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## WEEK'S DOINGS

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

Japan has outbid Russia for two warships nearing completion in Italy.

Postmaster Bancroft will not be removed from the Portland postoffice.

Whatcom and Fairhaven have united and will be known as Bellingham in the future.

Santo Domingo has now two revolutionary governments and foreigners fear they will suffer.

The Japanese commissioner to the St. Louis fair says Japan will make no concessions to Russia.

Ghouls robbed many of the dead in the Michigan train wreck. The death list has been swelled to 21.

Russia is not prepared for war and may await a more favorable time, although she is buying large quantities of stores.

The Colombian charge at Washington has little hope of receiving a favorable answer and is preparing to close the legation.

During the present session of congress the navy will be materially strengthened. When the additions already authorized are completed the United States will have a more powerful navy than any other nation except Great Britain.

Italy has recognized the new republic of Panama.

Japan will send a large force to Korea to end rioting.

A severe cold wave has swept the East and Middle West.

Russia will probably modify her demands rather than go to war.

Japan is buying large quantities of lead for the manufacture of bullets.

The United States has ordered a gunboat to Korea to protect the American minister.

Efforts are being redoubled to have China ratify the trade treaties with the United States.

The Colombian charge will quit Washington if Secretary Hay ignores Colombian demands.

Large patent medicine manufacturers will, the first of the year, take measures to establish uniform prices.

Chief Newell, of the reclamation service, will visit Oregon and confer with the people about irrigation projects.

The Far Eastern situation is very threatening.

Britain will aid Japan if she goes to war with Russia.

The Colombian force which landed on the Island of Pines will have to go.

A lone masked man robbed a gambling room at The Dalles of about \$1,000.

Chicago liverymen have decided to fight the union hearse drivers to a finish.

The bakers of Paris have gone on a strike and the situation has assumed a serious aspect.

General Reyes has warned Colombia that war on Panama means war on the United States.

The Yosemite national park cannot be used as a storage reservoir for San Francisco water supply.

Governor Taft has left Manila for the United States. He was given an enthusiastic farewell on leaving.

Rear Admiral Walker believes force of marines now at Panama is sufficient, but two more battalions will probably be sent.

Colombians at Bogota are holding nightly warlike demonstrations.

The contract has been let for the Alaska building at the St. Louis fair. It is to cost \$13,897.

European powers will endorse America if she refuses to allow Panama matter to be submitted to The Hague tribunal.

Senator Hanna will retire as chairman of the national Republican committee and Roosevelt wants Root to succeed him.

Rockefeller has just given Chicago university \$1,580,000.

Scenes at Washington resemble those preceding the Spanish-American war.

The strike of Chicago hearse drivers continues to seriously interfere with funerals.

Revision of the Dreyfus case and his restoration to grade in the army seems assured.

Britain and France have redoubled efforts to prevent war between Japan and Russia.

Enough constituents of Democratic senators will demand the passage of the canal treaty to make it safe.

The powers will try to dissuade Colombia from going to war. They have notified her that she must expect no help.

Martin C. Olyman, a noted New York fire fighter, and another fireman perished in flames which caused a loss of \$250,000.

Reports from Hayti and Santo Domingo show great unrest.

## LOOT UNDER FIRE.

Daring Robbery of Bank at Kiowa, Indian Territory.

South M'Alister, I. T., Dec. 30.—A gang of five bank robbers looted the bank in Kiowa, a small town 16 miles north of here, at 3 o'clock this morning and escaped after several hundred shots had been exchanged between the robbers and a posse of 50 citizens of Kiowa.

The robbers dynamited the safe and secured \$2,800 in cash, some of which is believed to have been mutilated by the explosion. The bank building was partially wrecked, the damage to the building being about \$1,500.

An entrance to the bank was gained by the use of crowbars through a rear window. While two of the men did the work of blowing up the safe, three stayed outside as guards. The first explosion was a failure, making a loud report but doing little damage. The citizens heard the noise, and arming themselves with revolvers and shotguns, hurried to the bank.

At the command of a leader of the citizens a volley was fired at the robbers, who were visible through the shutters. The fire was returned by the guards secreted on the outside.

