

**Bohemia Nugget**

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**EVENTS OF THE DAY**

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Crusade against Sisters' schools is again on in France.

New York Republicans have decided to endorse Roosevelt for 1904.

President Roosevelt has invited several senators to confer with him on the tariff question.

Colombian insurgents are waiting for arms, when they will attack the Isthmus of Panama railroad.

The Venezuelan government has offered amnesty to revolutionists who lay down their arms in 40 days.

A conference arranged by Governor Stone to settle the coal miners' strike in Pennsylvania, ended in a failure.

The Colombian government has purchased a steamer at San Francisco, which will be fitted out as a war vessel.

Forest fires throughout the Northwest continue to cause widespread devastation. The property loss will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Vanderbilt and Pennsylvania railway systems have been amalgamated. The new combination will have a capitalization of \$2,000,000,000 and a mileage of 30,000 miles.

Every electric line in Ottumwa, Iowa, has been tied up by a strike.

A. R. Shepherd, ex-governor of the District of Columbia, died in Mexico.

The cold wave which struck Colorado has damaged the potato crop to a great extent.

China is disturbed over the determination of Russia to remain in Manchuria.

The Lake wooden mills at Bridgeton, New Jersey, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000.

Great Britain has secured an extension of reciprocity treaties pending with the United States.

American generals who have been witnessing the German war maneuvers have started for home.

Mrs. William M. Stewart, wife of Senator Stewart, of Nevada, was killed in an automobile accident in San Francisco.

The Beaumont, Texas, oil fire is under control. The loss will reach \$250,000. It was caused by the carelessness of a watchman.

The battleship Oregon, which has been undergoing repairs at the Puget Sound navy yard for the last year, has sailed for San Francisco. It is thought she will be ordered to Chinese waters.

The mother of the sultan of Morocco is dead.

The Utah state Republican convention nominated Joseph Howell for congress.

G. P. Burkitt has received the Republican nomination for governor of Texas.

The meat trust is now a certainty. September 27 is the date set for beginning operations.

Tom L. Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, says he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination.

The transport Sherman, bound from Manila to San Francisco, has been quarantined at Nagasaki on account of cholera on board.

Forest fires raging around Portland and in almost every part of Western Oregon have destroyed much property and filled the air with smoke and ashes.

Captain A. A. Andrews, who twice crossed the Atlantic in a 15-foot shell, has been pronounced legally dead by a Massachusetts court. He started on his third attempt October 6 last and was sighted only once after that, and then only about a week after he started.

President Roosevelt has completed his tour and returned to Washington.

Judge E. C. Stinson won the Democratic nomination for governor of Colorado.

General Miles has left Washington for San Francisco, from where he will sail for Manila.

D. C. Heyward has been selected as the Democratic candidate for governor of South Carolina.

Marine engineers on the Willamette and Columbia rivers have gone on strike, almost completely tying up river transportation.

British diplomats deem the Anglo-Chinese treaty a great triumph. The question now arises as to how the other powers will look upon it.

The Colombian troops under General Morales Berti have surrendered to the insurgents. It will prove a severe blow to the government cause.

A report is being circulated that the Firminist leader, Admiral Killick, was killed with the sinking of his gunboat.

The situation in Morocco is becoming serious.

Eighteen St. Louis legislators must answer to the charge of taking bribes.

Nebraska officials are in pursuit of a criminal who is emulating Harry Tracy.

Hayti will not complain to Germany about the sinking of the Firminist gunboat.

The National Candy company has been incorporated in New Jersey with a capital of \$9,000,000.

**NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS.**

Tenth Annual Convention Meets at Colorado Springs in October.

Denver, Sept. 16.—The tenth National Irrigation Congress will be held at Colorado Springs, Colo., October 6 to 9. The American Forestry Association will meet at the same time and place, and forestry will be given proper attention.

The basis of representation in the congress will be: The governor of each state and territory to appoint 20 delegates. The mayor of each city of less than 25,000 population to appoint two delegates.

Each board of county commissioners, two delegates. Each chamber of commerce, commercial club or real estate exchange, two delegates.

Each organized irrigation, agricultural and live-stock association, two delegates. Each society of engineers, two delegates.

Each irrigation company and agricultural college, two delegates.

