

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 revolution in Hayti is said to be over.

In the stomach of a coyote killed near Santa Rosa, Cal., 42 chicken heads were found.

New York's police dogs are now in active service. They are on duty from 10 p. m. to 3 a. m.

The government is taking testimony at Louisville, Ky., against the American Tobacco company.

While drilling a well near Billings, Mont., a strong flow of gas was struck at a depth of 200 feet.

Terrific floods have occurred throughout Bavaria. Traffic has been suspended on many of the railroads.

The announcement that John D. Rockefeller is giving work to the unemployed is attracting an army.

During 1907 the police of the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, New York, arrested 149,494 persons.

Federal authorities are said to have taken steps to establish the largest army depot in the United States at San Francisco.

Four oil tanks at San Luis Obispo, Cal., burned, destroying \$150,000 worth of oil belonging to the Standard Oil company.

A Chicago man believes he has solved the perpetual motion problem.

A Chinese Y. M. C. A. is to be established in New York. Plans for a building are being prepared.

There is talk in Russia of double tracking the Siberian railroad, which will cost nearly \$80,000,000.

The emperor of Germany will go yachting in the Mediterranean in March and King Edward, of England, in April.

The paraffin works and two oil tanks of the Standard Oil company near Baltimore, injuring one man badly. Loss, \$150,000.

San Francisco police have just arrested two men who are believed to have been perpetrating many of the hold-ups and robberies.

A New York policeman has just undergone an operation which proved successful. His intestines were pierced six times by a bullet.

The Illinois Central railroad has been fined for shipping beer and whisky into Herrin, Ill., after that place had become anti-saloon.

An interurban electric car left the tracks near Salem, O., and plunged down a 30-foot embankment. Fifteen passengers were injured, none fatally.

British goods are being boycotted in India.

The Union Pacific has greatly reduced working forces.

All Germany is celebrating the kaiser's birthday.

Cheyenne secured the next meeting of the Dry Farming congress.

The Chinese long war in San Francisco has claimed another victim.

The torpedo flotilla has arrived at Buenos Ayres. Its stay will be short at the Argentine capital.

Several warships now at Magdalena bay will soon return to the Mare Island navy yard for extensive repairs.

Rockefeller has ordered 300 Italian workmen discharged and their places filled by Americans who are out of work.

The Nevada special police bill may yet be killed in the house on account of friction between members and Goldfield mineowners.

The Dominion government will loan \$4,000,000 to the farmers of Alberta and Saskatchewan province, whose crops were failures last year.

A severe snow storm is general throughout the East.

The leader of the Portuguese rebels has escaped from prison.

Several of the Russian imperial family are sick with the grip.

Ecuador has stopped a threatened revolution by arresting the plotters.

Harry Orchard has written to a friend saying he is glad he confessed.

Walter Wellman says Wall street is humble and admits defeat by Roosevelt.

The senatorial deadlock continues in Kentucky. Beckham has 49 votes out of 102.

Fire at Portland, Me., destroyed all city records and property valued at \$1,000,000.

A plan is being perfected at Chicago to raise \$100,000 for the relief of unemployed.

The Thaw trial has been delayed because of a storm which prevented the arrival of witnesses.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has cut the pay of all high salaried officials.

HENEY ACCUSES FULTON.

Charges That Senator Is Unfit for High Office.

Portland, Jan. 29.—Before an audience that filled the First Congregational church to its doors, Francis J. Heney, the government's special prosecutor in the land fraud cases, last night picked up the gauntlet thrown down by Charles W. Fulton, senior United States senator from Oregon, and gave to the public for the first time his reasons for accusing Senator Fulton of unfitness for the high office he now holds.

Mr. Heney spoke on "Graft versus Good Citizenship," and attacked enemies of good government generally, selecting Senator Fulton, as he told his audience, merely as a type of the public official who is recreant to duty and false to his trust. He devoted most of his time to exposing the alleged shortcomings of the Oregon senator and, metaphorically speaking, flayed him alive after stripping him of his toga.

The charges which Mr. Heney made by implication and innuendo against Senator Fulton were repeated without equivocation and in detail and backed up with a huge mass of documentary evidence, affidavits, letters and reports, such as a lawyer might use in proving a case before a jury. Referring to Senator Fulton's challenge to him to prove his charges or retract them, Mr. Heney said that he was prepared to take the former course, and proceeded to lay before his auditors the facts upon which his original charges were based.

That Senator Fulton had repeatedly betrayed the people of Oregon while holding public office; that he had used his official position to shield violators of the Federal statutes; that he long had been, and still was, the tool of the railroads at the national capital, and that he had even descended to debauching and bribing an Oregon legislator to elect the late John H. Mitchell to the United States senate, were among the charges boldly made by the graft prosecutor.

