

# LANE COUNTY LEADER

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## WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings of the Past Week in Brief and Comprehensive Form.

King Edward, of England, has celebrated his sixty-second birthday.

President Roosevelt has formally asked Senator Hanna to manage his campaign.

A bill asking statehood for New Mexico is No. 1 on the calendar in the house.

The Italian minister of finance committed suicide because he was accused of corruption.

Pope Plus X has held his first consistory and named two cardinals, but neither of them are from America.

Emperor William, of Germany, underwent a successful operation for the removal of a tumor from his throat.

A diplomatic agent of the new Panama republic has written Senator Morgan enlisting his support for the Panama canal.

John Mitchell, president of the Mineworkers' union, is said to be slated for a cabinet position. He denies the report.

Colorado miners have gone on a strike.

The United States battleship Maine has been sent to Colon.

Russo-Japanese conflict is growing more and more remote.

St. Louis jury in the bribery case of State Senator Farris, is unable to agree.

Democrats have selected John S. Williams, of Mississippi, as their leader.

The republican house caucus has unanimously selected Joseph G. Cannon as speaker.

Great Britain was surprised at the quick recognition given the Colombian revolutionists by the United States.

Colombian troops will march on Colon and Panama despite the recognition of the new republic by the United States.

Howard Haynie, convicted of highway robbery by a Seattle court, has been sentenced to six years in the Walla Walla penitentiary.

Governor Chamberlain will call a special session of the Oregon legislature if a majority of the members will pledge themselves to enact no laws other than remedial to tax levy.

The Maryland democratic plurality is 12,375.

Representative Hermaan is working for a place on the river and harbor committee.

It is said King Peter, of Serbia, has announced his intention of abdicating in favor of his son.

All European powers have indorsed the attitude of the United States in the Colombian matter.

Colombia says she will be able to put down the revolution if the United States keeps her hands off.

Senate and house leaders can't agree as to the method of putting the Cuba reciprocity treaty into effect.

There are 2,000,000 sheep on the Oregon ranges. The worth of this year's wool output is placed at \$2,550,000.

Governor Chamberlain has not yet decided whether or not he will call an extra session of the legislature to remedy the defects in the Oregon tax law.

Z. F. Clark, a Portland man who has invented a steel hardening process that will make armor plate bullet proof, has been offered \$100,000 for his patent by New York capitalists.

The Dreyfus case is to be again revived.

Two more Americans have been assassinated on the streets of London.

Senate and house leaders are bound to crash over Cuban reciprocity programme.

After an interval of a month the Venezuelan arbitration case has been resumed.

Cable cars at Kansas City, Kan., collided in a fog. One person was killed and 51 injured.

The senate committee will stand by Smoot, the Utah senator, despite numerous protests.

The San Francisco street railway arbitrators have rendered a decision granting an increase in wages.

Six men were killed and ten injured by an explosion at the United States naval arsenal at Iona Island, N. Y.

Authorities in Wyoming may clash over the Indian trouble. The Indian agents want those under arrest released, but the governor refuses to do so.

The epidemic of yellow fever in Texas continues to spread.

Alexander J. Dowle, the Zionist leader, indorses Roosevelt.

During October there was coined at the various mints of the United States \$3,672,120.

T. A. Wood, of Portland, has been discharged from practice before the pension bureau.

Congressman Jones, of Washington, will introduce a bill giving Alaska a temporary government.

The case of W. H. Machen, charged with postal fraud, has been set for November 23.

### CAN BE NO WAR.

#### America Proposes to Protect New Republic of Panama.

Washington, Nov. 11.—When American war vessels were recently ordered to Isthmian waters to protect American and other interests in Panama, specific instructions were given, by direction of the president, that the American naval force should maintain peace and prevent bloodshed on the isthmus. These instructions were issued in their broad sense, for it was the original, and is the present, intention of this government to prevent any conflict between the government of Colombia and the newly established republic of Panama.