The following are delegates by virtue of their respective offices: The duly accredited representatives of any foreign nation or colony, the governor of any state or territory, any member of the United States senate and house of representatives, member of any state or territorial commission, all members in good standing of the National Irrigation Association.

**OIL GUSHER STILL BURNING.**

Beaumont Will Endeavor to Smother It with Steam.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 16.—Tonight one large gusher is still burning, sending a volume of flame high in the air. Efforts made this afternoon to extinguish the flames were not successful, but more boilers have been sent for, and the plan of smothering it with steam will again be tried. Many of the oil companies have lost their pumping plants and have wired orders for new machines. An examination leads to the belief that none of the wells have been permanently injured.

There is a new problem to be confronted as soon as the burning gusher is extinguished, and that is the control of the well. The gate valve has been melted off, and while it is probable that this can be replaced, it will be a difficult operation. Estimates of the damage still vary, but there is a general acceptance of about \$100,000 as the figure that will cover the loss. There has been but one fatality so far.

**TRAINS COME TOGETHER.**

Runaway Freight Cars Crash into a Fast Passenger—Three Killed.

Denver, Sept. 16.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 608, known as the newspaper train, which left Denver this morning at 3:50, bound for Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Chicago and St. Louis, collided with a freight train at Struby, a small town several miles south of Littleton, and three members of the passenger train crew were killed and another perhaps fatally injured. Some of the passengers were badly shaken up and bruised, but none were killed or seriously injured.

The freight when ascending a steep grade at Struby to let the passenger train pass, parted in the middle and 15 or 18 heavily loaded cars started back toward the approaching passenger train, which was drawn by two engines. The engineers tried to back out of the way of the running cars, but did not succeed. The crash when the two trains met was heard for miles. Both passenger engines were thrown into the ditch and freight cars were piled up on them.

**VOLCANO AGAIN ACTIVE.**

Souffriere's New Crater is Throwing Out Volumes of Black Smoke.

Kingstown, St. Vincent, Sept. 16.—An official at Chateau Belaire reports that Souffriere's new crater, which has been quiet hitherto, is today throwing out black smoke. The old crater, which in the correspondent's opinion did all the work since May 7, and which erupted September 3, is still sending white steam in dense clouds, which can be seen from Kingstown over the northern mountains. The craters and the Wallillon and Richmond districts could be seen yesterday.

The volcanic matter which fell at Richmond and Wallillon was finer than that which fell at Chateau Belaire, although the places are very near each other.

There has been a further subsidence in Wallillon in four different places, and the local opinion is that these subsidences on the coast line may account for the sand-like substances ejected September 5.

**Cottage City Can Be Floated.**

Port Townsend, Sept. 16.—The steamship Spokane reached Port Townsend last night, having on board 138 passengers from the steamer Cottage City, which recently ran ashore in Alaskan waters. Captain Lloyd, of the Spokane, predicts that the work of floating the stranded steamer will be easy when higher tides prevail, which will give a better opportunity for working on the hull and also for assisting the work of getting her into deep water again.

**Coal Prices Soaring High.**

Chicago, Sept. 16.—The price of soft coal in Chicago has risen to \$9 a ton, as compared with \$3.75 on September 1. Anthracite is practically unobtainable, and is quoted by some dealers as high as \$25 a ton. The sudden advance in prices is attributed to demand caused by the cold weather, which, while not severe in itself, has aroused householders to a realization that their buildings are empty.

**Passengers Drowned in Flood.**

Madras, British India, Sept. 16.—An English mail train yesterday, 25 miles from this city, dashed over a bridge that had been undermined by floods. Fifty passengers, including eight Europeans and four soldiers, were drowned.

**NEWS OF OREGON**

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of the Past Week—Brief Review of the Growth and Development of Various Industries Throughout Our Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

The fall fishing season has opened and indications point to a large run with prices good.

Forest fires are still raging in Clackamas county and much valuable timber is being destroyed.

The coal prospect which is being developed near Heppner is making some very good showings.

Marion county prunes are ripening a little earlier than usual. It is estimated that the crop will equal 75 per cent of the average yield.

The postoffice at Glentena, Lane county; Lada, Coos county, and Tamarack, Umatilla county, will be discontinued September 30.

The Tolocass ranch, consisting of 1,000 acres, situated in Union and Baker counties, has changed hands. The purchasing price was \$14,700.

