

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Federal troops at Goldfield will be reduced to two companies.

Secretary Taft advocates free trade with the Philippine in sugar and tobacco.

Ambassador Aoki has started for Japan, confident of settling the immigration question.

The government has replied to the Standard Oil company, saying that its fine of \$29,240,000 is perfectly just.

All indictments against Colorado coal land grabbers have been quashed. The court could find no law applicable.

New York mothers have declared war on the nerve-racking initiations of the societies of private and public schools maintained by girls.

George Edward Adams, who stole about \$60,000 from miners while in the Seattle assay office, will leave prison worth a quarter of a million.

In a speech by Secretary Taft it was declared that the money panic was due mainly to dishonest finance. He also said socialism will come if a moneyed oligarchy grows up.

Roosevelt predicts Taft's nomination on the first ballot.

A blanket of snow covers the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Lord Curzon has been persuaded to re-enter English politics.

An eminent French doctor says Kaiser William has consumption.

English are protesting against slavery in the Portuguese colonies.

Kansas City theaters have given up the fight against Sunday closing.

Nearly \$1,000,000 more graft by the Schmitz has been discovered.

North Carolina has again refused to pay the bonds issued during the reconstruction days.

There is a monster shipment of war material on the San Francisco docks billed for Manila.

The San Francisco health board has appealed to the people to continue the extermination of rats.

Roosevelt has allowed troops to remain in Goldfield on the promise of Governor Sparks to call a special session of the legislature.

New York is overrun by hundreds of unemployed.

The Twenty-fourth Japanese diet has just convened.

President Roosevelt is hunting turkeys at Pine Knot, Va.

State Treasurer Steel, of Oregon, has filed his new bond in the sum of \$635,000.

Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturers plan a resumption of work for fully 10,000 former employes during January.

Railroads throughout the country have shown the effects of the financial panic by a curtailment of orders for rolling stock.

At a meeting of the Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers' association in San Francisco it was voted to stop gambling among members.

A passenger train collided head-on with a freight near Lenox, Mich. Five train men met death. All passengers escaped with but slight injuries.

In a raid on Chinese gambling houses Portland police secured \$10,166.90 in coin and currency and \$4,445.09 of exchange on Hongkong banks. According to law this money may go into the state treasury.

Raleigh, N. C., has voted prohibition.

Dewey has just celebrated his 76th birthday.

Officers and crews of the big fleet are enjoying life at Trinidad.

Honey says special privilege is the root of political corruption.

Reports of New York banks show a recovery from the money crisis.

Accused members of the first Russian donna deny they advised rebellion.

Indiana Republicans have formally endorsed Fairbanks as their candidate for president.

It is said a dark horse has been selected to fill Bristol's place as United States attorney for Oregon.

Burning snowsheds near Truckee, Cal., has greatly delayed Southern Pacific trains between Portland and San Francisco.

Latest developments in the row between naval factious brings out the fact that it is over ranking of officers.

Two constructions of the revised statute is possible and each faction claims it is right.

Five men were killed while working in a Paris subway.

St. Joseph, Mo., has started a crusade against loan sharks.

The New York Republican club has declared for Hughes for president.

All signs of yellow fever has been driven from the Panam canal zone.

Puget sound steamboat men will cut the pay of their engineers January 1.

Lawson says only the re-election of Roosevelt can avert a national disaster.

A severe sleet storm has demoralized telegraphic communication around Chicago.

Honey is in Washington arranging with Attorney General Bonaparte for the Oregon land fraud trials, which will begin at Portland January 13.

LADD WILL PAY.

Agrees to Meet Account of Busted Bank in Three Years.

Portland, Jan. 1.—W. M. Ladd has agreed to take over the assets of the Ross bank and pay all its deposits within three years.

Details of the plan were arranged yesterday in a conference between a committee of directors, agents of Mr. Ladd, John Manning, district attorney, and W. C. Bristol, special counsel for the state, and for the American Surety company.

Mr. Ladd will not be prosecuted, but officers of the bank, Mr. Manning says, will be indicted next Monday.

