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WEEK'S DOINGS

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

The Port Arthur channel is again open.

Mrs. Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) is dead.

Russia fears a rising against the czar if Port Arthur falls.

Vice Admiral Togo has been promoted to be admiral.

The Japanese have found Tullienwan by completely mined and must delay landing.

Fire near Richmond, Va., destroyed 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Loss, \$600,000.

Reports have been sent out that both Japan and Russia have lost ships in a fight at Port Arthur.

Senator Mitchell fails to find anything in reports to warrant the removal of Postmaster Bancroft at Portland.

Two riots in Victor, Colo., following the blowing up of non-union miners, resulted in two miners being killed and a number injured.

Thirteen non-union miners were killed at Victor, Colo., while waiting for a train. Three hundred pounds of dynamite was placed under the depot platform and fired by electricity by unknown persons. Troops have been ordered to the scene.

A Paris report says General Kuroki has been captured.

The Colorado military continues to deport striking miners.

Russia is making important movements toward Kai Ping.

Rain has ceased in Kansas and the floods are now expected to recede.

Communication with Port Arthur is maintained by the use of carrier pigeons.

Lieutenant General Zabolkin, commander of a Cossack division, has been killed.

Bandits are becoming bolder in Niu Chwang and residents fear warships will be needed.

An allotment of \$15,000 has been made for dredging the Columbia and Willamette below Portland.

An explosion at the Pinole, Cal., powder works killed three men and destroyed \$20,000 worth of property.

An explosion wrecked the great Peoria, Ill., distillery and ten men are burned in the ruins. Fire broke out and the loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

The Kansas flood already covers a large area and many streams are still rising.

The Russian forces above Kinchon realize they can do little and are likely to retreat.

Nine people were killed and many injured in a collision of trains near Martin City, Mo.

Charles S. Deneen has been nominated for governor of Illinois by the Republicans on the 79th ballot.

One-third of New York's street sweepers contract consumption, presumably from germs in the streets.

Senator Burton, of Kansas, has filed an appeal. The senator indicted for bribery thinks the lower court erred.

Crook county, Oregon, towns are booming with the arrival of many would be settlers who are attracted by the irrigation projects.

Russia has no ground for supposing Germany is in a position to help her either diplomatically or materially, as no treaties exist between the two countries.

The czar and a council of war have decided to advise Kuropatkin to endeavor to relieve Port Arthur.

Russia has dispatched the first of eight submarine boats to Vladivostok by rail.

The Japanese are landing a second army at Takushan.

Superintendent Potter, of the Chemawa Indian school, may be transferred as a result of the charges against him.

Large forces of Chinese bandits are collecting in the hills northeast of the Liao river and are preparing to cut the railway north of Mukden.

A new strike of what promises to be rich ore has been made about 13 miles from Cripple Creek. Over a thousand claims have already been staked out.

Transports loaded with troops continue to leave Western Japanese ports daily for the theater of war. A large proportion of those dispatched during the past week were to reinforce General Oku.

The president has ordered an attorney to Alaska to investigate the offices of governor and judges.

A severe battle is reported to have occurred six miles from Port Arthur.

The Russians cannot hold the second line of defenses and must fall back to Port Arthur.

An Alaskan hermit has died declaring he is Tascott, the long sought Chicago murderer.

EXPECT BATTLE AT LIAO YANG.

Russians Believe Important Developments are Impending.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The general public at the Russian capital is imbued with the belief that important military developments are impending at Liao Yang, and that a general engagement between Kuropatkin's and general Kuroki's armies is imminent. Although the authorities are doing nothing to discourage the idea, the best-informed circles at the war office do not anticipate a decisive battle immediately, unless brought on more or less unexpectedly by an accidental collision between strong columns, as often happens in warfare.

The war office's information does not indicate that the Japanese have concentrated for an attack on General Kuropatkin, and it is expected they are not yet ready to assume the offensive. Nevertheless, it is known that differences of opinion exist at the Russian headquarters as to the advisability of taking the aggressive, and it is believed this matter was the subject of a conference between the commander-in-chief and the viceroy at Mukden Tuesday.