While the two men on the inside worked, the three men on the outside kept up a steady fire with the posse of citizens. It took three explosions to open the safe. After the last explosion the burglars gathered up their tools and leaving through the front of the bank got away in the dark.

The posse followed the gang for a distance but lost the trail. While some of the citizens believe one robber was injured not one of the citizens was struck. The latter were protected from the fire of the robbers by stock pens in the rear of the bank building.

A posse of United States marshals is in pursuit, with little chance of immediate results, as the men had several hours' start.

## OUTLOOK OMINOUS.

War Party Gaining Strength in Japan—China Would Be Neutral.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Peking, that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable, remains unchanged.

Nothing has been received here to corroborate the special dispatches from Tokio which said that the Japanese government was adopting an imperative tone in pressing for speedy reply to this last note. The report is not believed.

Official communications received here from high sources say that the Japanese war party is growing in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government. The Chinese board of war has ordered the viceroys to furnish full information as to the numbers of foreign trained troops available for active service. The viceroys of three of the central provinces in response have reported that 90,000 such troops are in readiness. This unquestionably is a remarkable exaggeration, as the great majority of the foreign trained troops exist only on paper.

The dowager empress has issued an edict at the request of Prince Ching, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments. One such has been appointed director of training, another has been given command of the department of instruction, while a third has been put in charge of the supply of ammunition.

**JAPAN WILL SAFEGUARD COREA.**

Russia Must Modify Her Answer at Once to Avert Such Action.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—An extraordinary meeting of the privy council today approved the issue by the cabinet of an emergency ordinance authorizing the guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of expediting the work on the Seoul-Fusan railway, which is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The ordinance also provides for all possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

**Russia Closely Watching China.**

New York, Dec. 30.—The Russian government is noting with the closest attention and keenest interest the uncommon energy now being shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors, cables the Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent. This has grown so serious as to come into the first line of Russia's calculations, broadening out the situation on new lines. Such a complication would bring into place the Franco-Russian and Anglo-Japanese treaties.

**For Three Cent Car Fares.**

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—Two ordinances were introduced in the city council tonight pertaining to a 3-cent fare on street cars in this city. One was to the effect that the Woodland avenue franchise, expiring September 20, 1904, be given to the new 3-cent fare company, and a like transfer to occur when the Central avenue line franchise expires. The second ordinance was to the effect that the rate of fare on street car routes shall be made 3 cents.

**Panama's Stand on Debt.**

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement of M. Bunan-Varilla, the Panama minister, that the government is willing to assume a portion of the Colombian debt, has been received at the British embassy and transmitted by cable to the London government for its consideration.

## OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

### YIELDS GOOD MONEY.

The Eddy Law Yearly Income Will Run to \$150,000.

Salem.—When the Eddy corporation tax law was passed it was estimated that it would produce a revenue of \$100,000 a year. The act has been in force scarcely more than six months and there has been paid into the state treasury \$90,868. F. T. Wrightman, corporation clerk in the office of the secretary of state, estimates that the annual revenue will aggregate \$125,000 to \$150,000, with the latter sum not improbable. As a revenue measure, it is evident that the Eddy law will not be a disappointment.

It has been frequently charged by promoters of wildcat mining companies that the Eddy law would keep out foreign corporations and prevent the organization of new concerns. It is true that the law has put a very noticeable check upon the organization of corporations with enormous capital stock, but without any considerable assets. Corporations are now formed upon a more businesslike basis.

The assertions of the mining stock promoters served to cause some doubt as to the success of the Eddy law, but the facts gleaned from the records in the office of the secretary of state prove the error of those assertions. The corporation tax law has not kept away any corporation that desired to do a legitimate business in this state.

The records show that since May 21, when the new law went into effect, 171 corporations organized in other states have filed their articles in this state and paid \$50 each for the privilege of so doing. The total revenue from that source in less than seven months was \$8,550.

These 171 foreign corporations also paid the proportion of the annual license fee due for the unexpired fraction of the year, which fee varied according to the capital stock. The revenue from this source was \$17,359.79, making a total of \$26,909.79 which foreign corporations have contributed to the support of this state in a period of less than seven months.

During this same time 226 new concerns have been organized in this state, paying organization fees which varied according to the amount of the capital stock, and aggregating \$9,892.97.

