generally to refuse all dealings with the Japanese. All students and persons who value freedom are called upon to propagate the doctrine and join in adopting the programme of the association. Failing in this, they are threatened with violence and even death.

The document concludes with the request that Chinese vehicles, vessels and railroads refuse to carry Japanese goods. An endless chain is sought on the request that patriotic citizens into whose hands the circulars may fall shall have them reprinted and scattered broadcast, until Japan is completely shut out from all commercial communication with China.

These circulars have created something of a sensation in Japan. Effort is being made to prevent the spreading of their contents among Japanese of the ignorant class because the danger of arousing feeling at this time is recognized.

Meanwhile there is reason to believe that Japan has called, or will immediately call the attention of the Chinese authorities to the boycott propaganda, demanding that the circulars be outlawed as illegal documents, and that the Popular Association of the Three Eastern Provinces be brought under discipline.

The exact method by which China is able to control her people in this way is not known, but it is believed here and elsewhere that the government of China can suppress promptly any boycott movement. All merchants of standing in China have official rank and can be disciplined.

ROTTEN WITH GRAFT.

New Chief of Police Exposes Terrible Condition in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 12.—Appalling conditions brought to light during the trial of Inspector McGann of vice conditions on the West Side, the immediate formation of Jewish crusaders to drive their people out of the pandering business, the organization of reformers, state, national and international, to check, if possible, the infamous "white slave" traffic, all expose the shameful fact that two men who have grown enormously rich in criminal business still hold important municipal positions here and continue to have a prominent voice in making the city laws.

The drastic order issued last night by Chief of Police Steward to all members of the department to stamp out vice, exposes frightful conditions in the first ward, the very heart of the city, where two politicians who hold office in the city council are collecting annually more than \$117,000, every penny of which is spotted with blood and crime. These two men and their army of "specialists" have the great red light district on the South Side absolutely under control.

From the dives, the shady hotels, the saloons and the gambling of the South Side territory, extending to and embracing the Twenty-second street "red light" levee, two powerful business men of the district are pocketing a golden stream of graft.

For years the gigantic system of corruption has obtained. It puts the West Side ring of tribute collectors that was routed by State's Attorney Wayman, through the conviction of Police Inspector McGann, to shame. An army of lieutenants has been marshaled together to see to it that no blood-stained penny even escapes the coffers of the master-soldiers of the night. They are constantly on guard. No breaks of faith ever sever the masters from the victims. There are never any knife-in-the-back tactics that result in scandals.

Cholera Threatens Seoul.

Seoul, Oct. 12.—Cholera threatens to become a serious epidemic here. The authorities are taking every precaution, but Seoul is not a sanitary city, and the disease has spread rapidly. The palace of the ex-emperor has been invaded and the home of the resident-general has not been immune. The schools are closed regularly for fumigation. For a week the sanitary authorities appointed by the Japanese resident-general have been cleaning up the city, but only those who have gone into the alleys and byways of Seoul can know of the uncleanness here.

Bold Thug Gets Thousands.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 12.—Binding and gagging both the chief night clerk and his assistant and carrying them to an obscure part of the building, a lone highwayman early today robbed the office of the Great Northern Express company, at the King street station, in the heart of the city, and carried off sacks of gold, silver and a large amount of paper money, which, it is believed, will amount to thousands of dollars.

Fifty Thousand Disciples Attend.

Pittsburg, Oct. 12.—What is asserted to be the largest religious celebration and convention ever held in this country will begin here tomorrow, when the international centennial celebration and convention of the Disciples of Christ (Christian denomination) convenes. It is estimated that fully 50,000 delegates and visitors from all parts of the world will be in attendance.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

THIS HIGH SCHOOL UNIQUE.

Four-Year Course in Country District Is Established.

Pleasant Hill—Union high school No. 1, the first farmers' high school organized in Oregon, has added the 12th grade and can now prepare its students for the University of Oregon or any institution of like rank.

Located in the heart of the rural district, 12 miles from Eugene and five miles from the railroad, this unique high school is formed by the union of five country districts. Some of the students travel daily six miles from their homes to school, while others board in the neighborhood. Besides their studies, the pupils are as much interested in athletics, literary society work and inter-scholastic debate as those of any city high school.

Earl Kirkpatrick, the principal, is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Cash for Coos Bay Road.

Marshfield—"Who are the people back of Haines and Clark?" is the question asked on every street corner. Money has been deposited in a Portland bank by New York capitalists ready to complete the buying of the right of way of the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho railway, according to a telegram received by President Grives.

A meeting of right of way and survey certificate holders was held, at which were present Fred Haines, the surveyor in the field, and Francis H. Clark, attorney for the company. A proposition was submitted to the surveyor and attorney to complete the survey and build the railroad. The two wired New York, and a reply was received saying the necessary money was on deposit in a Portland bank for the completion of the work. The company will begin construction work by May 1, 1910.