Kuropatkin's position is becoming very formidable, both in the number and character of troops at his disposal. The condition of some of the Siberian reserves when called to the colors was not satisfactory and caused Kuropatkin misgivings, but it is now reported that they have been drilled into a state of efficiency. More important, however, are the large reinforcements of field artillery, in which the Russian army was especially weak. These have now arrived. Nevertheless, Kuropatkin does not consider himself strong enough to risk the possibility of a defeat which might be irretrievable and result in disaster or at least years of campaigning. His friends praise his steady conservatism, caution and refusal to listen to the counsel of the hotspurs.

RUSSIA CANNOT BELIEVE IT.

Japan Held to Have No Right to Offer Territory to China.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The Russian authorities have not been advised by M. Lessar, the Russian minister to China, of the proposition alleged to have been made to China by Japan to hand over the towns captured by the Japanese in Manchuria to the Chinese civil administration, or even of the refusal of the Pekin government to assign the administration to a neutral power.

The foreign office cannot believe such a proposition was submitted, pointing out that while the war is in progress the fact that certain territory is occupied by the Japanese does not necessarily mean it will remain in their hands. As a belligerent, Russia would, of course, refuse to recognize an agreement which might hamper her military operations, and she does not believe the powers would consider even for a moment a proposition of this character.

At the conclusion of the war, if Japan is victorious, it is considered that she herself is under pledge not to undertake, even temporarily, the civil administration of Manchuria.

MOHAMMEDIANS ARE EXCITED.

Presence of American Ships, However, is Having Salutary Influence.

Washington, June 7.—Admiral Chadwick today cabled to the navy department that the presence of the American fleet at Tangier has had a salutary influence, but the community is in a state of great religious excitement.

Admiral Chadwick's telegram is understood to be in reply to certain criticisms, mainly from British sources, upon the wisdom of sending American warships to Morocco at this juncture. The religious excitement mentioned as prevailing among the Moors is believed here to be incident primarily to one of the annual Mohammedan pilgrimages occurring at this season. Undoubtedly, however, the presence of the seven American warships at Tangier, with a promise of reinforcement if necessary by another squadron, is regarded as threatening Moorish integrity and the Mohammedan religion, and has contributed to the excitement.

Relief for Fort.

Paris, June 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says he learns from a trustworthy source that the advance guard of 14,000 men under General Stakelberg, sent by General Kuropatkin to the relief of Port Arthur, has already reached the entrance to the Liao Tung Peninsula, and the bulk of the army is following. The correspondent of the Matin at Niu Chwang confirms this, stating that important movements of Russian troops are proceeding to the southward of Tachichao toward Kai Ping.

Predicts its Early Fall

Paris, June 7.—The leading military authorities here expect the early fall of Port Arthur, and view this as a most serious, if not an irreparable, blow to Russia, the present condition of Port Arthur being compared to that of Metz and Sedan during the Franco-Prussian war. It is pointed out that General Kuropatkin is making the same fatal mistake in regard to Port Arthur's military ability to resist that the French made in connection with Metz.

Japanese Not Paying for Supplies.

Liao Yang, June 7.—Merchants from the south complain that the Japanese are not paying for the supplies taken by them as they did in the earlier stages of the war, and assert they are even ill-treated and insulted when they ask for money. Two Chinese bandits were executed here today.

BY BIG MAJORITY

Entire Republican State Ticket Is Elected.

LOCAL OPTION WILL BE VERY CLOSE

Cities Against Measure, Country Favors It—Democrats Elect Some of Legislative and County Tickets.

In the election yesterday the returns indicate that the republican state ticket is elected by a plurality of 20,000.

In the First Congressional district Binger Hermann has been re-elected by 7000 to 8000 plurality. In many counties he has run ahead of his ticket. The same is true of Representative Williamson, who will be returned to congress by a plurality of 12,000.

