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COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON.

WEEK'S DOINGS

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

Stuart Robson, the comedian, is ill at his home in New York, and his tour for the next two weeks has been cancelled.

Miss Kathrine Kidder, the actress, is confined to her room in a hotel at San Antonio, Texas, suffering from pneumonia.

The largest workmen's fair in the history of New York City will be held in the Grand Central palace, March 28 to April 5.

William Rudolph and George Collins, accused of bank robbery and murder at Union, Mo., who were captured in Hartford, Conn., are held without bail as fugitives from justice.

The state and federal quarantine officers at Laredo, Texas, have received instructions to enforce a quarantine against Torreón, Mexico, where it is thought the bubonic plague has appeared.

A lone highwayman entered the Abbey saloon, at Douglas, Ariz., lined all present against the wall, stole \$5000, from the roulette wheels, backed out, mounted a horse and rode away into Mexico.

Officers of three St. Louis co-operative building associations, which were the subject of exhaustive inquiry by the Alton, Ill., city court grand jury, have been indicted on charges of making misrepresentations.

Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 40 collided head-on with a freight train on a trestle four miles west of Fort Scott. The engines were completely telescoped. Twenty or more passengers sustained cuts and bruises, but none were seriously hurt.

Extra session of senate will be called March 5.

The Cuban congress has fixed five national holidays.

Senator Aldrich promises tariff revision at the next session of congress.

Gales off the French coast have caused serious damage to shipping.

The doctrine of the pope is not so great, but alarming rumors are discredited.

Protests continue to pour in against the seating of Reed Smoot, of Utah.

An agreement has been reached between the Santa Fe railroad and the trainmen.

Fire at Halifax, N. S., destroyed \$300,000 worth of property. Three firemen were seriously injured.

Fire at Hastings, Neb., destroyed \$200,000 worth of property and for a time threatened the destruction of the entire town.

John Baker, ex-minister to Venezuela and a member of congress for several terms, is seriously ill at his home at Belleville, Ill.

The Montana legislature has added \$7,000 to its fair appropriation. This makes \$42,000 to be used for St. Louis and Portland expositions.

The foundation for J. Pierpont Morgan's new library building at the rear of his home at Madison avenue and East Thirty-sixth street is nearing completion. It will cost \$300,000.

The senate refuses to consider the Littlefield anti-trust bill.

Fire at Lowell, Mass., cost one life and destroyed \$30,000 worth of property.

Two masked men held up the postmaster at Bisbee, Ariz., and secured \$100.

The president is determined on an extra session of congress unless the Cuban and Panama canal treaties are ratified.

The powder works near Cherokee, Kan., blew up, killing four men and injuring 15, two fatally.

A number of protests are being sent to Washington against the seating of Senator-elect Reed Smoot, of Utah.

Two robbers blew open the safe of Hubbard's private bank at Cedar Springs, Mich., and secured between \$400 and \$500.

To Colonel Cody was presented a handsome tea and coffee service by the whole staff of the Wild West show, in London in celebration of his 57th birthday.

The Chicago grand jury returned 75 indictments against the operators of slot machines as a result of a crusade instigated by the Hyde Park protective association.

Policeman John Ritchey, of Denver, was dangerously wounded while attempting to arrest a lone highwayman.

MONEY IN PORK.

Concentrated Action for Establishment of Packing House at Portland Needed.

Portland, March 4.—After raising, fattening, shipping and selling hogs for a longer time, perhaps, than any other man in the Pacific Northwest, Ed. E. Kiddle, banker and mill man of Island City, Or., is of the opinion that wheat fed to porkers yields 90 cents per bushel, and that Portland, if properly supplied with meat packing establishments, would be the trade center of the Pacific coast. Mr. Kiddle said:

"It would take time to bring about the condition of affairs that would make Washington and Oregon leaders in the pork industry, but if properly gone about it can be accomplished.

"The thing is in rather a chaotic state at present. The man with sufficient capital looks over the field and says that he cannot afford to invest his money because there is not a sufficient quantity of pork produced to warrant it.

"On the other hand, the farmer has his share of these troubles. He complains that as there are no packing plants he cannot afford to devote time and energy toward growing hogs. There is no market for them."

"The proper way to bring about such a market would be for those having sufficient capital to put in the plant to make a tour or send out letters to farmers, thus ascertaining just how many hogs would be produced in the event the establishment was put into running order. This would afford sufficient basis for each side to build upon. The farmer would have a market guaranteed and the packer would have a promise of sufficient pork to keep his factory running.

"I have been in the business long enough to know that there is good profit in it for the farmer. I have fed hogs on everything that will fatten them and have kept accurate account of the returns brought through this means. I know these figures to be correct."

Mr. Kiddle then showed that when wheat was worth 60 cents per bushel and therefore 1 cent per pound, it would yield returns of approximately 90 cents per bushel when fed to hogs.

"The pork market is seldom if ever less than 6 cents per pound," said Mr. Kiddle, "and four pounds of wheat will make one pound of pork. If 4 cents worth of wheat make a pound of pork worth 6 cents, then there is an advance of 2 cents on 4, which carried out proportionately means 90 cents per bushel."

When Washington and Oregon farmers are talked to of 90-cent wheat they laugh, and if they get 90 cents for their fortunate. But, according to Mr. Kiddle, it is possible for them to secure that price at all times.

"Washington and Oregon are better, so far as general conditions are concerned, for hog-growing than any other sections of the Union," he said, "and it will take a meat packing establishment at Portland to bring this fact into due prominence. Last fall I shipped 700 head of hogs East. The pork derived from them is now coming back to the Pacific coast states in bacon and hams. This is not right. We should be self supporting along this line at least."