Investigation of the smashed bank's accounts will be continued, in order to gather evidence for prosecution. Officers involved are J. Thorburn Ross, George H. Hill, T. T. Burkhardt, J. E. Aitchison and F. M. Warren.

Experts continue to dig up sensations in the bank's accounts, and to confirm the knowledge that its dealings were the most scandalous Portland has ever seen.

Committee of depositors will insist on payment of interest by Mr. Ladd until claims are fully met.

Whether the receivership will be continued has not been decided, but if it shall be, C. E. Mears may be superseded by a receiver of Mr. Ladd's selection.

Mr. Ladd will succeed to whatever claims the bank may hold against the \$292,000 property of Ross.

The bank continually ran behind in its earnings, but Ross had a happy faculty of marking up assets with "enhanced value" to make up the deficiency, and entered it in a mysterious account called "suspense earnings," which is full of puzzles for the experts.

UPPER HAND OF PLAGUE.

Roosevelt predicts Taft's nomination on the first ballot.

Dying Out in San Francisco—Seven Cases in December.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—With only seven cases of bubonic plague reported during the month of December and but three cases remaining under treatment at the isolation hospital, the plague in San Francisco is almost eradicated.

More than \$600,000 has been expended in the sanitary campaign, of which the Federal government is paying three-fourths. It is estimated that approximately 130,000 rats have been destroyed during the past four months.

Thirty-five thousand, six hundred and forty-two rats were brought to the laboratory of the health department. Of this number, 11,391 were examined by bacteriologists for plague and 106 found to be infected.

"The situation is greatly improved," said Dr. Blue today, "despite the apathetic attitude of the people of San Francisco, some of whom have been inclined to hostility toward us for the work that we are doing for their benefit."

The total number of cases reported to date is 136; deaths 73; cured 60; remaining under treatment 3; suspected cases 18.

RUSSIA GIVING UP ALL HOPE

Japan Slowly Strangling Foreign Investors in Manchuria.

Pekin, Jan. 1.—Ivan Shipoff, agent of the Russian finance ministry, has concluded a three-months' investigation of the serious conditions which confront the China Eastern railway, and as a result he has recommended that expenditures be reduced in every direction possible.

This action is construed here as reflection of the hopelessness of Russia's position in Manchuria. The railroad was isolated during the Russo-Japanese war and Japan's policy since then has practically strangled it. It is believed that the deficit of the Chinese Eastern railway for 1908 will amount to \$15,000,000.

Traffic over the line is declining, particularly at Harbin. Japan has forbidden China to extend the Hsin Min Tun railroad in the direction of Tsitsihar. This step has aroused exasperation among the Englishmen who have capital invested in the line, and it is characterized as another evidence of the monopolistic attitude of Japan in Manchuria.

Protest From Iroquois Survivors.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Continued use of the site of the Iroquois theater disaster for a playground was denounced as a public scandal by speakers at the fourth anniversary meeting of the Iroquois Memorial association yesterday.

It was announced that the permanent aim of the association would be the acquisition of the theater and its site for the purposes of dedicating the premises to some other use. A monument will be erected on the grave in Montrose cemetery of the woman who was the sole unidentified victim.

New Road Finished.

Portland, Jan. 1.—The first electric car operated over the Oregon Electric railway between Portland and Salem traveled over the new line Monday, reaching Fulton Park at 5:40 p. m.

The car was run through under the direction of R. L. Donald, on behalf of Barstow & Company, the construction company, of which Mr. Donald is resident engineer. The operation of this car completes the contract of Barstow & Company, which calls for the operation of the road by December 30. The trip was made without a hitch.

Registered Mail Stolen.

Waco, Texas, Jan. 1.—Officers here just disclosed the fact that a bundle of letters, registered packages, etc., was stolen from the mail trucks at Temple, Tex., probably Sunday, and taken to the brush near here and opened. About \$15,000 worth of checks, money orders and drafts was found in a pile where the letters had been torn open, but all registered packages and money in letters had been taken out. It is impossible to tell how much was secured.