Railroad Commission Brings Suit.

Salem—District Attorney G. W. Pnelps, of Umatilla county, has been instructed by the railroad commission to institute mandamus proceedings in the Circuit court for Umatilla county to compel the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company to comply with the order of the railroad commission directing that the local train service between Portland and Pendleton that has been abandoned be again inaugurated.

The instructions were given the district attorney as the result of the agitation for better service started by Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, and because the commission believes that the railroad company has not been maintaining a service that is adequate and in compliance with the order of the commission.

Schools Are Overflowing.

McMinnville.—The city schools opened with an approximate increase of 18 per cent over the enrollment of last year. Pending the erection of the contemplated new high school building the overflow from the other school buildings is housed temporarily in one of the exhibition buildings in the City park, and the basement of the largest of the public school buildings has been fitted up as the temporary quarters for the 11th grade.

St. Joseph's Catholic school also shows an increased attendance fully equal in per cent to that of the public schools.

Newtown Pippins in Test.

Eugene—One thousand yellow Newtown pippin trees will be set out about three and a half miles west of Eugene in the open valley as a thorough commercial test for the famous Oregon apple. Dr. George R. Burgess, of Colorado, is behind the enterprise and the orchard will be planted and cared for under the supervision of J. M. Morris, of Eugene. The tract of land has been chosen by experts and is removed from any orchards that may have pests. As soon as the trees planted this fall are well started another 1,000 will be added.

Enlarge Freight Depot.

Albany—The necessary equipment to move the big city Southern Pacific freight depot in this city has arrived and work will soon begin. The freight depot is to be moved 300 feet south of its present location and a big addition constructed. More room in the freight depot has been badly needed for some time because of the increased traffic. The moving of the structure will provide an open space on all sides of the Union depot except on that fronting the tracks and this space will all be improved and beautified.

Plan Poultry Show.

Pendleton—Umatilla and Morrow counties will hold a poultry show at Pendleton in January. This is the first effort to make a poultry exhibit on a large scale and promises to be very successful. One or more of the best poultry judges in the country will be brought to Pendleton for he show and every bird on exhibit will be scored so that the owner may know exactly in what particular his birds are good or defective.

Club Proposes to Grow.

Oregon City—With a membership of 122, the Commercial club, of Oregon City is desirous of making it 200 and with that end in view has requested its membership committee to work actively during the month of October. It is planned to give a banquet during the latter part of the month and to invite the officers of the commercial organizations in the various sections of Clackamas county.

LAND PRICES GO UPWARD.

Values Advance Rapidly in Eastern Clackamas County.

Oregon City—D. W. Douglas, who was in the city from Cherryville, reports a lively movement in property in the eastern section of Clackamas county. Forty acres that cost \$550 seven years ago were sold last week for \$2,350, and 78 acres brought \$2,500. Little of this land is cleared. Mr. Truman, who paid \$500 for 20 acres four years ago, is to receive \$1,500 for the tract and only about one acre has been cleared. Mr. Douglas has 80 acres that he secured eight years ago for \$10 an acre and he has been offered \$5,000 for his property.

Several Hood River men are buying land in the Cherryville district and they say the soil and climatic conditions are admirably adapted for fruit-growing. One of these men recently purchased 127 acres and he will clear up 40 acres at once and set it out to orchard. The Mount Hood Railroad company is putting in a big dam across the Sandy river and all of that territory is experiencing a wonderful boom.

New Town Wins Prizes.

Stanfield—At the Eastern Oregon district fair, held at Pendleton last week, Stanfield came out with 25 first prizes for products from the soil. And this in addition to the many prizes won by individual exhibitors. Stanfield is a new town in northern Umatilla county, in the midst of the Furnish-Coe project. In addition to the 10,000 acres of the Furnish project there are about 15,000 acres of privately owned irrigated lands tributary.

Irrigation Company Asks Time.

Salem—The desert land board has taken under advisement another petition from the Portland Irrigation company for an extension of time in which to complete a portion of its work in Klamath county. This is the fourth time that the company has come before the board with such a petition, many reasons having been given for the default. Very little work has been accomplished.

Holdings Not to Be Sold.

Marshfield—Elijah Smith, chief owner in the Southern Oregon company, is visiting at Empire, where his big mill is located. The mill has been idle for some time and the extensive land holdings are in the same condition. There have been rumors that Mr. Smith is negotiating for the sale of his holdings, but these rumors he denies.

Bonds Easily Sold.