These 226 new companies, in a period of less than seven months, means an average of more than 32 per month, which does not seem to indicate that the Eddy law has prevented the organization of corporations or forced them to go to other states to secure corporate authority. The total fees collected by the secretary of state from both foreign and domestic corporations are \$36,802.76.

### Coming Events.

Northwest fruitgrowers' association, Portland, January 11-13.

National livestock convention, Portland, January 12-15.

National woolgrowers' association, Portland, January 12-15.

Poultry show, Albany, January 12-15.

Angora goat show, Dallas, January 14-15.

Whitman-Oregon debate, Eugene, January 15.

Oregon Christian Endeavor convention, Pendleton, February 19-22.

**Athens Farmers Hold Grain.**

Athens.—It is estimated by the wheat buyers of this place that there are about 75,000 bushels of wheat in this district that have not been sold. John Bell & Sons have just disposed of 28,000 bushels at about 62 cents per bushel. Mr. Bell raised about 30,000 bushels this year, this being among the largest yields for one ranch. It has been learned from some of the bankers of the district that the deposits in the institutions this season are not as large as had been expected, because the farmers are not selling their wheat.

**Feeding a Thousand Hogs.**

Athens.—Hog raising is now an extensive industry of the farmers of this district. It is estimated that fully 1,000 hogs are being fed in this immediate vicinity at present. John Bell, who is an extensive hog raiser, says: "We are feeding 200 hogs this winter. Nearly every farmer of the district has increased his stock this season and they are taking a deep interest in the industry. We find a ready market for our hogs."

**Plenty of Feed in the Grand Ronde.**

La Grande.—Prospects for hay feed this winter were never better. Up to this time the stock in the Grand Ronde valley have had to have very little feeding, although there is plenty of forage. The range along the foothills is very good and should there be little snowfall the cattlemen will pull through the winter in fine shape. Cattle and sheep are commanding fair prices.

**Cotton Is Agricultural Regent.**

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has appointed W. W. Cotton, of Portland, to succeed Benton Killin, whose term has expired, as a member of the board of regents of the Oregon agricultural college. John D. Olwell, of Jackson county, and J. M. Church, of Union county, were reappointed to succeed themselves on the same board.

**Douglas Has Clean Bill of Health.**

Roseburg.—The local health officer, Dr. E. Du Gas, reports that not a single case of quarantine for contagious diseases now exists in Douglas county. This is the first time in several months that he has been able to report an absolutely clean bill of health, although no epidemic has existed at any time.

### WALLOWA COUNTY STOCK.

Stands Third in the List of Heavy Sheep Producers.

Enterprise.—The county assessor has just completed his statement of the number of sheep and cattle in Wallowa county for 1903. He shows the number of sheep to be 180,000. Thus Wallowa stands third on the list among the counties of eastern Oregon. It is led only by Morrow and Umatilla. The sheep in each of those counties numbered about 183,000. The average price of sheep this fall is placed at \$2.30. This makes the value of the sheep of Wallowa county \$414,000. There is little increase this year over the number raised in 1902.

The number of cattle is placed at 16,936, which is about the same as was raised last year. Wallowa county is well down the list in the number of cattle, outclassing only Morrow county. The average price of cattle this year is placed by the buyers at \$25 each. This would make the total value of the cattle \$423,400.

The value of the cattle and sheep combined would be \$1,037,400. The value of the sheep and cattle of Umatilla, Baker, Harney, Grant, Union and Morrow amounts to \$6,187,447. Thus the value of the cattle and the sheep of eastern Oregon is \$7,224,847.

### WILL DIG DEEP FOR WATER.

Grand Ronde Artesian Well Company Organized and Officers Elected.

La Grande.—A meeting was held at Alice last week by the Grand Ronde citizens for the purpose of organizing a company to test thoroughly the digging of the artesian well. The meeting was largely attended. J. M. Church was elected chairman of the meeting and J. D. Smutz secretary.

It was decided to organize a capital stock of \$4,000, divided into shares of \$10 each, to be known as the Grand Ronde Valley Artesian Well company.

On adjournment of the general meeting the directors met and elected F. S. Bramwell president, S. I. Brooks vice-president, Peter McDonald secretary and J. M. Church treasurer.