Food and Dairy Commissioner J. W. Bailey, candidate for re-election, made a strong run, and his plurality will fall little short of Supreme Judge Moore's.

The returns are too meager to indicate the success or defeat of the local option law, and it will take the complete count to determine the result. The cities have voted against the measure, and the country districts in its favor. The direct primary law has been ratified by a large majority. The vote polled was large and will not fall short of the total registration.

Clackamas County.

Oregon City, June 7.—With no official returns at hand the election of the entire republican ticket is assured. About 85 per cent of the registered vote was cast. Hermann will carry the county by probably 250 majority. The republican state and judicial ticket will be elected by at least 1000 majority.

Wasco County.

The Dalles, June 7.—Thus far no complete returns have been received from any precinct in this county. As far as can be estimated from the meager reports the state officers and representative Williamson will carry the county by large pluralities.

Yamhill County.

McMinnville, June 7.—In McMinnville precincts Hermann had a good margin over O'Vatch, and for supreme judge, Moore was in the lead.

Clatsop County.

Astoria, June 7.—Incomplete returns from the city precincts in the county give Williamson, for representative, 368, Simons 190, Moore 357; supreme justice, O'Day 190; food and dairy commissioner, Bailey 241, Douglas 141.

Marion County.

Salem, June 7.—The election in Marion county has been a landslide for the republican ticket and with the returns yet far from complete it is apparent that every republican candidate has carried the county.

Jackson County.

Ashland, June 7.—The Jackson county returns are coming in slowly. At 1 A. M. indications are that the republican state and congressional tickets will have a substantial majority. Hermann's plurality is now estimated at 300.

Washington County.

Hillsboro, June 7.—The count in Washington county is coming in very slow. Hillsboro's two precincts give Hermann 120 to 76 for Veatch, with the state ticket about the same. Out of 222 votes cast in these two precincts, the local option measure gets 109 "yes" to 113 "no." Indications are that Hermann will carry the county by at least 500, and perhaps 700.

Union County.

Union, June 7.—Union county goes republican by a large majority. The republican state ticket, from returns received, will be elected by a vote of considerably over 2 to 1. The vote on local option is close, with a small majority probably favorable.

Benton County.

Corvallis, June 7.—The majority for republican state ticket is estimated at 200. Judge Hamilton, Dem., has carried the county by a plurality of 50 to 75. The democrats elect the treasurer.

Wheeler County.

Fossil, June 7.—In Wheeler county, Moore, for chief justice, and Williamson, for congress, will receive majorities estimated at about 200. This majority will hold good for the entire state ticket. The republicans elect all on the legislative ticket.

Polk County.

Eugene, June 7.—Five precincts outside of Eugene, in Lane county, give Hermann 230, Veatch 111, Moore 199, O'Day 62, Hamilton 150, Potter 198. As the count progresses in Eugene, the republicans are gaining rapidly. Democrats will elect the sheriff.

Lane County.

Dallas, June 7.—The republican state and district tickets are safely elected. Hermann will have at least 200 plurality. Dallas from incomplete returns gives democratic majorities. Local option is running well with safe majority. The contest on state senator is especially close with Laughery, the republican nominee, slightly leading.

Umatilla County.

Pendleton, June 7.—Williamson will carry this county by a large majority, as will state and legislative officers. Williamson is running far ahead of his ticket. This county ticket will be mixed.

Baker County.

Baker City, June 7.—The returns of the election in this county are very incomplete. Indications are that the republican state and congressional tickets have a good majority in the county. Simmons, the democratic

congressional candidate, is running behind his ticket, many democrats not voting for congressman. The district attorneyship in this county is doubtful.

Gilliam County.

Arlington, June 7.—Gilliam county will give Williamson, Rep., for representative to congress, a majority of about 200. Moore, for chief justice, is running ahead of his ticket, and his majority will probably reach 250.

Morrow County.