Marshfield—The city of Marshfield, it is thought, will have no trouble in disposing of the city improvement bonds. One man has bought \$1,000 worth at par and other bids are being made. The bonds are attracting the attention of individual investors.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 96c; club, 88c; red Russian, 85 1/2c; valley, 90c; fine, 88c; Turkey red, 88c; 40-fold, 90c.
Barley—Feed, \$26; brewing, \$27.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28.
Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@19; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$15@16.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, \$33@36 per pound; store, 22 1/2@24 1/2. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32 1/2@33c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; springs, 14@14 1/2c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 15c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, 17@17 1/2c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.
Pork—Fancy, 9@9 1/2c per pound.
Veal—Extra, 10@10 1/2c per pound.
Fresh Fruits—Apples, new, \$1.25@1.75 per box; pears, \$1@1.75; peaches, 75c@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, 50c@1.25; plums, 25c@50c per box; watermelons, 1c per pound; grapes, 85c@1.25 per crate; 15@20c per basket; casabas, \$1.50; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries, \$9@10 per barrel.
Potatoes—Buying prices: Oregon, 60c@65c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.
Sack Vegetables—Turnips, 75c@81c per sack; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25.
Onions—New, \$1.25 per sack.
Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c; cabbage, 3 1/2@1c; per pound; cauliflower, 50c@1 per dozen; celery, 50c@75c; corn, 15@20c; eggplant, 75c@1 per box; horseradish, 9@10c per pound; lettuce, hot-house, 75c@1.25 per box; onions, 12 1/2@15c per dozen; parsley, 35c; peas, 7c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c; radishes, 15c per dozen; squash, 1 1/2@1 3/4c; tomatoes, 50c@60c.
Cattle—Steers, top quality, \$4.25@4.40; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, top, \$3.25@3.35; fair to good, \$3@3.10; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.25; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50@3.50.
Hogs—Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.75@8.75; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8.
Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5@5.50.
Hops—1908 crop, choice, 17c; prime to choice, 16c; prime, 15 1/2c; medium, 15c; 1909, choice, 25c; prime, 24c.
Wool—1909 Willamette valley, 20c@24c; Eastern Oregon, 20@23c; mohair, 1909, 23@24c.

FARM CENSUS ECONOMY.

Director Durand Hopes to Save Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Washington, Oct. 11.—U. S. Census Director Dana E. Durand hopes to save several hundred thousand dollars in taking the census of agriculture and also to increase the accuracy of the statistics.

The director stated today that at the census of 1900 the agricultural data were handled by means of punched cards. For each farm a large number of facts had to be punched, as the number of facts recorded regarding a farm was far greater than the number of facts required regarding an individual in the population census.

Director Durand said the statistics of population and of agriculture are collected by a different force from that employed in gathering the statistics of manufactures. The population and agricultural data are secured by enumerators of whom there will be about 65,000 at the present census, they in turn being appointed by the supervisors, of whom there are about 330. The difficulty of securing competent and faithful enumerators is very great. The length of service is very short, 15 days in the cities and 30 days in the country districts. The pay is small, averaging perhaps three dollars per day in the country districts and a trifle more in the cities, practically the pay of ordinary mechanics. Not only, therefore, are most of those who seek to be enumerators able to command only moderate pay in their occupations, but many of them are men who can not command regular employment and who are looking for odd jobs.

The director hopes that a considerable number of the colleges and universities of the country may see fit to give leave of absence to their students for the short time required to do this work of enumeration. The college student is a very useful enumerator in some cases, but it is exceedingly desirable that enumerators should actually live in the districts where they work, and there are multitudes of districts where no college students reside or where such students are in institutions hundreds or thousands of miles from their homes. Another class who can render good service as enumerators are school teachers, but, with the enumeration taking place in April and May instead of June as formerly, few school teachers can be spared from their duties to take the census.

DRY FARMING CONGRESS.

Great interest is shown from All Parts of the Country.

Billings, Montana, Oct. 11.—An interesting example of the widespread interest in the dry farming movement was given in the morning mail received by the secretary the other day when fourteen states and Canada were represented in the memberships recorded. These ranged from the Pacific coast on the West to Pennsylvania on the East and from Canada to New Mexico. There were several memberships from Canada. The states from which the applications came were California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

Memberships are being received at such rate that the edition of the Handbook of Information, which contains the report of the third session of the congress, has been exhausted and the secretary has been compelled to announce to new members that there are no more of these valuable books available. All persons joining the congress from this time on will receive the second annual Handbook which will contain the proceedings of the Fourth Dry Farming congress which will meet at Billings, Montana, October 26-28, and a resume of the contents of the first edition.

The officers of the congress set out after the close of the Cheyenne meeting with the ambition of making the membership of the congress total 10,000 before the Billings meeting and the indications are that they will come very near that goal. In one day recently the secretary received 180 memberships coming from all parts of this country and from several foreign lands. Every mail brings more.

Wins Riches in Old Age.