A well will be dug a depth of at least 2,000 feet unless water is struck before digging this far, and the experiment will be made on the sand ridge, near Alice.

**Rush to the Coal Fields.**

Prairie City.—There is a big rush through this place to the John Day coal fields, which have recently been discovered. Men are coming into the country to investigate, and much of the untaken land is being located. The coal is said to be superior to that produced by the Heppner coal fields, and there are indications that large deposits will be opened. Croppings have been discovered in many places. Several thousand acres of the supposed coal lands have been secured by promoters, who are trying to get more.

**Rich Ledge in the Santiam.**

Albany.—What promises to be a very rich mining ledge has been reported from the South Santiam country, near Foster. The discoveries are about two miles from the Whitcomb postoffice, in the mountains, and are 40 miles from the Southern Pacific by wagon road. The prospect has been known to a few for some time, but the matter has been kept quiet until a test could be made. An assay shows \$21 copper, \$2.40 silver and \$1.85 gold.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71@72c; blue-stem, 77c; valley, 78c.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$20@20.50; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$39.00@41.00; clear, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; graham, \$3.75; whole wheat, \$5; rye flour, \$4.50@4.75.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07@1.10; gray, \$1.05 per cwt.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$23; shorts, \$19; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$12; grain, \$12; cheat, \$12.

Vegetables—Turnips, 65¢ per sack; carrots, 75¢; beets, 90¢; parsnips, 75¢@90¢; cabbage, 10¢@11¢ per pound; parsley, per dozen, 25¢; tomatoes, \$1@1.50 per crate; cauliflower, 75¢@81¢ per dozen; celery, 75¢; pumpkins, 1¢ per pound; onions, Yellow Danvers, 80¢@81¢ per sack, growers' prices.

Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.

Potatoes—Oregon, choice and fancy, 65¢@75¢ per sack; common, 50¢@60¢; sweet potatoes, sacks, 2¢; boxes, 2½¢ per pound.

Fruits—Apples, 75¢@82¢ per box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½¢@30¢ per pound; dairy, 20¢@22½¢; store, 15¢@15½¢.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14¢@15¢; Young America, 15¢@16¢.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 9¢ per pound; spring, 9¢; hens, 9¢; turkeys, live, 16¢; dressed, 7½¢; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, 8¢ per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32¢@34¢; Eastern, 25¢@30¢.

Hops—Choice, 24¢ per pound; prime, 22¢; medium, 19¢; common, 15¢.

Wool—Valley, 17¢@18¢; Eastern Oregon, 12¢@15¢; mohair, 32¢@35¢.

Beef—Dressed, 5¢@6½¢ per pound.

Veal—Dressed, small, 8¢@8½¢; large, 5¢@6¢ per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 5¢@6¢; lamb, dressed, 6¢@6½¢ per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 6¢@6½¢ per pound.

## DEATH IN WRECK.

Head-On Train Collision in Michigan Costs 18 Lives.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—Eighteen are dead and 31 injured, several of them fatally, as the result of the collision early this evening of two passenger trains on the Pere Marquette railroad, one-half mile west of East Paris, about six miles east of this city. The collision, which was head-on, was caused, according to a statement issued by the officials of the road at the general offices in Detroit, by the high wind blowing out the red signal lamp at McCord's, where the west-bound train, No. 5, should have stopped and received orders to pass the east-bound train at Fox. The officials deny the report that a misunderstanding of orders on the part of one of the engineers was responsible for the collision.

According to the statement of the officials, the trains were originally to have met and passed at Oakdale Park, but to help the east-bound train the dispatcher issued new orders, fixing Fox as the meeting place. The east-bound train received this order, and the west-bound train should have received the same order at McCord's. Instead it rushed by this station, and the operator there, after reporting this fact, found on going out on his platform that his red light, which had been burning two minutes before, was out, presumably extinguished by the high wind that was blowing.

The trains met with a terrible crash, the baggage and smoking cars behind each locomotive being instantly reduced to a pile of kindling wood. The engines were completely wrecked, the boiler of the engine which had pulled the east bound train being torn completely torn from the running gear and standing perpendicularly in a ditch at the side of the track.

