

The Estacada News

ESTACADA, OREGON

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.

Write will soon resign as premier of Russia.

Shonts may succeed Taft as secretary of war.

A split among coal operators at the wage conference is expected.

President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, denounces the rate bill.

Many Germans are eating dogs and cats because other meat is too dear.

The Standard Oil has confessed ownership of many supposedly independent concerns.

Ambassador Storer was removed from his post because his wife involved him in Catholic church politics.

The War department says it can state authoritatively that Shonts will not resign as chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission.

William Rockefeller, who, next to his brother, John D., is the richest man in the United States, is suffering from cancer of the stomach and there is no hope of his recovery.

General Wood has cabled the War department that the stories of the Moro battle were manufactured in Manila by yellow journalists.

Only newspaper reports tell of the killing of women and children.

J. Pierpont Morgan is in deadly fear of assassins.

Grover Cleveland has just celebrated his 69th birthday.

Coal miners are working hard to prevent a general strike April 1.

Nebrauka thermometers are registering from 5 to 10 degrees below zero.

John D. Rockefeller maintains an armed guard at his house in New Jersey.

The house and senate are likely to disagree on the type of canal to be built.

General Wood defends the action of the American troops at Mount Dajo, Philippine islands.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte insists that the United States should build a greater navy.

Customs authorities have decided that Chinese joshouse fittings are subject to a duty of 15 per cent.

Snow slides in Colorado have caused a number of deaths and a property loss that will reach close to a million dollars.

Latet returns from the Colorado train wreck give the number of killed as 23. Telegraph operators are blamed for the accident.

New York proposes to establish a municipal seaside resort.

The president will not appoint a supreme judge for six months.

Susan B. Anthony's sister will stump Oregon in the suffrage campaign.

The Japanese parliament has voted to buy all railroads in that country.

The house will take up the amended statehood bill Wednesday, March 21.

Official figures show the population of Germany to be 60,605,183, against 56,367,178 in 1900.

The Ohio legislature is considering a bill which will give the courts power to punish witnesses who refuse to talk.

King Charles, of Roumania, is near death. The crown prince is unpopular and movement has been started to crown his 13-year old son.

The District of Columbia court has overruled Blinger Hermann's demurrer to indictments for destroying public records. He will ask for an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Western railroads are facing a labor famine. Twenty-five thousand men are needed in the Northwestern and Southwestern states to build the roads that are already under way, and it is estimated that before June twice that number will be needed.

Denmark may put a tariff law into effect.

Russia suspects Japan of hostile designs in Siberia.

All railroads through Colorado are blocked by snow.

Senator Dewey is too ill to attend to his duties in the senate.

The first severe blizzard of the winter has just swept New York.

The car has ordered extreme measures to be taken to protect Jews from massacre.

The house will reject the senate amendments to the statehood bill.

Secretary Taft has consulted with three of his brothers regarding the place on the supreme bench.

A Chicago man has asked a divorce from his second wife that she may marry his son. The husband is 56, the wife 22.

Chicago is now about to oust the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies or make them pay a good price for the use of streets.

The anthracite coal miners will arrange another schedule for presentation to the mine operators in the hope it may be accepted and thus prevent a strike.

Colonel Knight, Major General Wood's chief of staff, has returned from a reconnaissance of the situation in China. He reports that there is absolutely no danger of trouble and that tranquility abounds.

A new French cabinet has been formed.

Mrs. Davis denies the rumor that she has deserted her husband.

CUT AWAY THE RED TAPE.

Purpose of Bill Regulating National Reclamation Work.

Washington, March 20.—In its general operation, the National reclamation law has proven quite as effective as its framers expected; indeed, the general work of national irrigation is progressing satisfactorily.

No one can realize this more than the chief of the Reclamation service, Mr. Newell, and the director of the Geological survey, Mr. Walcott. To obviate these delays, the reclamation authorities have explained the situation to the president and he has approved their recommendations and at the joint request of these officials a bill has been introduced in congress which will, if enacted, prove of very material benefit to the Reclamation service.

Most of the friction and delay complained of is the result of red tape that exists between the Reclamation office and the Interior department proper. Their dealings are not direct, and in the roundabout course they follow many delays are likely to occur.

Another important change is made by the bill in the matter of apportioning and expending money for reclamation works. At present this money is entirely under the control of the secretary.

The Dalles to Portage. The Dalles—A company of local capitalists, under the name of the Columbia Transportation company, has bought the steamer George W. Simons from the D. P. & B. N. Co. It will be operated between Cascade Locks and the lower terminus of the state portage road.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

COMPLAIN OF GRAZING RULE.

Oregon Stockmen's Grievances Are Taken Up by Senator Fulton.

Washington—Senator Fulton has received many letters of complaint from stockmen of Oregon, who express dissatisfaction with the manner in which the forest service is managing the summer range in forest reserves.

The forest service explains that the grazing season in the Cascade reserve is longer than in the reserves where the fee is smaller. So far as the Wenaha reserve is concerned, the range has been apportioned for the coming season, and it is too late to bring about a readjustment.

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CREATED AT LAST.

President Sets Aside Blue Mountains for Timber Purposes.

Washington—President Roosevelt, on recommendation of the forest service, has signed a proclamation creating the Blue mountain forest reserve in Eastern Oregon, to embrace 2,627,270 acres.

