

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The Kaiser is confined to his bed with a cold.

France protests against a fresh insult from Castro.

Germany fears that war will follow the Moroccan conference.

King Edward has called for the election of a new parliament.

Binger Hermann is in Washington and his trial will occur in February.

President Roosevelt has submitted a lengthy report on the Panama canal to congress.

The annual report of the Panama Railway company shows an earning of 5 per cent.

A British merchant has been arrested by Russian authorities and imprisoned and beaten.

An expedition will be sent to Siberia by the Russian government to subdue the revolutionists.

The State Normal school of New York has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$200,000.

A landslide at Haverstraw, New York, carried eight houses with it. Sixteen persons were killed.

Fighting still continues in Santo Domingo. In a recent engagement 150 men out of 800 engaged on both sides were killed.

The Chicago council is investigating a graft from which contractors are said to have obtained \$5,000,000 of the city's money during the past decade.

A civil war is in progress in Ecuador.

The trial of Annapolis hasers is in progress.

The Russian duma has been called to meet March 3.

Five men were killed near Chicago by the explosion of a ton of dynamite.

The governor of Ohio was inaugurated in a glass case owing to delicate health.

Idaho officers are confident they are on the right track in the Stenness murder case.

David H. Moffat says he will extend the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railroad to Portland.

More evidence in the Smoot case is to be taken by the senate committee on privileges and elections.

Much American money was lent abroad during 1905. Nearly \$200,000,000 went to Japan alone.

Alfred F. Norton, who has been conducting a grocery store at Indianapolis "as Christ would," has gone bankrupt.

H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil company, has defied the Missouri law by refusing to answer questions concerning the oil business.

As a result of a collision on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad between a passenger and a freight, three trainmen were killed and 20 passengers more or less seriously injured.

The revolution in Russia has spoiled the Christmas festivities.

Witte is accused of nullifying the concessions to the Liberals.

No more Jamaicans will be allowed to go to Panama to work on the canal.

The house and senate are sure to clash over the appropriation of money.

Fire in the heart of Kansas City destroyed three blocks. The loss will reach \$500,000. No lives were lost.

The drydock Dewey, on its way to the Philippines, has reached Bermuda, where a stop was made for coal and provisions.

Jerome is preparing to indict big fish in insurance companies in February. The small men are expected to turn state's evidence.

Two commissioners of the Chinese emperor are on their way to this country to attend American schools and study our ways.

The Navy department has presented medals of honor to the 11 members of the Bennington's crew who survived, for bravery in rescuing more unfortunate shipmates.

The secretary of the Interior has withdrawn more than 1,000,000 acres of public land in Arizona and New Mexico from all forms of disposal except under the mineral laws for inclusion within forest reserves.

The Santo Domingo revolt is practically at an end.

The house has received another rate bill.

A reign of terror now exists at Riga, Russia.

An immense graft by St. Louis police has been exposed.

President Morales' army has been beaten and his general killed.

From Kansas north all trains are greatly delayed by snow storms.

Both sides in the strike of printers for an eight-hour day claim gains.

Witte has ordered wholesale arrests of all opponents to the government.

Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion at the Coaldale, W. Va., coal mines.

One of Boston's savings banks has been looted by the officers and the institution closed.

Harvard university authorities have ordered that there must be a change in football rules.

SECOND IN TRADE.

Immense Volumes of Business With Germany During 1905.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Trade between the United States and Germany, whose commercial relations are now the subject of negotiations between the two countries, aggregated in the fiscal year 1905 over \$300,000,000. A report issued today by the bureau of Statistics of the department of Commerce and Labor, says:

"The imports from Germany were \$118,000,000 in value and exceeded imports from that country in any earlier year. The exports to Germany were \$194,000,000 in value and exceeded our exports to that country in any earlier year except 1904, in which year the total was over \$214,000,000, this decrease in 1905 compared with 1904 having occurred in raw cotton and being due altogether to a fall in prices, since the quantity in 1905 was greater than in 1904. Imports from Germany increased \$37,000,000 in the period from 1895 to 1906 and exports to that country increased \$10,000,000 in the same time.