### JAPAN AFTER WARSHIPS.

Negotiations for Two Chilean Vessels are Under Way.

London, Dec. 29.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Capitan Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press today, relative to these negotiations:

"We want more ships. Of course, this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense all for nothing. I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time. There is no truth whatever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked anent the dispatch from Berlin saying the British government reported to the czar that Great Britain "deemed Japan's demands just, and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain and St. Petersburg, said:

"The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken in her last note." At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

### FIRE LAID TO MOB.

Small Blaze to Destroy Jail Causes Loss of \$35,000.

Pineapple, Ala., Dec. 29.—In their efforts to hide the lynching of Arthur Stuart, a colored prisoner, whom they secured from the jail here last night, a mob is thought to have fired the jail, which was not only destroyed by fire, but caused the loss of eight stores, two warehouses and the postoffice, valued at \$35,000. On Wednesday, P. Melton, a prominent white man, had a quarrel with some negroes, and one of them shot him. On Christmas day a negro said to be his accomplice was arrested and placed in jail, and the friends of Melton, it is alleged, swore vengeance. This morning at 4 o'clock a mob broke into the jail, and after knocking the negro in the head poured kerosene over his body and set it afire. The flames spread to adjoining buildings.

### Troops Cannot Enter.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The following cablegram reached the navy department today from Rear Admiral Coghlan, at Colon: "Atlanta did not allow an armed force in Colombian territory at any time for any purpose. Two officers landed as usual with swords at invitation of Colombian generals." Admiral Coghlan also cabled the department that he would proceed to Cartagena with his flagship, the Olympia, for the purpose of bringing Minister Beaupre to Colon, on his way to the United States from Bogota.

### Contents Pope Got Wealth.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Rome correspondent of the Figaro maintains the accuracy of the statement that the pope has received through Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the congregation of the propaganda, several millions of dollars, which were held back at the request of the late Pope Leo. The correspondent says the money has been invested, and Cardinal Gotti simply transferred to Pope Pius a memorandum of the investments.

### Ex-Governor Sharp Dead.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Ex-Governor Isaac Sharp, of Kansas, died here today of an affection of the stomach, aged 71 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but went to Kansas in the early fifties.

## TO STAY MURDER

Jewish Societies Fear for People in Russia.

THEY WILL APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

Second Massacre at Kishinev Very Probable—Jan. 7 Is the Date Mentioned—Seattle Club to Their Aid.

Washington, Dec. 30.—With the view of enlisting the immediate and active interest of the United States against the reported contemplated massacre of Jews in Russia on January 7, the Russian New Year, Simon Wolf, representing the United Jew societies, tomorrow will lay before the state department an appeal in behalf of his people representing to him thus to be threatened.

Following his visit to the state department, Mr. Wolf will be received by President Roosevelt, at which time the whole subject of the status of the Jews in Russia will be discussed.

### Seattle Club Makes Appeal.

Seattle, Dec. 30.—The Harmony club of Seattle, composed of 314 of the most prominent Jews in this city, has sent messages of appeal to President Roosevelt, the members of the Washington delegation in congress and William R. Hearst, of New York, asking aid and intervention in behalf of the Jews who are in danger of a massacre in Kishinev, January 7. The text of the telegram to the president which is indorsed by Governor McBride, of Washington, follows:

"The Harmony club, consisting of 314 Jewish citizens of Seattle, appeal to your excellency to intercede in behalf of Jews of Kishinev, threatened with massacre January 7.

"By M. Summerfield, chairman."

### AGAINST REPEAL OF LAND LAW.

Mondell Argues for Amendment of the Timber and Stone Act.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the irrigation committee, today appeared before the public lands committee and presented an argument in favor of a modification of the timber and stone act. He stoutly opposed the outright repeal of this law or its radical modification, for he showed it was the mainstay of the national irrigation act and afforded the great bulk of money that is converted into the reclamation fund. He furthermore asserted there has been no such extensive frauds perpetrated under this law as has been represented by certain department officials and in the newspapers.

Mr. Mondell believes the timber and stone act should be amended so as to permit the government to realize a higher price for its public timber land in Oregon, Washington and California, where this land is worth more than \$2.50 an acre, but he stoutly objects to having the price raised on timber lands in the inter-mountain states.