The Monmouth normal school is in a healthy condition financially, and from the number of entries coming in the prospect for the coming year are very bright.

The forest fire near Oak Point, Clatsop county, continues to spread, and already several houses have been destroyed, as well as a large amount of timber burned.

The 29th annual convention of the Oregon W. C. T. U., held at Roseburg, was well attended and much interest manifested. The delegates and visitors were very cordially received.

The experimental station at the Oregon Agricultural college is to make a practical test of hop drying to save a larger amount of lupulin, which is the active principle and marketable asset of the hop.

The Columbia Southern expects to haul 20,000 tons more grain out of Sherman county this year than last. This is due to increased acreage and the 10 per cent reduction in freight rates on the O. R. & N.

The Eastern Oregon state normal school at Weston opened with a larger attendance than ever before in both the normal and training departments. New students are constantly coming in and the school's prospects are very bright.

A move for a new armory for the Oregon City national guard is on foot. The county is asked for aid in the matter.

Four hundred head of sheep were shot by 25 masked men, who are supposed to have been miners, on the Grant county range.

Five masked men entered a store at Prairie City, Grant county, blew open the safe, and secured \$70 in coin and gold dust. A lot of checks and county warrants were also taken.

The Southern Pacific Company has commenced the construction of a 2,500,000 gallon steel oil tank in its yards at Ashland. The tank will be one of the largest on the coast.

Hop growers in Polk county say that while as a rule the crop is lighter than last year, a number of yards will run considerably heavier.

The report of the Benton county clerk for the past two years shows that he lacks \$13.48 of turning over to his successor as much as he received.

Secretary of State Dunbar has ordered a warrant drawn for \$1,500 in favor of Maurice Smith and others, being the reward offered for the capture and return of Harry Tracy.

Hugh C. Bellinger, nominated for a cadetship at the Annapolis naval academy, failed to qualify in the recent examinations at that institution and will therefore not be able to enter. As none of the alternates took the examination, there may be an Oregon vacancy.

Farmers near Eugene are greatly incensed over what is believed to be the work of an incendiary. A number of residences and barns have been destroyed by fire. A meeting was held last week and a reward offered for the apprehension and conviction of the criminal.

**PORTLAND MARKETS.**

Wheat—Walla Walla, 60¢@61¢; blue stem, 63¢@64¢; valley, 62¢@63¢. Barley—Feed, \$19.00; brewing \$20.00. Flour—Best grades, \$3.05@3.20 per barrel; Graham, \$2.95@3.20.

Millet—Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.00; gray, 95¢. Hay—Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@6 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60¢@65¢ per cental; ordinary, 50¢@55¢ per cental; growers prices; sweets, \$2.25@2.50 per cental.

Butter—Creamery, 25¢@27¢; dairy 17¢@20¢; store, 12¢@15¢. Eggs—22¢ for Oregon.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12¢@13¢; Young America, 13¢@14¢; factory prices, 10¢@14¢ less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@4.50; hens, \$4.50@5.50 per dozen, 11¢@11½¢ per pound; springs, 11¢@11½¢ per pound, \$2.50@3.00 per dozen; ducks, \$3.00@4.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 13¢@14¢, dressed, 15¢@16¢ per pound; geese, \$4.00@5.00 per dozen.

Mutton—Gross, 2¢@3¢ per pound, dressed, 6¢ per pound. Hogs—Gross, 6¢; dressed, 7¢@7½¢ per pound. Veal—7¢@8¢ per pound.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3¢@3½¢; steers, 3¢@4¢; dressed, 7¢@8¢. Hops—16¢@17¢; new crop 20¢@25¢. Wool—Valley, 12¢@15¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@14¢; mohair, 25¢@26¢ per pound.