"Germany stands second in the order of magnitude of our trade with foreign countries, both as to imports and exports.

"Manufactures are the bulk of the \$118,000,000 worth of merchandise imported from Germany.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CONTAINS MANY DIFFICULTIES.

Oregon State Primary Law Hard for Candidates to Follow.

Salem—Another very serious problem has arisen in connection with the direct primary law. The law requires that candidates for state offices shall file petitions from not less than seven counties, and that at least 10 per cent of the precincts shall be represented in each of the seven counties. Two per cent of the votes cast at the last state election for supreme judge by each party must be represented on the petition.

It has been the supposition until recently that so long as the required number of counties and precincts were represented by the signatures of one or more voters that the bulk of the signatures on a petition to make up the 2 per cent might come from one county, so long as the required number of names was filed with the secretary of state. It is now discovered that there must be 2 per cent of the vote cast by the party represented in each county and precinct represented, as well as throughout the state.

The attorney general will probably be asked to render an opinion in regard to the number of signatures required from the counties and precincts. To secure 2 per cent of the voters in seven counties, and 10 per cent of the precincts in each of the seven counties, and in addition have 2 per cent of the party vote in the entire state, will add to the difficulties of securing a petition.

All the contracts for the reclamation of arid lands under the Carey act in this state allow the construction companies the right to collect \$1 an acre perpetually, the company agreeing to keep the canals and ditches in repair.

Fruit Inspector in Linn. Albany—The Linn county court has appointed E. C. Armstrong, residing at Marion station, Marion county, to act as fruit inspector for Linn county, temporarily, on the recommendation of Horticultural Commissioner C. A. Park, of Salem. Mr. Park wished to secure a man who would be ready to begin work on pests at once. The court will at once select a man for permanent appointment who will be asked to take a short course in training under Professor A. B. Cordley, at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Corvallis Short on Money. Corvallis—The city of Corvallis finds itself in a peculiar predicament owing to the neglect of the council to levy the tax for the present year. To comply with the law this levy should have been made previous to January 1. Although a certificate of valuation of city property was rendered by the county clerk Moses during the last month, as prescribed by law, no action was taken by the council, and it is very possible that there will be no funds available from this source to run the city during the present year.

Allen Wants Oregon Boys. Corvallis—Lieutenant Quinlan, commandant of the cadet regiment at the college, has received instructions to recommend six additional graduates from the Oregon Agricultural college for positions as Third lieutenants in the Philippine constabulary. Three similar recommendations were recently made, and from these one appointment has already been made, that of Lieutenant Floyd Williams, who has gone to Manila.

New Railroad for Gilliam. Salem—Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for the Oregon Northern Railway company. The incorporators are: William J. Mariner, R. W. Robinson and C. E. Jones. The road runs from Blalock, in Gilliam county, to Hardman, in Morrow county. The capital stock is \$25,000, divided into 1,250 shares of \$20 each. The principal place of business is Heppner.

Contracts at Interest. Salem—The State Land board reports interest bearing contracts outstanding December 31, as follows: School land contracts, \$699,516.30; Agricultural college, \$28,993.82; University, \$3,788.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat—Club, 72c; bluestem, 74c; oats—No. 1 white feed, 27c; gray, 26.50c per ton. Barley—Feed, \$23.00@23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.00@24.50; rolled, \$23.50@24.50. Buckwheat—\$2.50 per cental. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13.50@14.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$9@10; chaff, \$8.50@9.50; grain hay, \$8@9. Fruits—Apples—75c@1.50 per box, persimmons, \$1.25 per box; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$13@15.50 per barrel. Vegetables—Beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 1 1/2c per dozen; celery, \$3@3.50 per dozen; pumpkins, 3/4c per pound; sprouts, 7 1/2c per pound; squash, 1 1/4c @1 1/2c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65c@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack. Onions—Oregon, No. 1, \$1@1.25 per sack; No. 2, 75c@90c. Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65c@75c per sack; ordinary, 50c@60c; Merced sweets, 2c per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/4@30c per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 29@30c per dozen. Poultry—Average old hens, 12 1/4c @13 1/4c per pound; springs, 12 1/4c @14 1/4c; mixed chickens, 12@12 1/2c; broilers, 15@16c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 14@16c; turkeys dressed, choice, 17@20c; geese, live, 9@11c; ducks, 15@16c. Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c per pound; prime, 8 1/2@9 1/4; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c. Beef—Dressed bulls, 1 1/2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 4@4 1/4c. Veal—Dressed, 3@3 1/4c per pound. Mutton—Dressed, fancy 6@6 1/4c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7 1/2c. Pork—Dressed, 6@7 1/4c per pound.