There were fully 1,400 people present to hear Mr. Heney and as many more were turned away.

DROP MAYS INDICTMENT.

Hall Now Lone Defendant in Land Fraud Cases.

Portland, Jan. 29.—Judge Hunt yesterday denied the motion of Judge Webster, attorney for John H. Hall, for a directed verdict of acquittal. When Heney closed the case for the government, shortly before noon yesterday, he caused the indictment to be dismissed as against Edwin Mays, Hall's co-defendant, explaining that he did not consider the prosecution had sufficient evidence against Mays to warrant submitting his case to the jury. It was then that Judge Webster announced his desire to submit a motion in behalf of his client, Hall, and court adjourned until afternoon to enable him to prepare the motion. The entire afternoon session was occupied in arguing the question, and Judge Hunt made his ruling just before adjourning for the day.

In concluding the government's case, Heney completed his threatened implication of Senator Fulton as legal counsel in connection with the indictment of W. E. Burke and William G. Goslin for conspiracy to defraud the government by subornation of perjury, by introducing letters from Fulton to either Hall, Hermann, Senator G. W. McBride or Attorney General Griggs, in which Fulton used his efforts to have quashed the indictment against Burke and Goslin. Documentary evidence was submitted showing that the indictment was finally dismissed on March 2, 1900, without the formality of a trial.

Inquest Discloses Graft.

Boyetown, Pa., Jan. 29.—Suggestions of graft and neglect marked the opening session of the inquest here in the horror at Rhoades' opera house on January 13, when 169 persons perished. It was brought out that the main exit to the hall was blocked; that the stairs at the point of exit and entrance was but three feet and one inch in width; that Harry Fisher, operator of the stereopticon apparatus, had received but two days' instruction in the method of handling the calcium light, from which the fire started.

Bribes to Get License.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Carl E. Ritter, a saloon keeper and grocer, was indicted by the grand jury today on the charge of tendering a bribe to A. D. Cutler, president of the board of police commissioners. Ritter testified before the grand jury that he had given Cutler \$300 for the purpose of securing a favorable vote on his application for a renewal of his saloon license in the Presidio district. Ritter has been in custody since last Saturday.

Cold Wave on Prairies.

St. Paul, Jan. 29.—Minnesota and North Dakota are in the grip of a cold wave, the official temperature at 8 o'clock last night sinking from 5 degrees below zero at St. Paul to 20 below at Moorhead, and 24 below at Devils Lake, N. D. At Duluth the temperature is 12 below.

Great Packing House Burns.

Kansas City, Jan. 29.—Fire of unknown origin in the \$2,000,000 packing plant of Nelson Morris & Co., on the Kaw river, in Kansas City, Kan., last night, threatened destruction of the entire plant, and caused a loss estimated at \$750,000 before it was controlled.

Direct Primary in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 29.—The senate last night passed the direct primary election bill agreed on by the conference committee by a vote of 37 to 2.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FARMERS PLAN WAREHOUSE

Exporters' Terms Unsatisfactory to Weston Wheatgrowers.

Weston—Farmers of the Downing neighborhood, near Weston, which is a region of 50-bushel wheat and \$100-an-acre land, are planning to build their own warehouse at Downing station. The movement has been under way ever since the exporters raised their handling charges and adopted a form of wheat receipt unsatisfactory to the farmers. They have just been given definite assurance by the O. R. & N. company that the company has adopted an open policy and will grant warehouse room at Downing station or elsewhere at a purely nominal charge. The farmers interested in the movement are jubilant, and will hold a mass meeting to arrange for the building of the warehouse. This, they declare, they will certainly do unless the exporters reduce their handling charges and change their form of receipt. Farmers here are organizing along co-operative lines and have a very flourishing farmers' union, which meets regularly.

May Trade Territory.

Albany—The residents of northern Benton county are agitating for a change in the boundaries of Linn and Benton. It is proposed to make an even trade and allow Linn to annex one township or more in Benton, immediately across the river from this city, and to exchange therefor a township lying across the Willamette from Corvallis. It is thought this plan will meet with the approval of the residents of the sections concerned and make it possible for them to have better roads and receive more benefits from the taxes paid for the care of roads and bridges. At present the roads across the river in Benton county are badly neglected as likewise are the roads leading into Corvallis on the south side of Linn. The residents of these sections are said to be generally favorable to this change.

New Bank Building in Burns.