Heppner, June 7.—Returns from seven precincts in Morrow county indicate a very large majority for the state ticket, with Williamson, Rep., for congress, running ahead of his colleagues.

Klamath County.

Klamath, June 7.—Incomplete returns give Hermann and Moore good majorities. Benson and Hanna, for circuit judges, and Laycock, for senator, are sure of election. Moore, Dem., will probably have a majority for district attorney. For joint representative, Stelner, Rep., and Griffith, Dem., will receive majorities.

Crook County.

Prineville, June 7.—The entire republican state ticket has a plurality in Crook county, ranging from 150 to 300. The vote on the county ticket is close and divided. On the local option law a light vote was polled, and the measure will be defeated by 150 in this county. The direct primary law will have a majority of 200.

Coos County.

Marshfield, June 7.—The entire republican ticket in Coos county is elected. Returns from Curry are very indefinite. Binger Hermann will have the largest plurality ever given in Coos county. Indications are that Coke, Rep., for joint senator of Coos and Curry, is elected.

Linn County.

Albany, June 7.—The county is proceeding very slowly, the split up tickets making the work difficult. Returns from the Albany precincts at midnight show: Hermann 76, Veatch 33, Moore 73, O'Day 36, McNary 73, Whitney 57, Burnett, 83, Eddy 67, Boise 35, Galloway 54.

Columbia County.

St. Helens, June 7.—Returns indicate that Mayer, republican, is undoubtedly elected representative. The county judge and county clerk are in danger, but it is thought the republicans will pull through. The congressional and district tickets are overwhelmingly republican.

Sherman County.

Moro, June 7.—All indications point to the election of the entire republican ticket by a plurality of 300 votes. It is estimated that Williamson for representative has carried the county by 350.

Josephine County.

Grants Pass, June 7.—Josephine county indicates a republican victory, except for representative and treasurer. Hermann has a good lead and the Republican state ticket also.

Douglas County.

Roseburg, June 7.—In four Roseburg precincts 1138 votes were cast, against 1000 two years ago. Hermann carries the county by over 400, and Judge Mamilton, democratic, by 500. The republican state ticket is elected by over 500.

Multnomah County.

Portland, June 7.—The republicans carried the county by an unprecedented majority on the state and congressional tickets, and by a very heavy vote on the legislative, judicial and county tickets, with the exception of three. The democrats have elected the sheriff and district attorney and one independent republican state senator is elected. Williamson's plurality will be 7,500. Local option will be defeated by 2,600.

Brake Falls on Hill.

Burlington, Iowa, June 5.—A well-filled street car rushed down Valley Hill street today and was wrecked against a tree. Many of the passengers were injured. Mrs. Joseph Kohn was killed and 16 were badly injured. Several suffered broken arms and legs, and many were badly cut about the head and shoulders. The break-beam on the open electric car broke just as the car began the descent. The car dashed down the long incline at a frightful speed and the injured were strewn on both sides of the track down the entire length of the hill.

Anxiety Felt in Spain.

Madrid, June 8.—The newspapers are anxiously discussing the Morocco question. The Epoch thinks the precipitation in sending a fleet to the Morocco coast gives force to the report that the United States had asked the Sultan of Morocco for a port on the west coast. La Correspondencia de Espana gives a rumor that an exchange of notes is taking place among the European chancelleries with a view to obtaining assurance that American action will be confined strictly to measures for securing the liberation of the captives.

Fourteen Known to Be Dead.

Peoria, Ill., June 8.—Instead of nine, as first reported, it is now known that 14 men lost their lives in the fire and explosion at the Corning distillery Saturday. Eight bodies were recovered from the ruins today, four of which were identified. Of the eight bodies taken from the ruins, four were recognized immediately by means of particles of clothing, knives, and other pieces of metal. The search is being continued, the fire having been extinguished and the workmen being able to handle the debris.

Repelled With Loss.