**CONDITIONS GROW WORSE.**

United States Warship and a Cruiser are Ordered to the Isthmus.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Secretary Moody has telegraphed to the commanders of the battleship Wisconsin, now at Bremerton, and the cruiser Cincinnati, at Port au Prince, directing them to proceed as soon as possible to the Isthmus of Panama, the Wisconsin reinforcing the Tanager at Panama and the Cincinnati taking station at Colon. It will take the Wisconsin fully 20 days to make the long trip of over 4,000 miles down the Pacific coast to Panama. The navy department had intended to send the Boston, which is now getting ready for service at San Francisco, to relieve or reinforce the Ranger, but the alarming situation which has so quickly arisen on the Isthmus of Panama, the Wisconsin reinforcing the Tanager at Panama and the Cincinnati taking station at Colon. It will take the Wisconsin fully 20 days to make the long trip of over 4,000 miles down the Pacific coast to Panama. The navy department had intended to send the Boston, which is now getting ready for service at San Francisco, to relieve or reinforce the Ranger, but the alarming situation which has so quickly arisen on the Isthmus of Panama, the Wisconsin reinforcing the Tanager at Panama and the Cincinnati taking station at Colon.

The Cincinnati will only consume a few days in her trip across from Cape Haytian, and by the beginning of next week she should have reached the other terminal of the Panama railroad. While the destruction of Admiral Killick's flagship swept away the entire naval force of Hayti, and naval officials believe that the Cincinnati can relinquish her post, there is danger that some of the ports where American property interests are large may suffer because of the practice which has grown up in course of the rebellion of burning towns before evacuating them, and it has been decided to send the gunboat Montgomery to replace the Cincinnati on the Haytian coast. The Montgomery has just finished participation in the maneuvers, and is being overhauled at the New York navy yard.

**OIL FIELD ON FIRE.**

Beaumont, Texas, Wells May All Be Destroyed—Losses Will Be Heavy.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 13.—The oil field here is on fire, and, judging from the great volume of smoke which is flowing in from Spindletop, there is grave fear that great loss may be sustained if the field is not entirely destroyed. The fire started early in the evening in some waste oil along the Texas & Sabine tracks, and burned about 60 feet of trestle. This was under control in a short time, and it was believed that all danger had passed, but soon the fire had been communicated to the field, and a number of huge settling tanks containing thousands of barrels of oil were already exploding and others are reported as being in the direct line of the fire, which had spread over a wide area. The ground is saturated with oil, and there is no chance of stopping the progress of the flames tonight. The fire is spreading rapidly, and it is believed that the whole field will be ignited before daylight.

The streets are filled with people, thousands of them on the way to the field in every sort of vehicle, and on foot. There are 400 producing wells in the field. Some of them are buried under earth to safeguard against fire. A tank known as Higgins has blown off its top, and the burning oil is running along the ground, and this may be communicated to other tanks.

At 1:30 this morning the telegraph operator at Gladys says he fears he will be compelled to leave his post, and all means of communication will be cut off. The entire apparatus of the fire department is being loaded on cars to be sent to the field, and a large number of people will go on trains.

**FAMOUS OUTLAW SURRENDERS.**

Disabled and Discouraged, Trainrobber Bert Alvord Gives Up.

Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 13.—Bert Alvord, the famous trainrobber and outlaw, has surrendered to Sheriff Lewis, of Cochise county, and "Billy" Stites, his old pal, who turned state's evidence and joined the Arizona rangers. Hounded by rangers in the United States, and rrales in Mexico, broken in spirit, his right arm shattered by bullets so that he can no longer use a gun, Alvord decided to give up the desperate chances of the life he had been leading and trust to the leniency of the law.

He is charged with attempting to rob the United States mail at Cochise in 1899, and at Fairbanks in 1900. The charge of train robbery, which is a capital offense in Arizona, also hangs over his head. He left his companion, Bravo Juan, after a futile attempt to hold up the International express car at Hermosillo three weeks ago. Juan is still active, and is the last of the famous gang at large.

**America May Lose by the Treaty.**

Vienna, Sept. 13.—The Fremdenblatt, in an article congratulating Great Britain on the Anglo-Chinese treaty negotiated by Sir James Mackay, says: "The abolition of the link seems to be assured if all the powers consent to the stipulations drafted by Sir James. Of these powers, the United States alone is afraid of losing by the substitution for the link of higher import and export duties, because American exports go chiefly to Northern China, where the link is stronger than elsewhere."

**Fastest Vessel Afloat.**

Baltimore, Sept. 13.—The torpedo boat destroyer Warden, which, with the Bainbridge, was given her standardization trial over the Barren island courses today, showed that she is the speediest vessel of her class afloat. During a sprint over one leg of her trial course she developed a speed of 30.5 knots. Both vessels exceeded the contract requirements as to speed, the Warden showing an average of 29.86 knots and the Bainbridge 28.72.

