

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.

The steel trust reports an improving business.

The typhoon at Hongkong is known to have cost over 300 lives.

The Turkish people will call for a clean sweep of corrupt officials.

The work on the new Franco-American tariff treaty is proceeding rapidly.

Gould admits he would welcome Harriman's help in running his railroads.

A young negro has been burned at the stake in Texas for an assault on a white girl.

Messages from the battleship fleet indicate that it is having an easy trip and is over 1,200 miles from Honolulu.

The railroads have been given more time to reduce lumber rates on condition they do not enjoin the Interstate Commerce commission.

Taft has been formally notified of his nomination. In his speech of acceptance he said, that, if elected, he would take Roosevelt's policies as his guide.

Four nuggets weighing about half a pound each and worth \$500, were found in a fashionable residence district of Los Angeles while workmen were excavating.

Nan Patterson has been expelled from Pittsburg.

The czar is entertaining President Fallieres, of France.

Harriman is endeavoring to secure control of the Gould roads.

Governor Norris has cleared the Montana land board of fraud charges.

Hearst opened the Independence convention by denouncing the old parties.

Taft is reported to have become wedged in a telephone booth at Hot Springs, Va., and a carpenter was called to saw him out.

An important conference is being held by officials of the Justice department regarding action to be taken in the Standard Oil case.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet in Portland in 1910.

Ruef accuses Burns of tampering with jurors and has started contempt proceedings.

Great Britain is already beginning to be sorry she entered into an alliance with Japan.

Roosevelt is planning a hunt in the mountains of Southern Oregon before he goes to South Africa.

The Italian cruiser Puglia is visiting California ports and will also call at Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager for the Harriman lines, says shippers are unfair in their opposition to rate increase.

A Los Angeles ragbuyer got \$1,500 in jewelry and diamonds in an old overcoat, where they had been placed for safekeeping.

The proposition to submit a constitutional amendment for state prohibition in Texas will probably carry at the primaries.

Adlai E. Stevenson, ex-vice president of the United States, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Illinois.

W. F. Walker, who looted the New Britain, Conn., bank for more than \$500,000, was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than five years in the penitentiary on the first count, and five years each on three other counts.

Hughes will run again for governor of New York.

Furious anti-European riots are occurring at Bombay.

Sweden and Denmark are said to have formed a military alliance.

Cincinnati shippers have appealed direct to the president against rate increase.

England is preparing to press the claims of her citizens against Venezuela.

In a battle between Mexican troops and Indians 19 of the latter were killed and two soldiers slain.

A passenger steamer was sunk near Christiana, Norway, and more than a score of people drowned.

Engene W. Chafin, Prohibition candidate for president, says if elected he would use the army to enforce prohibition.

All European Turkey is in revolt and has extorted a constitution from the sultan as terms of peace.

Henyey is being called on for an explanation of \$30,000 paid him by the Contra Costa Water company for legal services in 1905.

Thaw has been deprived of the privileges of the jail in which he is confined.

Lieutenant R. J. Hazzard, who helped to capture Aguinaldo, is to retire from the army.

FOUR BLOCKS SWEEPED.

Portland Fire Causes Loss Estimated at \$225,000.

Portland, July 29.—Fire blotted out practically one full block off the map of the North Portland business district, burned most of the property off three other blocks, and threatened the entire district, late yesterday afternoon. Property worth approximately \$225,000 was destroyed, property representing nearly \$1,000,000 was actually scorched, and property worth well into the millions was within the danger zone.

The fact that a line of brick buildings blocked the course of the flames until the fire department had an opportunity to concentrate its forces at the weak points, accounts for the limiting of the flames to five blocks.

Cause of the fire is not yet clear. There are several theories—incendiarism, spontaneous combustion in a loft of new hay, dropping of a match or cigarette, flying sparks from a chimney. The origin was traced to the middle section of the Oregon Transfer company's place at Fifth and Gisan streets.

The fire popped up with the suddenness that attends the lighting of a gas jet. Some smoke was seen on the roof of the Oregon Transfer company's place about 4:45 o'clock. Fifteen minutes later the roof had given place to a great column of flames.

Fanned by a strong wind from the northwest, the column of flames passed quickly from building to building, gaining impetus from the big frame building and tons of hay and other combustible matter, the fire quickly leaped across the street to the Northern Pacific Wagon works, where there was another great array of fuel, and sweeping this, passed on through the block from Fifth to the blind west wall of the Union Meat company's place.

Checked here, it concentrated its fury, as if with an intelligence of its own, and leaped into the block north of Gisan street, and then jumped Fifth and worked both east and west.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

REGENTS GET BUSY.

New Buildings, New Books and New Teachers Ground Out.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—At the last meeting of the board of regents a frame building to contain six or eight rooms, at a cost of \$5,000, was authorized to be built on nine lots just purchased in Fairmount. It will be used after this year for a shop.

Professor Campbell was ordered to go East immediately to select a professor in geology, assistant in economics, assistant in civil engineering, assistant in psychology and a librarian.

The following new members of the faculty were elected:

L. R. Alderman, professor of education, salary, \$1,800; Dr. Hugo Koehler, German, salary \$1,060; Mrs. Ella Pennel, assistant in English and assistant dean of women; Dr. R. C. Clark, assistant in history; Haines Curry, instructor in chemistry; Mozelle Hair, assistant instructor in English literature; Mabel Cooper and Miriam Van Waters, assistants in the correspondence school.

The board ordered \$10,000 worth of books for the library; the Mary Spiller home for girls to be finished and furnished and the library building furnished. The matter of authorizing an assistant in public speaking was deferred to some future time.

GOVERNOR WANTS DELEGATES

Can't Find Sportmen Willing to Attend National Meeting.

Salem.—The National League of American Sportsmen, which meets at Lawton, Oklahoma, October 12 and 13, has requested Governor Chamberlain to appoint from one to five delegates from this state. The governor has requested a number of sportsmen in Portland to suggest names of persons who would be willing to represent Oregon at the Oklahoma meeting, but has been unable to secure any suggestions. The governor thinks the organizations of sportsmen in Portland should suggest names if they desire representation at the national convention. He has no other method of determining those who are interested or those who would go.

Demands for Linn Farms.

Albany.—Farm lands in Linn county are being eagerly sought and values have increased wonderfully within the last year. W. M. Lloyd of Tazewell, recently sold his farm consisting of 363 acres of pasture land for \$11,900. About five years ago this same farm changed hands and brought \$6,000. Two years ago W. M. Lloyd paid \$8,000 for it. A half dozen of the finest farms in Linn county have changed hands within the past week. There seems to be a steadily increasing demand for this class of realty. Every day prospective home-seekers are seen touring the country with the view of purchasing and establishing a home.