London, June 8.—The Daily Telegraph's Tientsin correspondent wires: "Four thousand Russians belonging to General Stakelberg's brigade May 31 engaged 1500 Japanese, five miles south of Wafang Tien. The Russians were repulsed, losing 200 killed and 400 wounded. The Japanese lost more than 100 killed."

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

PROMISE OF A BIG CROP.

Umatilla Wheat Fields are in a Flourishing Condition.

PENDLETON.—Based on reports from the various sections of the country, the wheat crop, conservatively estimated, will amount to more than 5,000,000 bushels. The condition of growing grain at the present time is considered most satisfactory and unless the weather within the next three weeks proves unfavorable, farmers say this year's crop will reach 1,500,000 bushels in excess of last year.

The wheat in the vicinity of Pendleton is quite far advanced, having headed out several days ago. The section of the county between Pendleton and Athena, which is owned by the Umatilla Indians, is an immense expanse of waving grain. Thousands of acres in this locality are rented by the Indians to the large farmers at a nominal figure, and comprise the richest farming land in the country. The average annual yield is from 30 to 35 bushels an acre, and accordingly the profit to the farmer is very large. In reality, the profits realized by the farmers by renting these lands are greater than they would be if owned by the farmers themselves, since a comparatively small working capital is required. The reservation wheat land will, this year, produce the largest portion of the crop of the county, provided the grain escapes injury from any tricks of the weather during the critical period.

Grain in that part of the county northwest of the city is also reported to be in a very healthy condition. It has headed and reached the stage for haying. The land in that locality is lighter, and of course the yield is never as large as that of the reservation lands, yet anything approaching a partial failure has never been known there.

In the Helix country wheat is looking good and an average crop is in prospect. The early frosts did some damage to grain in that locality, but by the recent heavy rains the affected grain will make a satisfactory yield. Out of 1000 acres owned by Christian Breeding less than 40 acres were damaged. Other stands suffered in a less degree.

Farmers living south and southeast of the city also give most favorable reports of growing grain and feel assured that they will harvest an unusually large crop this year.

Coming Events.

Knights of Pythias Convention, ninth district, Fossil, June 15.

Commencements—University of Oregon, Eugene, June 12-15; Albany College, June 10-15; Pacific University, Forest Grove, June 10-15.

Annual Reunion, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., Hood River, June 15-17.

First Oregon Cavalry and Infantry Reunion, Hood River, June 16.

Lane County Veterans' Association, June 22-24.

Linn County Pioneer Association Reunion, Brownsville, June 22-24.

Pioneer Association Reunion, Portland, June 22.

Northwest Sportsmen's Tournament, Pendleton, June 24-26.

Christian Campmeeting, Turner, June 23-30.

Federated Fraternal Mardi Gras and Carnival, Portland, June 28-July 9.

Western Division State Teachers' Association, Portland, June 29-July 1.

Eastern Oregon G. A. R. Encampment, La Grande, July 14.

Southern Oregon Chautauqua Assembly, Ashland, July 13-22.

American Mining Congress, Portland, August 22-27.

Rinehart Clans Will Gather.

PENDLETON.—A fare and one-third rate is being granted by the O. R. & N. for the second annual Rinehart family reunion at Summerville in the Grand Ronde Valley, to which members of the big Rinehart clan from all over Oregon and Washington are expected to come. The reunion is to take in the descendants of Louis and Elizabeth Rinehart, whose immense family has blossomed out into other immense families, until with the fourth generation there is an extraordinary gathering when all get together. It is probably the first time that the O. R. & N. has made a low rate for a family reunion.

Grand Ronde Fruit Good.

LA GRANDE.—The crop prospects for Union county and most of Eastern Oregon are very flattering so far this season. Grand Ronde Valley has had a heavy shower last week, just when it was most needed. Sugar beets never looked better than now, and hundreds of Indians, Japs and many whites are now in the fields thinning them as rapidly as possible. Only a few early strawberries and some cherries were damaged by the frost. A full crop of all fruits is assured in the Grand Ronde Valley; the strawberries will be on the market in about four weeks.