**Treasure for the Orient.**

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The Hong Kong Maru, which sailed today for the Orient, carries in her treasure room more than \$500,000 in treasure. Some of this is in the form of Mexican dollars, but the majority of the shipment consists of bars.

**Snow in South Dakota.**

Lead, S. D., Sept. 13.—The first snow storm of the season set in early today. It is melting here as it falls. At Bald mountain and other points north of there the ground is white.

**RUIN IN ITS WAKE**

FOREST FIRE DESTROYING PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE NORTHWEST.

Losses Will Reach into the Thousands—Flames Encroach on Suburbs of Portland—Bridal Veil Sawmill and Whole Town of Palmer are Destroyed—Sixty People Homeless at Springwater.

Portland, Sept. 15.—Forest fires are still raging in every section of Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties. Thousands of acres have been burned over, and hundreds of persons have been rendered homeless. The fire is still spreading and gaining in force, while the weather conditions promise no relief. The people have not escaped only by galloping through the fires that enveloped the roads. No fatalities have yet been reported in Multnomah or Clackamas counties, but it is feared that men working in the canyons of the Cascade foothills will be surrounded by fire before they learn of their danger and will be burned to death in the fiery trap.

Farmers in the vicinity of Gresham, Rockwood, Rowell's Valley, Pleasant Home, Damascus, Springfield, Viola, Highland and Dodge have lost their houses, barns, fences, and much of their livestock, and must have assistance from the outside to avoid suffering. By courageous fire fighting many dwellings were saved, but barns full of hay, orchards and crops standing in the fields are a total loss. The damage in this district will reach nearly \$50,000.

**Sawmill and Town Wiped Out.**

Bridal Veil, Or., Sept. 15.—Fire destroyed the sawmill of the Bridal Veil Lumbering company and the whole town of Palmer, situated two miles south of Bridal Veil. The fire originated on the right of way of the O. R. & N., and soon spread and threatened the property of the lumber company. In spite of all efforts the fire worked up the mountain side and the sawmill caught. Both the mill and the town of Palmer had a perfect system of water works, but on account of the high wind the water seemed to have no effect on the flames. Within one hour after the fire struck the sawmill the once prosperous town was completely wiped out.

**Heavy Loss on Gray's Harbor.**

Elma, Wash., Sept. 15.—Forest fires are raging over a large area of country east of Elma. Several large mills have suffered more or less loss, and some have been destroyed. The Star mill and surrounding village have been wiped out. The boys fought bravely but had to yield and fly for their lives. Wagon loads of refugees are arriving from the burning district, and people are beginning to move out of Elma. Many farmhouses and barns have been destroyed.

The seven large mills have an aggregate value of over \$300,000. The loss from timber destroyed will probably be \$500,000, making a total loss in this section nearly, if not quite, \$1,000,000.

**Women Burned to Death.**

Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 15.—The forest fires raging throughout Clark county the past week have reached a climax. The fires are the most extensive in the history of the county. The full amount of damage cannot be fully learned, but reports that have reached town indicate the loss to include several lives in addition to at least \$100,000. It is reported that eight families are homeless at Fifth Plain and that Mrs. August Meyers was burned in her home. Her husband was fighting the fire, and when the house caught, being ill and feeble, she was unable to escape the flames. Mrs. Hendrickson and two children of the same place are also missing, and it is feared that they, too, have perished.

**Olympia Enveloped in Smoke.**

Olympia, Wash., Sept. 15.—This is a day of unprecedented conditions. Yesterday a strong wind blew in from the west great clouds of smoke that were arising from great forest fires in Mason county and the country immediately surrounding Olympia, and this morning when the sun rose the clouds of smoke which hovered a short distance above the ground assumed the appearance of a brick-red haze. For a time it was possible to perform outdoor work, but by 11 o'clock the day was as dark as the average night.

**Everett Cut Off.**

Everett, Wash., Sept. 15.—Forest fires are raging along the great Northern railroad, between Skykomish and Wellington. Telegraphic communication between here and Seattle is cut off, and freight and passenger traffic from the East demoralized by the burning of a bridge at Alvin, near Cascade tunnel. The Great Northern is patrolling its track with engines fitted with fire fighting pumps. The fires are the worst for many years.