Burns—The Harney County National bank took advantage of Sunday to move into its new stone building, which is now undergoing the finishing touches on the interior. This is one of the handsomest and most substantial structures in the state, built of the stone which is plentiful in the hill upon which the city of Burns stands. The room heretofore occupied by this bank will be now added to the mercantile house of N. Brown & Sons.

Linn Stock Doing Well.

Albany—Reports from all parts of the county are that cattle and sheep are wintering to better advantage than for many years. On account of the mildness of the weather fields and pastures furnish excellent grazing and unless the valley should experience extreme changes within the next few weeks it is thought all danger of a hard winter will have passed and the farmers not be obliged to draw on their stored supplies of feed.

Burns Land Office Business.

Burns—The land office in this city for the quarter ending December 31 shows an increase over the same period in 1906. The year 1907 has been one of the liveliest years for the Burns land office since it was established here, and it is expected that 1908 will be still better, as the country is getting better advertising than in former years, and a large rush of new settlers is expected here in the spring and summer.

Portland Retires Certificates.

Portland—It is stated by the committee of Portland bankers having in charge the banking operations of the Portland banks during the recent depression, that all of the \$1,000,000 of clearing house certificates issued during that time have been re-issued, including \$250,000 loan certificates issued to the suspended Merchants' National bank.

Weyerhaeusers Buy Timber.

Oregon City—The Northern Pacific railroad has sold to the Weyerhaeuser Land company 19,280 acres of land in Clackamas county. The deed has just been recorded here, but the price is not stated. The land is mostly timbered and runs along the west end of Clackamas county, from the Clackamas river to the southern boundary.

Pruning Trees.

Freewater—Howard Evans, county fruit inspector of Umatilla county, says the trees in this vicinity are being pruned bust as rapidly as men can do the work, and the prospects were never better for the growers becoming interested in the importance of caring for trees. Great care will be taken to spray for codlin moth.

Elgin Livestock Shipments.

Elgin—During the past week a great many hog shipments have been made from the Wallowa and Elgin country. Several carloads have gone to Walla Walla and about 10 loads went to Troutdale, while several carloads of cattle have gone to Portland in the past several days.

Warning to Druggists.

Salem—G. W. Blakeley, of the state board of pharmacy, is making a tour of Western Oregon, gathering evidence as to violation of the pharmacy law. He says that many druggists are being conducted in violation of the statute, and that prosecutions will be brought unless the offense ceases.

HAS SEED-LESS PEAR.

Has Borne Fruit for 20 Years Unknown to Scientists.

Pendleton.—Not suspecting that a seedless pear was anything out of the ordinary, R. L. Oliver, a prominent fruit raiser two miles west of this city, has been growing pears of that nature for two decades. Much publicity has been given during the past three months to a seedless pear discovered by A. I. Mearns. The tree bearing the seedless pear on the Oliver farm near this city was growing on the place when he bought it, 20 years ago. The pears on the Oliver tree differ in description from those of the Mason farm, being very large and resembling the Flemish Beauty more than any other variety. They are entirely seedless and have only the slightest tracing of core, being in effect coreless as well as seedless. The flesh is fine grained and solid, the flavor is good and the pear has many claims for popularity aside from being a seedless and coreless variety. The tree bears late, the fruit ripening in October.

Where the tree came from is not known. The farm with the orchard on it was purchased from a nurseryman, who set the orchard out.

CLEAN UP ORCHARDS.

Springbrook Fruitgrowers to Fight Tree Disease.

Springbrook—The fruitgrowers of Springbrook, Yamhill county, met last week for an open discussion of their local interests. C. E. Hoskins spoke at some length on the necessity of a more systematic and vigorous effort to clean up orchards, and also introduced the question of getting in touch with the Willamette Valley Development league. Others present spoke of the various phases of orchard work.

Resolutions were adopted declaring for a vigorous campaign against the San Jose scale and indorsing the state inspection laws and upholding the county inspectors and courts in enforcing the laws where this is found necessary.

Cannery for Dallas.

Dallas—The matter of establishing a cannery in Dallas to be conducted by home stockholders, is now well under way, over two-thirds of the necessary capital being already subscribed. The capital stock has been divided into 100 shares of the par value of \$25 each, not more than two shares being sold to any one person or firm. A site for the cannery has already been donated in the north part of the city, and the building will be started early in the spring. There is enough fruit in and around Dallas and vicinity to make the proposition a paying one, and the work will be gradually enlarged to keep pace with the number of new trees being set out.