Bids are All Too High.

ASTORIA.—County court opened bids for construction of a reinforced concrete foundation for the new court house. Four bids were received as follows: John Bingham, Portland, \$21,574.00; Bingham & Flynn, Portland, \$21,439.65; Ferguson & Houston, \$20,987. The lowest bid was much higher than the court anticipated and about \$7000 above the architect's estimate. Final action on bids was deferred until the architect will be here.

Poor Business at Cold Storage.

ASTORIA.—Up to the present the fishing season has been a greater failure than last year, especially for the cold-storage people. At this time last year fully 500 tierces of pickled fish had been put up, while now not over 150 tierces have been packed. The pack of the cannery is not much over 10,000 cans, but those interested are not discouraged as they expect a large late run the same as last year.

APPLES BROUGHT HIM HERE.

New Yorker Found Eastern Fruit Not Compete.

HOOD RIVER.—The Hood River Fruit Company is a new Hood River corporation. The stock is valued at \$75,000, the stockholders Burt Van Horn, of Buffalo, N. A. Jayne and T. A. Decker, of Hood River. Mr. Van Horn owns a large apple orchard in New York. He has a few acres with competition in Hood River with the Hood River product. Last November he made a special trip to this valley to acquaint himself with conditions here. The result of investigation is the recent organization of the Hood River Fruit Company. The company has been formed for the purpose of growing commercial apples. It is not a speculative land-dealing scheme, as Van Horn. Mr. Van Horn has years prominently connected with street railway business in the Buffalo. He expects to spend a part of his time in Hood River this year and fall, except when his other business interests take him out of it. He has let contracts for clearing fruit lands he has purchased.

Following are the Hood River men who made sales of land: Hood River Fruit Company; Sproat, Warren Wells, August P. C. H. Stauffer, G. R. Castner, Johnson.

Found With Stolen Horses.

LA GRANDE.—Word has reached here from Wallowa county that "Coyote Bill," who was wanted by the state of Washington for stealing horses, and who took French leave, captured near Wallowa last week, in company with his wife, was hunted down by some of the bondsmen. He apparently thought he was perfectly safe when he was caught. He had horses in the lot also, that were stolen. Cottage was immediately taken back to the ington.

Wire to Be Strung to Imnaha.

LA GRANDE.—The stockholders of the Imnaha, Joseph & Eureka Telephone Company in Wallowa have elected officers to act during the ensuing year, as follows: President, F. D. McCully; vice president, P. Kerman; secretary and treasurer, P. Rusk. All the stock has been subscribed, and the contracts let for construction of the line from La Grande to Buckhorn Springs, and in the future will be built on to Imnaha.

New Hatchery Site on Siuslaw.

ASTORIA.—Master Fish W. Van Dusen has returned from a visit to the Siuslaw river, where he selected a new site for the state hatchery. Considerable trouble has been experienced in the past by floods, which rise rapidly, and sometimes a vast amount of damage has been done. A location has now been selected where this difficulty is expected to be obviated.

Build a Hotel at Hot Lake.

PENDLETON.—A fine new hotel under construction at Hot Lake, W. State Senator W. M. Pierce, of Pendleton, is one of the proprietors. The structure will be three stories brick, equipped with modern conveniences and 100 feet long with two each 120 by 45 feet. It will cost \$75,000.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 72c; Walla, 80c; Fed, 81c.

BARLEY—Feed, \$23 per ton; ed, \$24.50@25.

FLOUR—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$4.25; clears, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.40; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye \$3.45.

OATS—No. 1, white, \$1.25; No. 1, \$1.20 per cental.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, \$19@20 per ton; middlings, \$25.50@27; shorts, \$20@21; chop, \$18; linseed, \$20@21.

HAY—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$8@9; grain, \$11@12; chaff, \$11@12.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; nips, \$1; cabbage, 2@2 1/2c; red bage, 2 1/2c; lettuce, head, 25@40c; doz; parsley,