**Swamping Timber Before Fire.**

Wendling, Or., Sept. 15.—The Wendling crew of the Hootch-Kelly lumber company was called from the mill today to fight fire in the timber belonging to the company, five miles above the mill. The fire is making strong headway in some of the company's best timber, and all the men are now at work swamping the timber in advance of the fire in the hope of staying its progress.

**Sixty People Homeless.**

Oregon City, Sept. 15.—Sixty people are homeless in the town of Springwater, 20 miles east of Oregon City. Fire reached that place early in the morning and the people were forced to flee for their lives. The postoffice and store took fire and were soon destroyed, together the Grange Hall, Macabee Hall, the church and public school building and many residences.

**Coburg Fire Beyond Control.**

Eugene, Or., Sept. 15.—Destructive fires are destroying valuable timber in all directions. Near Coburg a large fire is beyond control. Below Hendricks' Ferry is the largest fire yet reported, and it is now burning furiously in the large timber on both sides of the McKenzie river.

**OREGON HOP CROP.**

Yield Lighter Than Expected, but Quality is Exceptionally Good.

Salem, Or., Sept. 12.—"The chances are that the hop crop for Oregon this year will not exceed 80,000 bales," said a prominent local dealer today. "Picking is well under way in all of the yards," he continued, "and while the crop will be larger than last year, it will be much lighter than was expected a few weeks ago. Last year the crop was very short in the Willamette valley, due to the exceptionally hot spell in July. This year the crop promised to be much larger and nearer an average crop, causing some dealers to estimate the probable yield as high as 90,000 bales.

"It is now evident that the crop is an outside or a top one, and there are not near as many hops on the vines as appearances indicated. This is evident from the returns from a great many yards in which the picking is under way. Some growers report good crops, but the majority are disappointed, and are making complaint at the unexpected shortage in the yield. However, what is lost in quantity is being made up in quality. This has been an ideal season for harvesting the crop, and not since 1890—the year the hop louse appeared—has the crop been so free of mold. The quality in this state promises to be fine and much above the average.

"The Oregon hop growers will find that their hops will be in great demand this year, and that the English buyers will be eager purchasers at full values. The latest cable reports from England state that the crop in that country is coming down very light, and that the mold is spreading rapidly. Growers are trying to pick hops ahead of the mold there, but cannot keep pace with it, and it appears that England will have another crop of poor quality and will have to look to Oregon for choice hops."

"It is plain to a great many dealers that the New York state crop will be less than 25,000 bales. This is a marked decrease from that of last year, when the Empire state produced 65,000 bales. Prospects never looked brighter for the Oregon grower, and it will pay him to give strict attention to clean picking and the making of a choice crop."

**WASHINGTON REPUBLICANS.**

McBride's Railway Commission Policy is Endorsed by State Convention.

Tacoma, Sept. 11.—Nominations made by the Republican state convention for congress are, W. J. Jones, W. E. Humphrey and F. W. Cushman. Governor McBride's railway commission policy was endorsed by adopting the following, as part of the state platform:

"We are in favor of the passage of a bill by the next legislature establishing a railroad commission, to consist of three members, to be appointed by the governor, no more than two to be taken from the dominant political party, said commission to be clothed with power to regulate freight and passenger rates, to determine the value of railroad property for purposes of assessment and taxation, to prevent unjust discriminations, and to enforce into and remedy such abuses as may be found to exist."

The main points of the state platform are: An appellate railway commission. An anti-pass bill. An eight-hour day on state and government work. Retention of the Philippines. The convention endorses: Foreign and domestic policies of Roosevelt, and pledges the support of the state delegation thereto. Work of Foster, Jones and Cushman in congress.

**FLOOD OF REVENUE STAMPS.**

Government Rents an Outside Building to Store These Returned.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Commissioner Yerkes of the internal revenue bureau, has been compelled to rent an outside building in which to receive and store checks and drafts bearing imprinted stamps now being sent in for redemption. The original act providing for the redemption of these imprinted stamps limited the time within which they could be presented for redemption to two years from the time they were purchased from the government. Subsequently that time was extended to January 1, 1904. Almost immediately after the act was passed banks and large business houses began sending in their surplus stocks. So far 194 tons have been destroyed or returned to the senders after canceling.

**St. Louis Fair Money Allotted.**