Los Angeles, Oct. 11.—By a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals today, Timothy Carroll, a pioneer of Southern California, wins his fight to compel the Los Alamos Sugar Company to pay him royalty on his patent beet dump. The decision comes with victory in the struggle of Carroll, who is 70 years old, against poverty and hardship. It will make him independently rich before the expiration of his patents six years hence. It will put an end to litigation that commenced 12 years ago, when the sugar company refused to recognize Carroll's rights.

Improve Immigrant Station.

El Portal, Cal., Oct. 11.—One direct result of President Taft's trip to the West has been the immediate improvement of immigration conditions at San Francisco. By the president's direction Secretary Nagel ordered that the new immigrant station on Angel Island, San Francisco harbor, be opened at once. The opening of this station had been held up for a long time for want of an appropriation for furniture and supplies.

Riches Fall on Old Man.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 11.—James Fagan, an aged switchman here, received official word today that a Carnegie pension of \$40,000 was awaiting his disposal. Fagan worked on the Pennsylvania railway when Mr. Carnegie was his division superintendent, and the \$40,000 is accumulation of a snug pension put aside some years ago for the switchman.

OFFICERS LEARN AEROPLANES

Signal Men Fly With Wright in First Government Airships.

Aviator First Makes Two Test Flights and Then Takes Lieutenants Lahm and Humphreys—Reaches Height of 150 Feet and Speed of Almost Mile a Minute.

College Park, Md., Oct. 9.—For the first time in the history of America, an aeroplane owned by the United States government soared in the air today. Guided by Wilbur Wright, it flew five times in the dedication of the government's tract of land here as an aviation ground.

With almost ideal conditions for spectators and a breeze blowing scarcely at the rate of a mile an hour, Mr. Wright began the flights to teach officers of the signal corps how to handle the machine. Off the starting rail at 3:00, he circled the field for three minutes. Again at 4:09 Mr. Wright was off for another flight. This time he was in the air five minutes. At 4:51 o'clock he soared away to return after about five minutes. Each time he had kept to the reservation grounds.

Then Lieutenant Lahm took his place in the extra seat. At 5:15 p. m. the two rose probably 150 feet. They went a mile and a half toward Washington in hardly more than as many minutes. In about five minutes after they had left they landed within 20 feet of the starting rail. Lieutenant Humphreys with him.

Flights probably will be made tomorrow and on days following until the officers are familiar with the new art.

CHINA PREPARES FOR WAR.

Preparing Her Youths to Resist Greed of Foreign Powers.

Berkeley, Oct. 9.—That China is making thorough preparations for armed resistance in the encroachments of foreign powers at the present time was the statement made at the student's meeting at the University of California today by Professor John Fryer, head of the department of Oriental languages, who has just returned from a year's travel in the Far East. "The large body of Chinese youths and men," said Professor Fryer, "now to be found in the universities and lower schools of the United States is an indication of the advanced education which the empire has come to consider necessary. There is but one reason for it—to prepare the young Chinese to take part in a struggle that is surely coming."

"Educated in our colleges, these young men are sent back to China and form the nucleus for the corps of leaders that will one time direct the Chinese army. Everywhere in the empire are to be found evidences that the Chinese are planning for war. Their soldiers are constantly drilled, and drilled in the most modern way. The Chinese have reached the point where they will no longer endure the encroachments of foreign powers, and some time, before very long, they will take to the field of battle to settle their difficulties."

CURTIS THRILLS THOUSANDS.

Flies in a 15-Mile Wind So as Not to Disappoint Crowd.

St. Louis, Oct. 9.—Under adverse conditions, Glenn H. Curtiss, by a flight in his biplane late today in Forest Park, received the applause and cheers of many thousands of persons who had waited for hours for the wind to slacken.

Curtiss, facing a 15-mile wind, rose in his machine 30 feet from the ground and flew the length of the aero field. He covered a quarter of a mile and was aloft 45 seconds.

Early today he remained in the air a minute and a half and sailed three-quarters of a mile against a 5-mile wind.

Famine of Cars Is Near.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—The railroads of the country are already face to face with a freight car shortage. The information disclosed is that the surplus of freight cars of the entire country has practically been wiped out. Where little more than a year ago there were nearly 40,000 idle freight cars standing on sidetracks, there is now a small shortage in several lines of traffic. The prediction is freely made that before winter the country will be facing the severest car shortage in the history of railroads.

Cuban Finances Improve.

Havana, Oct. 9.—Marcellino Diaz de Ville-Gas, secretary of finance, today gave out the condition of the Cuban treasury concerning which unfavorable rumors have been current. The secretary says its condition has improved considerably since the close of the period of American intervention. Then the treasury had a balance of \$2,685,228, against \$8,40,956 obligations. The balance on September 30, showed \$1,035,302.

Winter Finds Colorado.

Denver, Oct. 9.—A drop in the temperature accompanied by snow flurries in some sections was reported from Colorado points today. In Denver a light snow fell. No serious damage has been done in the fruit section.