Calls Extra Session.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 1.—Governor Sparks yesterday afternoon called an extra session of the legislature to convene January 4, 1908. For the last 24 hours the governor has been deluged with dispatches from all over the state and many places outside Nevada, urging the calling of the extra session to settle labor troubles.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FULL OF SUGAR.

Good Report on Klamath County Sugar Beets.

Klamath Falls—Frank Ira White of the Enterprise Land & Investment company has just received reports from the department of agriculture relative to samples of sugar beets raised on the Enterprise tract. The beets were taken from the same tract as were those sent to Professor Kniely some time ago, but were fully matured, while the others were not.

Professor Kniely's test shows from 17.40 to 19.35 per cent pure sugar, while the department test is one or two per cent higher, with a very high degree of purity.

These beets produced 8,286 pounds to the quarter-acre tract, or nearly 17 tons to the acre.

The department of agriculture in a letter to Mr. White says Klamath county's sugar beets are of the most excellent quality and that prospects are bright for the industry in this county.

Signs of Oil at Bonanza.

Bonanza—The possibilities of developing oil wells in this immediate vicinity are now more encouraging than at any previous time, in being a well for a new livery stable in this town a strata of black oil sandstone was struck and specialists have pronounced it an unmistakable sign of the existence of oil. Several other places in Klamath county, especially in that portion surrounding Bonanza, show signs of oil.

The prospects are good and the development of the same may result in the discovery of one of the richest oil regions on this coast.

More Traveling Libraries.

Salem—The Oregon Library commission held its regular session last week at the commission's rooms in the state house. W. B. Ayer and Miss Isaac, members of the commission, were in attendance, besides the governor.

It was decided to purchase 90 in all, that will be placed in circulation as a result of the commission's first year's work. It was decided to establish an exchange station for Eastern Oregon at Baker City.

Fruitgrowers Plan Meeting.

Engene—The Commercial club promotion department has decided to join with the Lane County Horticultural society in sharing the expense of the proposed meeting of fruitgrowers and citizens, to be held here Saturday, January 4. Prominent speakers will address the meetings and the people throughout the county will be asked to send in questions which they would like the experts to answer.

The committee in charge has selected Dr. D. A. Paine to act as chairman of the mass meeting.

Hood River Apple Crop.

Hood River—Complete returns from Hood River's 1907 apple crop show that the growers will receive in round numbers \$200,000 for their product, notwithstanding the money trouble, car shortage and reduced crop.

This is approximately what the Hood River crop brought last year when it was in the neighborhood of 20,000 boxes more, and is accounted for by the fact that the apples brought a much larger average price. The entire crop is now placed at 110,000 boxes.

Yellow Pine Market Active.

Pendleton—Notwithstanding the temporary financial flurry in the Northwest, timber land has continued to sell in the yellow pine belt. Several claims of 160 acres have recently been sold on the Blue mountains near Ukiah in Gnatella county, for from \$2,000 to \$2,700 each, and other sales are now pending. This belt of yellow pine lies about 45 miles south of Pendleton on the proposed extension of the Pilot Rock branch of the O. R. & N. and is one of the largest remaining bodies of saw timber in Eastern Oregon.

Salem Hoggrowers Sign.

Salem—Thirty-seven out of the 42 hoggrowers who attended the meeting of growers here last week signed the by-laws, prepared for a Pacific Coast Hoggrowers' union. These growers represent about 800 acres of hogs. A local organization was formed with J. H. Fletcher as chairman and James Winstanley as secretary.

Attorney A. L. Shinn, of Sacramento, explained the plan and purposes of the proposed organization to the meeting.

Colonizer at Klamath.

Klamath Falls—George L. McDonough, colonization agent of the Union Pacific railway, who is expected to arrive in Klamath Falls next week, is now at MacDoel, the new Dundark town at the California Northeastern railway in Rutte valley. He comes to Klamath Falls to become familiar with colonizing possibilities here. He will be accompanied by a Dundark elder, D. C. Campbell, of Colfax, Wash.