The original Blue mountain withdrawal embraced more than 3,000,000 acres. About 500,000 acres have been left out, so as to make the reserve a compact body of forest land.

Long Winter in Wallowa. Wallowa—Snow covers the entire Wallowa valley and country, varying in depth from five inches on the Imnaha and Grand Ronde river bottoms, to 17 inches on the foothills of the Joseph mountains.

Dallas Men Jubilant. Dallas—The business people and general public are jubilant in Dallas over the news that F. W. Leadbetter has purchased a half interest in the Dallas & Falls City railroad, together with a half interest in the Gerlinger timber tract, said to be the largest owned by any one person on the east slope of the Coast range.

Great Loss in Malheur County. Baker City—Sheepmen and stockmen of Malheur county are offering \$80 a ton for hay, according to report, and the price is rapidly advancing, as very little feed could be bought even at this fabulous price.

Columbia County Breaks Record. Salem—Columbia county breaks the record in the matter of payment of estate taxes this year. State Treasurer Moore received a draft last week for \$6,350, the amount of general state and school tax, and \$265, the amount due for the support of the Agricultural college, from Columbia county, for the year 1906.

Luckiamute Mohair Pool. Independence—The Luckiamute mohair pool has been organized at Arlie and has the following officers: President, A. C. Staats; secretary, Maurice Fowler; I. M. Simpson, A. C. Staats and Maurice Fowler were elected a board of managers.

Cattle Bring Higher Price. Pendleton—Three cars of cattle were shipped to Seattle from Pendleton a few days ago, bringing \$4.50 per hundred pounds. This is about 1 cent a pound higher than the last shipment made.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Club, 65@67c; bluestem, 66@67c; red, 64@65c; valley, 68c. Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray, \$27 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$23@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@25.50.

Range Cattle Are Not Suffering. Helena, Mont., March 16.—The bitter cold continues all over Montana, but there is an absence of high winds. Reports from the mountainous sections report from five to ten feet of snow on a level. W. G. Prentiss, secretary of the Montana Stockgrowers' association has received reports from the range sections which indicate that, while in some sections the snow is deep, range animals have not suffered.

Constitution Is Saved. Washington, March 19.—The famous old war frigate Constitution, "Old Ironsides," is to be saved from rotting at the Boston navy yard and will also escape the worse fate of being used as a target by the North Atlantic fleet.

Started 1000 Rivets. Baltimore, March 19.—The British steamer Belfast, Captain McKee, which arrived from Las Palmas, Grand Canary, today, brought mails from the drydock Dewey. Captain McKee reports that when he left Las Palmas repairs were being made to the dock, which had started a thousand rivets on the trip across the Atlantic.

WILL QUIT CANAL.

Shonts Will Give Entire Attention to His Railroad.

Chicago, March 19.—A Washington special says: Information from trustworthy sources makes it seem practically assured that Theodore Perry Shonts, of Chicago, chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission, intends soon to send his resignation to President Roosevelt.

Pressure from his associates on the railroad with which Mr. Shonts is connected has been strong for some time to bring about this result—his return to railroad work and his resignation from the canal board. Mr. Shonts had withstood the pleas of his business associates, but recent events have induced him to consent.

There has been no secret that the relations between Secretary Taft and Chairman Shonts have been strained at times. They are probably today not of the most amicable nature. It is probable that Mr. Taft will succeed to the vacancy in the United States Supreme court caused by the resignation of Justice Brown, but will not take his seat before next October.

Senate Committee Favors Repeal, but Fulton Will Fight It. Washington, March 19.—The senate public lands committee today virtually completed the bill to repeal the timber and stone act and authorize the sale of public timber at not less than its appraised value, small dealers to be given preference in the sales and miners free use of timber for domestic purposes, the same as in forest reserves.

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HE WANTS DETAILS

Hermann Will Ask Proof Letters Were Official.

Washington, March 16.—Representative Hermann, through his attorneys, intends to ask the court for a bill of particulars more definitely describing the letterpress copybooks which he destroyed just before leaving the general land office, and which are alleged by the government to have been public records.

From statements made by his counsel last Friday, it is believed that Hermann will seek permission to make a special appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals, but it is not at all probable that any such appeal will be granted.

From the steps taken up to this time, it is apparent that Hermann's defense will be solely on the contention that the letter books destroyed by his order were not "public records."

It is probable that the defense will go so far as to concede that many letters copied in the land office, but as contended last Friday, they will insist that all correspondence about the business of a government office is not necessarily "official."

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ACT ON JETTY BILL.

House Rivers and Harbors Committee Will Soon Meet.

Washington, March 16.—Chairman Burton, of the house rivers and harbors committee, said he would call a meeting of his committee at an early day to consider Senator Fulton's bill appropriating \$400,000 for work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river.

It shall be the opinion of the committee that this separate bill should be presented to the house and pressed on its merits, the bill will be reported without amendment. There is every reason to believe that the committee will favor the appropriation of \$400,000 inasmuch as the chief of engineers and secretary of War have both stated that this amount is absolutely necessary to preserve the jetty work from destruction.

There is a report that the members of the house committee may favor enlarging the Fulton bill by adding provision for three or four other emergency projects, so as to make it virtually an emergency river and harbor bill, such as was suggested earlier in the session. This is not certain, however, as the committee has had no meeting this session, and its sentiments cannot be accurately ascertained.

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