The administration, in carrying out this policy, will prevent the landing at Colon, as well as at Panama, of any Colombian troops that may be sent by the latter government to subdue the Panama republic. Having once recognized the new republic before the world, the United States intends to stand by and prevent encroachments by Colombia as well as by other nations.

Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, Secretary Moody and Admiral Taylor, after a conference this evening, sent instructions to the commanders of American ships in Panama waters directing them in the event the Colombian government attempted to embark troops at any of its ports with a view to making an attack upon the New Panama republic, that the American forces should prevent such embarkation.

Secretaries Root and Hay had a conference today, presumably in regard to the latest developments in the Isthmian affair. As he was returning to his home Secretary Root was asked the direct question as to whether United States troops would be ordered to the Isthmus of Panama. He replied that while such a thing was possible, it was extremely improbable. He added he had made that answer to a similar question in New York when he really knew very little about the situation, and he made it now for the reason that he knew nothing more of an intention to employ troops on the isthmus.

#### CUTTING DOWN GREAT TREES.

##### Government Urged to Buy Land From California Owners.

Washington, Nov. 11.—In his annual report Captain Charles Young, acting superintendent of the Sequoia, and General Grant National Parks, of California, in which many giant trees are located, urges the acquisition by the government of the land in those parks, now owned by private individuals. In Sequoia Park there are many large tracts thus owned, and after waiting in vain for years for the government to purchase their property the owners are beginning to sell off the large timber. Captain Young says:

"The owners have cut them by the wholesale, and put the lumber upon the market, and where once was a fine forest of magnificent giants, there now is but devastation and ruin in the shape of stumps and sawdust piles. It is but just to the owners and for the best interest of the government that the purchase of these patented lands within the parks be authorized by congress if the parks are to be continued."

He says the lands can be secured for reasonable prices. Captain Young says game is increasing.

#### TIED UP BY STRIKE.

##### Coal Mines of Southern Colorado Out of Working Forces.

Denver, Nov. 11.—More than 10,000 coal miners in Colorado went on strike today for an eight-hour day, increase in wages and other concessions. The strike was ordered by the National executive officers of the United Mineworkers of America, after the coal companies refused to confer with union representatives concerning the demands of the men. Of the idle men, 6000 are in the southern coal fields, 2000 in the northern coal fields and 1800 in Fremont county. One hundred mines have been closed down.

A few independent properties in the northern coal fields and elsewhere will not stop work, since the operators have agreed to concede the eight-hour day and also increased wages. Less than 1900 miners will remain at work according to reports from the affected districts. The announcement comes that 600 have gone out in Colfax county, N. M. The others in that territory are now negotiating with the mineowners.

#### To Guard German Interests.

New York, Nov. 11.—Upon the report of the mail steamer Athon, which has reached here from Santo Domingo, says a Herald dispatch from St. Thomas, D. W. I., Commodore Sheder, of the German squadron at this port, has sent two ships, the Gazelle and the Panther, to Santo Domingo to safeguard German interests. In consequence of this action, the Athon returned to Santo Domingo to discharge her cargo at ports she had been prevented from entering by Dominican gunboats. It is said the German commander has determined to ignore the blockade.

#### Truth Not Half Told.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 11.—Dr. D. B. Murray, the international yellow fever expert, just returned from a trip as far as Saltillo, said tonight that conditions in Monterey, if judged by other cities where yellow fever has been epidemic, indicated no less than 25,000 cases there this year, with the mortality rate placed at 5 per cent. The deaths have been greatly in excess of the number reported in the official bulletins issued in this city and fully 500 cases exist at the present time.

#### Contentian of America.

The Hague, Nov. 11.—In the Venezuelan arbitration case today, Judge Penfield, in behalf of the United States, said the United States was indifferent to the question of the justice of the war, but the United States maintains that the protocol should not establish any preference in favor of the plucking powers.

# OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

#### HOLD ON TO YOUR PRUNES.

##### Advice Given to Growers by ex-Commissioner Reynolds.

Salem.—Prunegrowers who have not already sold their fruit should hold it for a price that will give them a fair profit," says Lloyd T. Reynolds, formerly horticultural commissioner for the second district.

"Dealers are around offering to pay a basis price of 1 1/2 cents. Probably a majority of the prune crop this year will average in the 50-60 to-the-pound size, and at this basis growers would get only 3 cents a pound for their fruit. Since the cost of labor and fuel has advanced, 3 cents a pound is about the actual cost of production. Growers are cutting their own throats when they sell at such figures."

"The condition of the fruit market does not warrant such low prices. France had a very short crop and is buying prunes heavily in this country. The dispatches from New York tell us that the packing houses in this country have had difficulty in filling the orders as fast as they are received. The apple crop of the United States is 1,000,000 barrels short and prices for that fruit will be high. Canned goods have advanced very materially. In every view of the situation I can see no reason why prunegrowers should not receive a fair price, if they will ask for it."

"It seems to me to be certain that all the prunes will be wanted and the proper course for the growers is to wait until a living price is offered. I do not advise holding for speculative prices, but for a living price. Oregon prunes this year are of first-class quality and they give satisfaction wherever sold."

#### LIEU LAND REJECTIONS LARGE

##### Land Agent West Puts Records in Order and Gathers Figures.

Salem.—State Land Agent Oswald West has just completed the classification and filing of the correspondence and papers relating to state lieu land selections in Oregon. Heretofore the records have been in confusion and one seeking information regarding any particular selection, would have difficulty in finding it. Now the records are arranged so that any desired information may be had at a moment's notice. The list shows that the lieu land selections upon mineral base, which have been passed upon by the Federal Land Department within the past year or two aggregate 74,000 acres, of which about 4,000 acres have been clear listed and about 70,000 has either been rejected or is still pending with the outlook poor for its approval.

#### Pendleton Owns Its First Park.

Pendleton.—Pendleton is now the owner of a city park. For years such a move has been agitated, but nothing was done until a week or so ago, when the council bargained for the property in the east part of the city, where the water supply is secured. The money has been paid over and the deeds filed. The land was purchased from Jessie S. Vert, consisting of one entire block, and for which she received \$1500, and four lots from V. Stroble. The city purchased this property to prevent buildings from being erected there.

#### Release of 171 Mortgages.

Pendleton.—The Pendleton savings bank has filed with the county recorder releases of 171 mortgages. This is the biggest bunch of mortgages that has ever been paid off at one time for a number of years. The banking company held these mortgages, principally against farmers, sheep and cattle men. The amount of some of the mortgages was as high as \$16,000, while some of them were as low as \$50. They averaged \$1500, making the total amount paid \$256,500.

#### Put Up Much Fruit.

Ashland.—The Ashland Preserving Company, which has been operating an extensive cannery in this city the present season, will close operations for the year this week. The season has been longer than usual and there have been more people employed than ever before, the average number of operatives being between 40 and 50. Manager Charles Pierce reports that during the four months' run the plant has canned 15 tons of Bartlett pears, 21 tons of peaches, 10 tons of string beans and seven tons of blackberries.

#### Wood \$7 a Cord.

Pendleton.—There is a scarcity of wood in Pendleton. This is due to the lack of cars to bring it from the Blue Mountains, from where Pendleton gets her supply. There seems to be plenty of wood at the belt. Prices are exceptionally high. Fir is selling at \$7 per cord and pine at \$6.50. This price is nearly \$1 higher than last year. Coal is selling at \$5 per ton.

#### Sale of Great Timber Tract.

Astoria.—A deed has been filed for record whereby the Oregon & Montana Lumber Company, of Helena, Mont., sells to Samuel McClure, of Stillwater, Wash., 1566.29 acres of timber land in the Lewis and Clark district. The consideration named is \$1000, but it is supposed a much higher price was paid.