Sawmill in Christmas Stock.

Marshfield—The new office building of the big planning plant of the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing company was opened and dedicated Christmas Eve. Festivities were held and many citizens attended. The office building is now completed and in use. The mill proper will be finished and ready for operation in February.

Select by Conventions.

Salem—In answer to an inquiry from Chairman G. A. Westgate, of the Republican state central committee, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he says that delegates to the national conventions and candidates for presidential electors must be chosen at conventions and not under the direct primary.

Shut Down on Keno Canal.

Klamath Falls—The reclamation service has closed down on the Keno canal, on account of the wet weather, keeping only the derrick gang and the engineering corps. The shutdown was made necessary on account of the wet weather.

APPLE SHIPMENTS INCREASE

Railroads Give Out Figures Showing Oregon's Sale of Fruits.

Portland—More than twice as many apples were shipped out of this state during 1907 than in 1906, according to reports compiled by the railroads. The Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. lines have completed figures showing the cars of apples shipped from every point on the allied line, and the total number of cars is a surprise.

"Nearly all these apples were bought f. o. b. at the station nearest the orchards," said General Freight Agent Miller, of the Harriman lines. "This shows the fruit in demand, and Eastern buyers come here in search of it. The prices this season are better than ever before. One station on our lines that never shipped an apple before this year sent away 40 cars to the East a short time ago. This indicates how the apple industry is going ahead. I predict it will only be a few years before apple growing will be one of the biggest activities of Oregon people."

Can't Use Wood.

Burns—The forest rangers of the Blue mountain forest reserve have fined several Harney citizens for cutting timber in the reserve without permits from the forest guards. The largest fine imposed was on R. A. Dickenson, who operated a sawmill about eight miles from Harney. He was caught taking timber from government land and fined \$300 for about 17 trees. The sawmill men have been making this a practice for years before the reserve was created, and thought it no harm to continue the practice. Last fall was the first time a forest guard has been stationed here to give permits for cutting timber for wood and other purposes. There has always been plenty of timber outside the reserve for wood and timber for building purposes until lately, when it was all secured by outside people, to be transferred in time to large timber companies.

Want Rural Delivery.

Pendleton—A movement has been started in the vicinity of Pilot Rock to secure a rural mail delivery route, since the stage line which has been operated over that route has been superseded by the Pendleton-Pilot Rock railroad. The farmers along the old stage road have enjoyed a daily mail service for years, the stage drivers leaving mail in boxes at every house along the route. The rural route would embrace the section included in the Birch creek, McKay creek and Tutilla creek settlements.

Fall Pack Poor.

Astoria—During the fall fishing season there were six cold storage plants and 11 canneries in operation on the various streams along the Oregon coast. The season there as at nearly all other points was a comparatively poor one. The total pack of pickled fish put up by the cold storage plants was about 880 barrels, while the total output of the canneries was 10,000 cases, but was about 104,500 cases, "as they run."

Railroad Buys Laidlaw.

Laidlaw—The rumor has been rife in this community for some time that the Laidlaw township had been sold to the Mount Hood Railroad company, but until now these rumors could not be verified. The verification comes from the fact that the abstracts of title are now being prepared at Prineville preparator to a formal transfer of the property to the purchasing company.

To Indict Nevada Sheepmen.

Pendleton—Through the efforts of Dr. W. H. Lytle, state sheep inspector, indictments will be returned against P. Anderson, a millionaire sheepman of Nevada, for bringing flocks over the state line into Oregon without first giving notice to the state sheep inspector.

Wheat Moving Again.