Cheap Salt for Oregon Sheepmen

Pendleton—Oregon woolgrowers have purchased 50,000 shares of stock in the salt plant owned by the Idaho growers. By this purchase of stock in the mine or plant, the Oregon sheepmen will receive 500 tons of salt annually at just exactly what it costs to mine it and lay it down at its destination. At present prices this means a saving of \$3 per ton, which is quite an item in the course of a year. The plant is located at Ogden.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 12@12½c per pound; mixed chickens, 11½@12c; spring chickens, 12@13c; roosters, 8@10c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 13c; dressed, choice, 16@17c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 16@17c; pigeons, 75c@81c; squabs, 1.50@2.
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candied, 25@26c per dozen.
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 9@9½c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6½c.
Pork—Block 75 to 150 pounds, 6@7c; packers, 5@6c.
Fruits—Apples, 1.25@2 per box; pears, 1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, 85@11 per barrel.
Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1 per sack; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 1.75@2 per dozen; celery, \$3@3.50 per cent; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1½c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1½c per pound.
Onions—\$2.50 per hundred.
Potatoes—40@75c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$3.25 @3.50 per hundred.
Wheat—Club, 84c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 84c; red, 82c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$28; gray, \$28 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$27 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30.
Corn—Whole, \$32.50; cracked, \$32.50.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20 @21; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$13.50; vetch, \$14.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 6@7½c per pound; bids, 1@2c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 13@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c per pound, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

CLEAN UP TOWN.

San Francisco Making Preparations for Battleship Fleet.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—San Francisco will make extraordinary preparations during the next three months to "tidy up" before the arrival of the fleet.

Work on the downtown streets will be pressed in order that the gateway of the city may take on the appearance of freshness rather than dilapidation. While the supervisors are busily engaged on this problem, the special committee, of which James D. Phelan is chairman, entrusted with arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors, has already organized and mapped out its plans in a general way. The first donation to the fund of \$100,000 which is to be raised was made by a local Chinese merchant, who accompanied his check for \$100 with a note expressing appreciation of the protection afforded by the Stars and Stripes.

A unique feature of the celebration will be a floral parade, the first San Francisco has undertaken. The parade will be under the auspices of the Native Sons and Native Daughters. It will resemble in general scheme the pageants made famous by Los Angeles and Pasadena. San Francisco has lost the rural atmosphere which the cities in the southern part of the state which have retained, and a floral parade will entail an amount of preparation that has seldom been attempted here before.

Special attention is being paid the entertainment of the enlisted men. A clubhouse is to be erected where the bluejackets can make their headquarters while on shore. A large pavilion will be provided for drills, concerts and exhibitions.

NEW SYSTEM OF SURVEYS.

Bill to Give Commissioner Authority to Employ Men.

Washington, Jan. 28.—In his annual report Land Commissioner Ballinger recommended the abolition of the present system of making public land surveys under the contract system and urged congress to authorize the employment by the government of competent surveyors, whose sole duty shall be the surveying and resurveying of public lands. Representative Mitchell, of Wyoming, chairman of the house committee on public lands, has introduced a bill in the house giving the commissioner authority to employ such surveyors for the purpose stated, but allowing him also to use his discretion as to the advisability of making a part of the surveys under the old contract system.

There are some surveyors on government work who have produced satisfactory results, but the chief criticism of the old contract system is that it wastes a great deal of time, and requires two or three years from the time of application to get a given tract surveyed and the survey accepted. The Mondell bill will form the basis of whatever legislation congress may attempt on the subject this winter.

WAR ON RATS.

San Francisco Determined to Exterminate Disease Spreaders.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Reports by the plague experts show that the disease has been almost entirely eliminated from the city, but the battle against the rats is to be pressed with new vigor. There have been no new cases for more than two weeks. Only two cases are now under treatment. Despite these encouraging features, the force of men in the employ of the health board is to be increased and the distribution of poison to be continued on a larger scale.

All this is to be done as a precautionary measure. The theory held by Dr. Rupert Blue, the Federal expert in charge of the situation, is that the contagion is carried from the rat to the human being by the flea. In the winter months the fleas vanish, to reappear with the spring and summer. An examination of the rodents last September showed that one-half of one per cent were infected. The examination at the present time shows that one-half per cent are infected.

Troops Repel Tribesmen.

Tangier, Jan. 28.—Advices received here state that the Zenatia and Ouled Ali tribes attacked the French troops January 23, but were repulsed with severe loss. The French littoral and mediana columns had just effected a junction when the tribesmen, in battle array, covering a front of about four miles, swept down in crescent formation. The Spanish bore the brunt of the attack, making several gallant charges, which, however, interfered to some extent with the work of the artillery.

Lisbon Officials Afraid.