#### Vacancies in Legislature.

Salem.—Not only will a special session of the legislature be necessary to cure the defect in the taxation law, but a special election will be necessary to fill several vacancies in the legislature. The vacancies must be filled before the session is held, according to the language of the constitution.

#### WILL MANUFACTURE STAVES.

##### Houlton Will Have a Plant That Will Employ 100 Men.

St. Helens.—It is now a settled fact that the Western Coopers Company, composed of Kentucky capitalists, will build a large stave factory at Houlton, on the Northern Pacific railroad, just on the outer edge of the corporate limits of St. Helens. A dozen men are already at work getting camps ready in the woods, where the bolts for the staves will be cut up and split into the usual size.

A factory site has been purchased from W. H. Dolman, at Houlton, which has ample space for switches and side tracks. Options have been secured on several tracts of timber land, and a contract has been entered into with the Oregon Wood Company to float down 800,000 cords of stave bolts annually. The construction work will begin on the factory at once, and the management state that fully one hundred men will be employed in the mill and timber.

This company owns factories in Kentucky, Arkansas, Georgia and at Seattle and Aberdeen, Wash.

#### FILL IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

##### Pennsylvania Capitalists Preparing for a Heavy Cut of Vmber.

Roseburg.—The Kelleher-Skelley Lumber Company has just been incorporated here, by W. J. Kelleher, John K. Skelley and W. H. Sykes with a paid up capital of \$50,000. The company has already acquired about 5000 acres of fine timber land on Billy Creek, a few miles west of Yoncalla, in this county.

A sawmill building has already been erected and part of the machinery is now in place. The plant will have a daily capacity of 50,000 feet of lumber to begin with, and will be ready for operation within 30 days. A flume will be put in from the mill to carry the product direct to the Southern Pacific railroad track at Drain, where a lumber yard will also be established.

#### Looking for Reservoir Sites.

Ashland.—H. E. Green and J. E. Reese, of the hydrographic branch of the United States Geological Survey, arrived in Ashland last night from San Francisco. They are in the reclamation service and will cross the mountains eastward from here on an extended exploration and investigating trip to locate possible sites for reservoirs for the storage of waters for irrigation purposes. They go to Pelican Bay, Fort Klamath, The Agency, Sprague River Valley, Bly and Bonanza, and their itinerary will take in all the Modoc lava beds and the Honey Lake district.

#### In the Sugar Beet Fields.

La Grande.—The sugar beet factory here has already this season received 10,000 tons of beets, and has worked over 7000 tons, which means 16,000 sacks of sugar. It is expected that about 1000 tons more of beets will be received by the factory this season, and that the run will continue until about November 10. So far the beet harvest has proved a success. Although there was a shortage in the crop, the sugar material in the beet was heavier than last year.

#### October Asylum Report.

Salem.—The report of Superintendent J. F. Calbreath, of the State Insane Asylum, for the month of October shows that the general health of the patients is good. The total cost of articles consumed was \$7163.99, and the expenditures for salaries \$5999.10, or a total of \$13,163.09. The average daily enrollment was 1330, making the cost per capita per month \$9.89, and per capita per day 32 cents.

#### Malheur County Clean-Up.

Baker City.—General Manager O. C. Johnson brought in the clean-up of a 60-day run from the Rich Creek placer mine of the Eldorado Mine & Ditch Company, of Malheur county, today. The clean-up amounted to about 800 ounces valued at about \$16,000. R. E. Corburn, of Carroll, Ia., is the principal owner of the diggings.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75c; bluestem, 79c; valley, 78c.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$22; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.75@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; Graham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4; rye wheat, \$4.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07 1/2; gray, \$1.05 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; linned dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$11; cheat, \$11.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound; dairy, 16 1/2@20c; store, 16c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15c; Young America, 15@16c; factory prices, 1@1 1/2c less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10@10 1/2c per pound; spring, 11 1/2c; hens, 11@12c; broilers, \$2.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14@15c per pound; dressed, 16@18c; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, \$7@10.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 30c; Eastern, fresh, 24@26 1/2c.