Form New Organization. Independent Telephone Companies of Oregon Unite. Portland—In order to fortify themselves and protect their interests, representatives of the independent telephone lines in Oregon met here last week and formed a permanent organization. It will be known as the Oregon Independent Telephone association, and is formed as a similar organization in other states of the Union and affiliated with the national association of independent telephone lines. The objects of the association are to encourage development; foster and stimulate the growth; protect the mutual interests; promote and systematize uniformity of accounting, operation, maintenance and construction of independent (non-Bell) telephone lines; and to defend the same from unfair encroachments of competition by co-operation and by such other available means as may, from time to time, seem advisable.

Favor Woolen Mills. Albany—The business men of the city met and discussed the proposition of securing the new woolen mill for this city. Judge Stewart, of the stock committee, withdrew from the active work of soliciting subscriptions, and Frank J. Miller was selected to fill the vacancy and the committee will push the work. The purpose of the committee is to secure subscriptions to the stock aggregating \$15,000 toward the capital of \$100,000, when the mill will be built and fitted up. The business men at the meeting were enthusiastic in support of the project, and the spirit manifested was in favor of co-operation among the business interests of the city for the upbuilding of Albany and its industries.

Plans an Electric Line. Forest Grove—At the meeting of the Forest Grove city council last week, State Senator E. W. Haines, in behalf of the Forest Grove transportation company, a new organization, applied for a 25-year franchise for an electric railway in Forest Grove, to run from the Southern Pacific depot to the business section of the city, about two miles. According to the terms of the ordinance, the new line must be begun in 90 days, and completed in eight months. It is to carry the United States mail, express and passengers. Senator Haines furnishes electric light to Forest Grove from his plant about 12 miles distant, and, it is understood, will furnish power for the new road from his plant.

Buyers Ranch in Gilliam. Condon—A. S. Hollen has purchased the 860-acre ranch on Trail fork, Gilliam county, belonging to J. W. Booth. The transaction, which involves about \$15,000, is one of the most important real estate transfers for some time here, and gives Mr. Hollen a most valuable farm and stock ranch. In the deal Mr. Booth takes residence property in Condon valued at about \$5,000, consisting of several fine dwellings. Mr. Hollen is proprietor of the Condon Flouring mill. He will take possession of the ranch about March 1.

Land Contest Case Filed. Albany—Hugo H. Karstens, whose father, Peter Karstens, lives three miles from this city, in Benton county, has been served with contest notice on his homestead claim in the Siletz reservation. The contest is made by J. E. Hall, Jr., on grounds of nonresidence, and will be heard in the United States land office, Portland, January 26. There are numerous homesteaders in the Siletz reservation who are reported to be in the same position regarding residence on claims as Karstens.

Newport as Winter Resort. Albany—Many Albany people are spending a portion of the winter at Newport on Yaquina bay, where the weather as a general thing has been delightful. Only a few days during the holiday season was the sea rough. Some of the leading people of the valley cities—Salem, Eugene, Albany, Independence and Corvallis—have spent a portion of the winter at the seaside, and Newport is gaining a reputation as a winter resort.

Few Hops Left in Josephine. Grants Pass—Several sales of hops have been made here recently at from 9 to 10 cents. About 500 bales have changed hands, and by February 1 but few hops will be held by the growers in Josephine county. There are quite a few bales still held and a few old ones, though not to exceed 500 bales in all.