Pendleton—Now that wheat has gone up to 70 cents in the local market, some of the growers are selling. For a time the price was down to 60 cents, and very little was being sold.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@37¢ per pound.  
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8½@9¢; 125 to 150 pounds, 7¢; 150 to 200 pounds, 6¢½.  
Poultry—Verge old hens, 12¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 11¢; spring chickens, 11¢@12¢; roosters, 8¢; dressed chickens, 14¢; turkeys, live, 15¢; dressed, choice, 18¢@20¢; geese, live, 15¢; ducks, 14¢; pigeons, 11¢@15¢; squabs, 22¢.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 32½¢ per dozen.  
Pork—Bacon, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6¢; hams, 6@8¢.  
Wheat—Club, 85¢; blastem, 85¢; valley, 85¢; red, 81¢.  
Oats—No. 1 white, 42¢; gray, 42¢.  
Barley—Feed, 42¢ per ton; brewing, 43¢; rolled, 43¢.  
Corn—Whole, 42¢; cracked, 43¢.  
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, 11¢ per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, 12¢@13¢; clover, 11¢; cheat, 11¢; grain hay, 11¢@12¢; alfalfa, 11¢; vetch, 14¢.

Fruits—Apples, 75¢@82¢ per box; peaches, 75¢@81¢ per crate; pears, 41¢@47.75¢ per box; cranberries, 49¢@52¢ per barrel.  
Vegetables—Turnips, 75¢ per sack; carrots, 65¢ per sack; beets 1¢ per sack; beans, 7¢@9¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢ per pound; cauliflower, 75¢@81¢ per dozen; celery, \$3.25@3.50 per crate; onions, 15¢@20¢ per dozen; parsley, 20¢ per dozen; peas, 11¢ per pound; peppers, 8¢@17¢ per pound; pumpkin, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; spinach 6¢ per pound; sprouts, 8¢ per pound; squash, 16¢@14¢ per pound; tomatoes, 11.50¢ per box.

Onions—41.75¢@45.85¢ per hundred.  
Potatoes—50¢@65¢ per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 42.75¢ per cwt.  
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@7½¢ per pound; olds, 1¢@2¢ per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 13¢@20¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18¢@20¢, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 20¢@30¢ per pound.

EXPRESS CHARGES HIGH.

Wells-Fargo Accused of Discrimination Against Merchants.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, today held a hearing of the complaint of the California Commercial association, composed of 29 mercantile firms in this city, charging the Wells-Fargo Express company with discriminating against the public tariff schedules that had been filed with the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington and with making unjust and discriminatory rates. The actual question involved, however, was whether or not the quantity rate of 8 cents a pound from New York to San Francisco for shipments of 10,000 to 20,000 pounds should be bulk or assembled shipments, gathered and forwarded by a forwarding agency to one concern or association organized for the purpose of getting the lower rate, the shipment ultimately intended for numerous consignees who were designated by numbers of the labels to the one consignee.

The charges of discrimination are based upon the refusal of the express company to transport a shipment of 16,000 pounds consisting of 443 packages, from New York to the California Commercial association in San Francisco last August, at the bulk or quantity rate of 8 cents per hundred pounds, the company charging the regular package rate. It is also alleged that the express company charged a higher rate than that published and filed with the Interstate Commerce commission, the latter being willfully concealed and hidden from the public. This complaint avers that it is a distinct violation of the interstate commerce act.

In answer, the express company denies all the allegations made, and charges that the association resorted to subterfuge in order to extort unjust discrimination in its own favor, and based its refusal to grant a quantity rate upon the shipment in question on the ground that, while consigned to one consignee, it was intended for more than a score of firms.

EXPATRIATES IN CHINA.

Judge Willey Wants Congress to Make Laws for Them.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Judge L. R. Willey, of the United States court at Shanghai, against whom charges of improper conduct of his court have been preferred at Washington, arrived in San Francisco this morning on the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria from the Orient, and after a stay of two days in this city will proceed to the national capital. On board the Manchuria with Judge Willey was F. M. Brooks, a lawyer, who has filed an action for \$30,000 damages at Honolulu, charging the head of the court in the Far East, together with his clerk, L. R. Hickey, with conspiracy in stopping the practice of Brooks in Shanghai. Judge Willey denied that he was going to Washington to meet the charges preferred against him.

"I am going to Washington," he said, "to aid in drawing an act that will extend to Americans in China a more complete body of laws than they now have. The laws now in force comprise little more than is embodied in the common law and are so indefinite as to be absolutely useless. It will be suggested to congress that the California code of laws be made to extend to China, wherein such laws are applicable."