Potatoes—Oregon, 50@65c per sack sweet potatoes, 2@2 1/2c.

### CHINESE ENRAGED AT RUSSIA

#### Some Members Urge War for Reoccupation of Mukden.

Pekin, Nov. 9.—Yuan Kai Shai, viceroy of Chi Li province, who, as cabled to the Associated-Press yesterday, was dispatched to Mukden by the Dowager Empress with instructions to investigate affairs there and if possible to arrange a settlement with the Russians, did not go any further than Tien Tsin, which he reached yesterday evening. It is now considered doubtful whether he will go to Mukden at all.

The Chinese are more enraged at the Russian proceedings at Mukden than they have been by any events since the capture of Peking. Some of the hot-headed members of the Council have advised the Dowager Empress to declare war on Russia, and send troops to release the Tartar General whose detention at Mukden, growing out of the decapitation of the Chinese bandit, who had enlisted in the Russian service, but who fell into the hands of the Chinese after the Russians had evacuated Mukden, wounds Chinese susceptibilities, since it is considered to be not only an insult to a high official, but as insulting to the Chinese government itself.

Better-informed officials, however, realize the helplessness of China, and the madness of going to war with Russia. Their counsel has hitherto prevailed, although there is much baseless war talk in the native press and among the younger Chinese officials.

#### WON'T PROTECT AMERICANS.

##### Cuban Alcalde Disposed to Quibble Over Terms of Treaty.

Havana, Nov. 9.—There seems to be considerable disposition on the part of a number of Cuban government officials to cause trouble to American interests in the Isle of Pines Archipelago. Several natives said to have been inspired by Cubans, some of whom are believed to be in the government employ, are endeavoring to institute suits to question titles to realty in the Isle of Pines Archipelago, acquired by Americans prior to the signing of the Squires-Palma treaty, which provided for the cession of the Isle of Pines proper to Cuba, as a quid pro quo for coaling stations at Bahia Honda and Guantanamo.

The Cuban alcalde, or sub-governor of the Isle of Pines, has refused to lend police protection asked by American settlers in several of the small keys adjacent to the Isle of Pines, on the ground that, according to a strict interpretation of the treaty, these keys were not ceded to Cuba, and hence are not entitled to the police protection asked from the Cuban government.

#### URGES ALASKAN CABLE.

##### General Greeley Recommends a Line From Valdes to Sitka.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Based upon a recommendation contained in the annual report of General A. W. Greeley, chief signal officer of the army, an attempt will be made at the coming session of congress to secure an appropriation for a submarine telegraph cable to run from Valdes to Sitka, Alaska.

General Greeley urges the appropriation of \$321,580 for the construction of this cable, and gives as a reason for the expenditure the fact that this last link in the government telegraph system of Alaska is needed to give an all-American line connecting with every part of Alaska in order to do away with the necessity of utilizing Canadian lines. Secretary Root, in his annual report and estimates, is expected to indorse General Greeley's recommendation.

#### Diplomatic Agent Named.

Panama, Nov. 10.—M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla has been appointed diplomatic agent of the Republic of Panama at Washington. He is one of the financial agents of the Panama Canal Company. His first official act was to officially notify the junta that the United States has recognized the de facto government of Panama. The news has caused great rejoicing here, and was telegraphed throughout the country. Preparations are being made to celebrate the event with great enthusiasm. M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla is now in New York.

#### May Use Force With Porte.

Constantinople, Nov. 10.—In consequence of the Porte's reply, pleading the superfluity of the new reform scheme for Macedonia, on the ground that Turkey is carrying out the proposals previously agreed to, it is believed that Austria and Russia will send an ultimatum giving the Turkish government a fixed term within which to accept the proposals, and that in the event of another refusal, the two powers will take steps to compel Turkish action.