Asked if hogs could be fattened on Northwest stubble, Mr. Kiddle said:

"I do not think so. Hogs can be turned loose on stubble and will get their growth without being fed, but when it comes to preparing them for market they must be fed on wheat. The fence problem is a serious one in this country. Few farmers have hog-proof fences, but these could be provided and would be in the event a packing house was assured."

Mr. Kiddle does not believe the Northwest has any great future in beef raising, the proper food for beef fattening being cheaper in the Middle Western states than here.

WAR CLOUD IN SIGHT.

Russians See Clash with Turkey Coming Next Spring.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—Some publicists are of the opinion that only the severest language towards Turkey can prevent a war between Russia and Turkey in the spring. They believe Turkey will pursue bands of Macedonian revolutionists across the Bulgarian frontier and that public opinion will compel Russia to interfere.

The Russians thoroughly understand that a war with Turkey will be a more severe one than that of 1878. Officers are quoted as saying that the Turkish army is the best in the world, owing to its German organization and armament. There is an inclination here to anticipate German financial support of Turkey and in view of the situation forebodings of a clash with Turkey are freely expressed, in private although they are carefully suppressed in the newspapers.

Crushed by 1,000 Pounds of Steel.

Pueblo, Colo., March 4.—One man was instantly killed and three others injured in the casting foundry of the steel works here today by the falling of a steel door weighing 1,000 pounds. The steel door had been raised by means of a chain pulley, and the crane suddenly broke, letting the heavy steel plate fall upon the workmen.

RECORD OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE.

SENATE BILLS THAT HAVE BECOME LAWS.

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Legislature of 1903 surpassed the legislature of 1901 in the amount of bills transacted. In the senate 239 were introduced, as compared with 190 introduced in the senate of the session. This decrease of one bill more than made up by the introduction of 368 bills in the house, while the highest number in that body of the legislature of 1901 was 307. It was a frequent comment during the last days of the recent session that this legislature passed a larger number of bills than did its predecessor.

A petition has been prepared in Albany to have the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, which appropriation was made by the Oregon legislature, referred to the people under the referendum law which was voted by the people last June. An effort will be made to secure the requisite number of signatures (6,000) and have the question of the appropriation put to a vote when the special election is held for a congressman from the First district.

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State of Washington is Now 50 Years of Age.

LEGISLATURE JOINED IN EXERCISES

Day Given Up to Speeches and Talks. Pioneer Times—Many Early Pioneers Present in Olympia.

Olympia, Wash., March 3.—The day from the past was turned at Washington's capital city yesterday. Lawmakers of the eighth legislative session since statehood for the part of the day laid aside their duties and listened to tales of and by the vanguard of civilization in the Evergreen State. The lusty pioneer commonwealth has grown so fast in the past 50 years that some of the speeches and letters of the early pioneers seemed to most of the hearers like of another world, so unlike anything they had known did they appear. The spell was broken at times, of course, notably when Allen Weir read other interesting papers an extract from a speech of Quincy A. Brooks, delivered 50 years ago, painting a glowing picture of the future of Puget sound in Washington. This language was so much like the glories of Oregon commercial splendor that are still in the Puget sound papers that they brought the hearers out of the land of long ago, and for a time at least minded them that the account of pioneer history now coming to us direct from the makers were not so fanciful.

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of Washington territory began at the opera house at 10 o'clock in the afternoon with an excellent program of speeches by pioneer and their representatives. In the evening an informal reception was held at the parlors of the Olympia hotel. This was followed by a number of more speeches later in the afternoon exercises, which were attended by both houses of the legislature and many more as could secure admittance.

BIG LOSS BY FIRE

Portland Suffers Loss of \$211,000

Portland, March 4.—Fire in the Dekum building at Third and Washington streets, early yesterday morning, destroyed property valued at about \$211,000. This is well covered by insurance. The seventh and eighth floors and part of the sixth were completely burned out. The flames gained headway on the fire department for a time it seemed as if the block was doomed to destruction. The fire started is unknown. The heaviest losses are covered by insurance. No lives were lost and no person injured was a fireman suffered a broken leg.

The alarm was turned in at 12:38 and Morrison streets at 12:38. The flames were then visible on the floor in the Shogren sisters' dressing parlors on the east face of the block.

The fire department responded promptly and was on hand in 15 minutes. It took considerable time, however, to reach the flames with ladders and streams of water, inasmuch as the fire was 100 feet above the street.

By heroic efforts and great energy the firemen got their lines into play. So fierce, however, was the fire that streams of water played it nearly an hour before it began to yield.

A stiff breeze blew from the west, fanning flames and glowing over the other buildings in the block. Firemen kept the flames getting a foothold on other buildings. For a while, however, the adjacent structures were in extreme danger.

The Dekum building has sustained heavy loss above the sixth floor and below that floor from the loss to the building will approximate \$75,000 and may be found higher. The building is understood to be fully covered by insurance. The man, Wolfe & Co. suffered heavy loss to their stocks of goods, estimated by H. D. Ramsdell, cashier of the bank at \$100,000. This loss came near being from water. The whole building was thoroughly saturated with water.

Six Men are Cremated.

Easton, Pa., March 4.—Six men missing and thought to be dead or 30 others are injured, severely, from the effects of an explosion tonight at the Edison plant at New Village, N. J., 15 miles from here. A large part of the plant was burned and it is feared the bodies of the missing men are among the ruins. Their names have not been learned.