"In addition to this matter, I am journeying East that congress may be asked for an appropriation for a proper Federal building at Shanghai, where the American consulate and courts may be under one roof."

Jail Wracking Glass' Health.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Affidavits have been served on District Attorney Langdon by T. C. Cogan, Louis Glass' attorney, in his attempt to get his client out of jail. The district attorney will file counter affidavits. Dr. Roland E. Hartley and Dr. J. M. Williamson state in their affidavits that they visited Louis Glass at the county jail and that he showed "marked general physical deterioration and general derangement." They say they found him in a nervous condition which will permanently injure his health.

Raises Rent of Hot Springs.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Hot Springs, Ark., says: Announcement was made yesterday that the United States would double the price for its heating hot waters after the first of the year, and that all bathhouse leases also would be doubled. A protest will be sent at once to Washington. The hot water now is dispensed by the government at 43¢ per annum for each tub supplied. The bathhouse owners state they are unable to meet the raise.

Backed by Wealthy Men.

New York, Dec. 31.—United States District Attorney Stinson said today that he had been served with the papers filed in the United States District court by counsel for Oscar W. Reid, a member of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry. The plaintiff sued the government to recover pay lost through his discharge from the army, but the attorney in the case have admitted that they were retained by "wealthy gentlemen of New England," whose real object is to determine the legality of the president's action.

Headquarters Are Secured.

Denver, Dec. 31.—The headquarters of the Democratic National convention will be at the Brown Palace hotel, which has registered a request from Chairman Tom Taggart, of the committee, through Secretary Mills, of the Convention league of Denver, to reserve 50 additional rooms, besides those already reserved. As soon as these reservations are made the other hotels of the city will begin to make reservations.

Garnets in New York Bedrock.

New York, Dec. 31.—That New York City rests on a vast mass of garnets is the discovery of Ralph E. Morgan, an English mineralogist, now visiting here. In a mass of rock thrown up from a subway excavation, he discovered a large garnet. On the dumping ground at Sheepshead bay he found a number of excellent garnets.

EPIDEMIC OF GRIPPE

Spreads Through the East Like Prairie Fire.

VICTIMS BY TENS OF THOUSANDS

Fared That Epidemic May Surpass That of 1889-90—Street Car Service is Crippled.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Deadly grippe, which has already fastened itself upon nearly every city east of the Mississippi river, is spreading westward with appalling rapidity. Not since the terrible epidemic of 1889-90 have there been such ravages by the fearful malady as at the present time, according to special dispatches gathered from many sources. Mild, open weather, highly unseasonable, is held responsible by health authorities.

Pittsburg is the chief complainant. So many people there are ill that the streetcar service is crippled and office buildings are practically empty. Beside Pittsburg, New York, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Boston, Milwaukee and other Eastern and Western cities were reported to be wrestling with the disease, a number of deaths in each city occurring daily.

"La grippe, as the French call it," said Dr. Herman Spalding, of the Chicago Health department, "travels with the speed of a prairie fire. It travels along the lines of transportation, as it is carried by travelers from one city to another. It is decidedly contagious and there is no effective way of checking its spread. If other cities become badly affected, Chicago is sure to be hit, because of the thousands of travelers who arrive daily in Chicago from every point of the compass."

From New York word comes that the grippe has begun a devastating crusade in that city and that among its victims have been opera singers and many actors and actresses. There were 63 deaths in the metropolis last week. Besides this there were many deaths from pneumonia, influenced by the grippe bacillus.

Physicians in Boston say there are at least 60,000 cases now in that city. Cincinnati has 2,000 cases and physicians say that new cases are developing by the score every hour.

ON SECOND STAGE.

BattleShip Fleet Leaves Fringed for Rio Janeiro.

Port of Spain, Dec. 31.—The American battleship fleet weighed anchor at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon and steamed for Rio Janeiro. Accompanying the fleet were the