#### Blockade is Raised

Washington, Nov. 10.—Captain Briggs, of the cruiser Baltimore, cabled the navy department today from Puerto Plata, on the north coast of Santo Domingo, announcing his arrival, and stating that the Cherokee was discharging her cargo. This indicates that the blockade has been raised.

# CONGRESS MEETS

## Extra Session Convened to Pass on Cuban Treaty.

### CANNON ELECTED SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Was Tendered Great Ovation by Democrats and Republicans—Rules of Last Session Adopted.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The house of representatives of the fifty-eighth congress today held its first session, and except for the naming of committees, which will follow later, organization was completed. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, whose election to the speakership was assured months ago, was formally elected speaker and inducted into office. Mr. Cannon received the applause of democrats and republicans alike when he took up the gavel of authority, the demonstration being most complimentary to the newly elected speaker. He was at once at ease in the speaker's chair, having filled it so often temporarily during his many years of service in the house.

The old officers were re-elected to the customary resolutions adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to notify the president of the senate of the election of a speaker and clerk, and a committee to prepare a senate committee to notify the president of the presence of a quorum in the two bodies. The rules of the fifty-seventh congress were adopted for the fifty-eighth congress by a yeas and nays vote after brief discussion, being which the minority sought to secure an increase in the representation on the committee.

Drawing of seats, in which old members alike take deep concern, occupied a greater portion of the day's session.

A pretty compliment was paid to the leaders, veterans of both sides of the connection, they being permitted to select their seats without drawing lots.

#### FOR NORTHWEST.

##### Bills That Will Be Introduced at Present Session of Congress.

Senator Mitchell—Appropriating \$2,125,000 for 1900.

Assay office at Portland.

Relief for settlers on lands in Sherman county.

Dividing Oregon into two judicial districts.

Extending homestead rights to settlers on opened portion of Siletz reservation.

Women suffrage.

Public buildings for the Grand Baker City and Oregon City.

Senator Foster—Additional appropriations of \$100,000 for Tacoma and Spokane and \$100,000 for Seattle.

Public buildings at Everett, Bellingham, Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

Opening south half of Colville reservation.

Appropriation of \$50,000 for improving Mount Rainier National Park.

Opening of Columbia between Watachee and Kettle Falls, \$500,000.

Senator Ankeny—Public building at Walla Walla.

Representative Jones—New government for Alaska.

Public building at Everett, \$100,000; Olympia and North Yakima, \$250,000.

Representative Humphrey—Additional appropriation of \$100,000 for Seattle public building.

Survey of the Duwanish river.

#### FALLS HEAVY ON NONRESIDENTS.

##### Cuban Senator Proposes a Bill to Tax Land in Island.

Havana, Nov. 11.—The tension between President Palma and the members of the senate committee on taxation over the proposed lottery measure is daily becoming more pronounced. The president has warned the members of the committee that he will veto any such measure that congress may enact.

The question of taxation to provide sufficient revenue for running the government has become a pressing one. The latest measure intended to supply at least in part, the needed funds is that of Senator Cabello. He has introduced a bill providing that improved city, town and suburban lots be taxed \$10 each per annum and that the uncultivated outlands assessed 10 cents per acre.

#### Old Treasure in Sicily.

Rome, Nov. 11.—Peasants, while digging near Palazzola Acreide, Sicily, found a rich treasure of ancient objects from Syracuse. The most valuable was an artistic diadem encrusted with precious stones and a belt of solid gold and several rings of beautiful shapes. There was also a number of coins of different values. The government authorities took possession of the treasure on the ground that it was national property, but that it will compensate the proprietor of the estate according to an estimate which will be made by experts.

#### Situation Alarms Coal Operators.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 11.—It is so evident that the strike of the Colorado miners in this, the first district of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, is a small affair. In fact, it is a strike out of proportion to that even hoped for by the officers of the United Mineworkers of America and ten times what was looked for by the coal operators. All day the C. F. & I. miners have been swarming into Trinidad, nearly all of them having their pay checks, running from \$187 down.

#### Confirms Rupture With America.

London, Nov