

SHORT NEWS NOTES.

The attendance at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition during the past week broke all local records for a like period.

Prominent financiers and business men of New York are preparing to launch a majority boom for J. Pierpont Morgan to oppose Tammany Hall.

A severe earthquake occurred in Central Japan Saturday afternoon. Railroad communication was interrupted, many were injured, and it is feared many people were killed.

Harry K. Thaw was returned to Matteawan Wednesday, Justice Mills having signed the formal order committing him to that institution.

With the election of officers, the selection of Pueblo, Colo., as the next meeting place, the passage of resolutions commending both the efforts of Pinchot and Newell in the forestry and reclamation bureaus, the 17th National Irrigation Congress came to an adjournment at Spokane Friday.

The annual congress of the American Prison Association began in Seattle Saturday night with 299 delegates present, among them some of the most distinguished advocates of prison reform in the United States, Canada and Cuba.

Ascertaining after eight years of married life that his wife was a negro, Alfred Haberman, of Columbus, O., shot her and himself, both being fatally injured.

A reunion of veteran soldiers of the northwest, to take place in Spokane in the summer of 1910, is being planned by Grand Army men of Spokane.

Wool importations into the United States in the last fiscal year amounted to 266,500,000 pounds, the largest recorded during any year except 1908.

With the change of management of the Salt Lake Herald, the Democrats lose their only daily paper.

Almost the entire town of Milton, Del., was destroyed by fire last week.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the great English suffragette leader, will make a trip to the United States to deliver a series of addresses.

Frederick Van Dusen has arrived from the American lodge of Masons of England bearing a jewel to President Taft, in celebration of the fact that he has been elected an honorary member of that lodge.

Strikers in Sweden are resorting to the use of dynamite.

Dispatches from Persia say that, despite his protests, Ahmed Ali Mirza, the 11-year-old Shah of Persia, will be officially married soon and that his household is now being arranged.

Congress may be asked next winter to provide for two 30,000-ton battleships each with 12 14-inch guns, and each costing \$12,000,000.

Three lives were lost, many persons were injured, houses were set on fire by lightning and crops were damaged heavily Saturday in the severest storm that has swept Chicago for months.



SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.

Former governor of Minnesota, who was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the convention held in Salt Lake City last week.

Is Britain Losing Grip?

Chautauqua, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The British Empire in momentary danger of destruction at the hands of Germany and ready, merely for the asking, to accept the dominance of the United States and see the empire's real seat of authority transferred to Washington is, according to Col. S. S. McClure, editor of McClure's Magazine, the situation which is now confronting the country's statesmen.

\$35,000 Gems Stolen.

Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—A pearl necklace, valued at \$35,000, belonging to Mrs. E. Tobias Earl, wife of the publisher of the Los Angeles Express, is now being sought by detectives and offers of a large reward are being circulated in an effort to recover the valuable gems.

A well equipped stock of sick room necessities, Williams Drug Co.

GOV. HAY SENDS MESSAGE

Urges Ratification of Proposed Income Tax Amendment.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 18.—In his message to the legislature, Gov. Hay advocates the passage of a direct primary law to apply to the filling of vacancies in congress. He also recommends the ratification of the proposed income tax amendment of the United States.

Speaking of lobbyists, Gov. Hay says:

"Obnoxious influence such as this should no longer be tolerated, and I especially recommend that you enact a law placing a check upon these people, providing that when a paid lobbyist shall come to the capitol he shall first be compelled to register with the secretary of state and shall file a statement with him showing by whom he is employed, with a brief description of the legislation in which he is interested; that within 20 days after the legislature adjourns he shall file a sworn statement with the secretary of state, showing in detail all expenses paid or incurred, promised directly or indirectly in connection with the legislation pending at the late session."

The house has decided to shut the supreme court investigating committee behind closed doors during its deliberations.

Weston to Repeat His Walk.

New York, Aug. 16.—Edward Payson Weston, 79 years old, who recently walked from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 3,895 miles, in 105 days, has just returned to New York and announces that next Spring, when he will be 71 years old, he will start again to walk to the Pacific Coast.

DECIDES ON SUTTON CASE

Court of Inquiry Keeps Its Findings Secret.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 17.—The Sutton court of inquiry closed yesterday after two secret sessions, during which the testimony relative to the death of Lieut. Sutton was gone over thoroughly. What the findings are the members of the court refused to say, as they will be reviewed by the navy department at Washington before being made public.

The consensus of opinion in naval circles is that it will be found that Sutton died by his own hand, and by accident, and that he shot himself while trying to shoot another. It is also thought that all of the officers who have appeared in the case will be exonerated.

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