Lisbon, Jan. 28.—Although the government apparently is master of the situation, much nervousness is manifested in official circles following the plot to overthrow the monarchy and establish Portugal as a republic. Premier Franco, upon the advice of the police, sleeps each night in a different house, surrounded by cavalry. The police have discovered a number of places where revolvers and bombs have been stored by the conspirators.

Record Crop of Oranges.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The orange crop of California is now in full season and in quantity and quality promises to break all records. The fruit exchanges of the state estimate that the total output of oranges alone will reach the enormous sum of 30,000 carloads, about 9,000,000 boxes and 1,350,000,000 oranges. The harvest will last continuously until next Fourth of July.

SETTLE FATE OF RUEF

Played Prosecution False From Very Beginning.

MEMORY SUDDENLY FAILED HIM

Thought Decision of Appellate Court Would Result in Releasing Him From Jail.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—An attempt to kidnap Abe Ruef from the county jail and spirit him away was unearthed last night by Sheriff Larry Dolan. The details of the plot were revealed by one of the guards, who had seen the preparations. The plot was being engineered by the indicted magnates, who recognize that they must get Ruef out of the way at all hazards to save themselves.

In the midst of the denunciation being heaped upon the graft prosecution by Patrick Calhoun and his fellows in indictment has come a clear light showing that the prosecution stands at the present moment as strong as, if not stronger, than ever.

Abe Ruef's trial will be pressed with vigor. Then he will be sentenced to 14 years in prison. He may at once be placed on trial again and his sentence raised to 25 years. Then Patrick Calhoun will be put on trial and Ruef dragged from the prison to testify.

This arrangement has been made necessary by the discovery that Ruef and the indicted magnates were negotiating during the very time that Ruef was under guard. The plot has been unearthed by Special Agent William J. Burns, and it includes the insinuation that Ruef had an advance tip on the decision of the Appellate court, which quashed the indictment against him. With this information, Ruef, believing that he would be turned loose, suddenly lost his memory on all matters that would tend to incriminate Calhoun and other indicted magnates.

HALL ON STAND.

Testimony is Vigorous Denial of Conspiracy Charges.

Portland, Jan. 30.—For over three hours yesterday John H. Hall, ex-United States attorney, testified in defense of the alleged conspiracy charged in the indictment on which he is being tried in the Federal court. He vigorously denied that he had ever entered into a conspiracy or an illegal agreement with Steiwer and his associates or with anybody else. He asserted that at no time had he ever been unfaithful to his trust as a prosecuting officer for the government, neither had he ever been dilatory in prosecuting all violations of the law that had been reported to him and supported by the necessary evidence. Mr. Hall will probably complete his testimony this morning and the cross examination of the witness by Heney will follow. Aside from the final arguments to the jury, Heney's cross examination of Hall promises to be the feature of the trial.

Judge Webster, counsel for Mr. Hall, said last night that he would probably call only one witness when the witness finished his testimony, although it is understood Steiwer will be recalled for further cross examination. Heney will offer some testimony in rebuttal when the defense has concluded its case, so that the final arguments cannot begin before tomorrow afternoon and probably not until Saturday.

Blame for Theater Fire.

Boyetown, Pa., Jan. 30.—The jury which has been investigating the disastrous fire at the Rhoades opera house, turned in a verdict at 1 o'clock this morning, in part as follows: "We are of the opinion that Mrs. Munro and the deputy factory inspector are largely responsible for the disaster, owing to negligence. We request the prosecuting attorney of Burke county to arrest and if possible convict Mrs. Munro, owner of the stereopticon machine, and Harry M. Bechtel, the deputy factory inspector, on the charge of criminal negligence."

Big Increase in Pensions.

Washington, Jan. 30.—A general pension bill, which, if ratified, will increase the pension roll by about \$12,000,000, has been introduced by the chairman of the committee on invalid pensions. The bill provides for the payment of a pension of \$12 a month, instead of \$8, as at present, to all widows of veterans of the Mexican war, of the Indian wars, all widows of veterans of the Civil war married prior to June 27, 1890 and all widows of Spanish war veterans who died of disease contracted in the service.

Riot in Lisbon.

Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 30.—There was an outbreak of political rioting on the streets of this city this afternoon in which shots were fired and some people wounded. The disorders, however, were of short duration. The police had received warning in advance and they acted promptly. The crowd made use of revolvers and for a few moments the firing was heavy, but it rapidly gave way and was dispersed before a show of force.

Band of Women Thieves.

Lublin, Russian Poland, Jan. 30.—The police of this city have unearthed a band of robbers composed entirely of women and the leaders have been taken into custody. The women are said to be responsible for a long series of highway robberies.