

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.

Burns and Reef clashed in court and almost came to blows.

The miners' federation may defeat the Nevada constabulary law.

Colorado stockmen in their convention upheld the government's forestry policy.

Walsh, the convicted Chicago bank wrecker, says he merely made investments.

A New York grand jury is making a searching investigation into banking frauds.

Evelyn Thaw will again tell her story to the jury despite the efforts of Jerome.

The Sovereign bank of Canada, which has failed, was largely a Morgan institution.

The government may decide to run steamers on the Pacific coast to defeat the monopoly of the Pacific Mail.

Judge McPherson holds the Missouri law against the transfer of railroad suits to the Federal court invalid.

Louis Glass, convicted San Francisco briber, who is ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved. He is 63 years old.

Senator Borah opposes the Aldrich currency bill.

New York banks have a surplus over the legal reserve.

There is a great deal of revolutionary agitation in India.

The three miners entombed at Ely, Nev., December 4, have been released.

Boyetown, Pa., has buried all of its dead. The total fatalities numbered 173.

The United States has found it necessary to interfere in the Haytian revolution.

German scientists have succeeded in manufacturing rubies of remarkable beauty.

Attorney General Young, of Minnesota, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

California shippers are determined that the Southern Pacific rebate investigation shall not be a farce.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road intends to have its line finished into the Northwest in time to handle a part of the 1908 crop.

John R. Walsh, president of the Chicago National bank, has been found guilty on 64 counts of misapplication of the bank's funds. The minimum penalty is imprisonment for 270 years and the maximum penalty 540 years.

The Sovereign bank of Canada has failed.

Four Scranton, Pa., girls were burned in a factory fire.

The United States torpedo boats have arrived at Rio Janeiro.

The Japanese premier considers the emigration problem settled.

Montana mineowners have united to build a smelter and fight the trust.

Haytian rebels have captured two towns and the president threatens bombardment.

Pope Plus has the gout, but the alarming rumors about his health are not justified.

An effort is being made to keep Evelyn Thaw from telling her story at the second trial of Thaw.

Colonel Goethals thinks about \$32, 403,863 will be needed to carry on the canal work this year.

The president has decided to let the Federal troops remain at Goldfield until some action has been taken by the Nevada legislature.

The largest savings bank in Dallas, Texas, has suspended.

The temperature has reached 6 degrees below zero at St. Paul.

Japan denies that there is any secret about the location of her fleet.

A majority of the house committee is opposed to the Seattle fair appropriation.

The National Woolgrowers' association is opposed to Roosevelt's land policy.

The Kentucky legislature remains deadlocked on the senatorial election. Governor Beckham still leads.

The New York Federal court is inquiring into Harriman's stock deals and has ordered him to answer questions.

The British Columbia legislature will try to impeach Lieutenant Governor Danmuir, for having disallowed Japanese legislation.

United States secret service men have discovered a plot in Mexico where Japanese intended to print passports allowing them to come into this country.

Taft says he will not resign from the cabinet.

Much evidence of Thaw's insanity is being given at his second trial.

The enormous expenses of the Japanese army and navy has created a deficit which will have to be met by increased taxes.

Officers and men of the battleship fleet are being royally entertained at Rio de Janeiro.

Taft says the fleet is being sent to the Pacific to show our naval strength to Oriental eyes.

PLOT IS REVEALED.

Anarchist Conspiracy in Rio Janeiro to Blow Up Fleet.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 21.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchistic plot here having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor.

The conspiracy, while centering in Rio Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes.

An individual named Jean Feder, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot.

Feder is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo and the police, who know him, have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him.

One of the detectives who was well acquainted with Feder, having served on the police force at Petropolis for some time, returned from that place today.

After having made investigation there and had a long conference with the chief of police at Rio Janeiro, the latter gave it to be understood later that the Sao Paulo police are on the track of the arch-conspirator and expect to arrest him soon.

MAKE GOOD PROGRESS.

But Philippine Delegates Say It Is Too Soon for Home Rule.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GATHER HOP DATA. TALK SPRAY AND PRUNING.

Pacific Coast Hops Growers' Association Wants Oregon Acreage.

Salem.—The board of directors for Oregon of the Pacific Coast Hops Growers' association met here last week and formulated a plan for ascertaining the names of all the hops growers in the state.

It is expected that this information will be at hand and complete soon and then for the first time it will be known definitely how many acres of hops are grown in Oregon.

This information is necessary in order to ascertain the proportion of acreage represented in the union and also the names of growers who are needed as members but who have not joined.

The work of gathering the statistics was designated to the secretary, Joseph Baumgartner, and arrangements were made to raise a fund of \$1,000 to pay the immediate expenses of the organization work in Oregon.

While no particular effort will be made to learn the acreage of hops that will be plowed up this season, it is probable that a pretty fair idea of the extent of the plowing up will be gained.

Deputy Gets Reappointment.

The Dalles.—To serve continuously for nearly 13 years as deputy game warden is the distinction of L. S. Fritz, of this city, who has been reappointed in that capacity by Robert O. Stevenson, the state game warden.

The territory under his jurisdiction consists of Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties. Mr. Fritz has made a vigilant officer, and has served under four state game wardens.

He was appointed first on August 25, 1895, by H. D. McGuire and served subsequently under Wardens Quinby and Baker.

Shingle Mill for Albany.

Albany.—A shingle mill, with a capacity of 60,000 shingles daily, will be established in Albany this winter by E. A. Thompson and Elmer Cramer, former employees of the Curtis Lumber company in its big plant at Mill City.

Work will begin on the new mill as soon as a satisfactory location is found. The two men have secured the single manufacturing machinery of the Mill City mills, and have also acquired the ownership of a large body of spruce timber, and propose to make the industry a large one.

Glass Factory for Eugene.

Eugene.—Eugene bids fair to have a glass factory in the near future. Gustave Mathison, an expert glass blower, who was one of the promoters of the factory at Coburg, in this county, offers to put up a plant costing \$50,000 if the citizens of this city take stock in a company to be organized to the amount of \$5,000.

Mathison claims to be backed by ample capital. The matter will at once be taken up by the Commercial club and it is probable that some action will be taken immediately.

Lebanon Mills Reopen.

Albany.—After being closed for three weeks, the Lebanon paper mill has resumed work and 50 men temporarily idle are again in employment.

The recent coal strike so many logs in the Santiam canals that the mill could not get a supply of fuel wood for the regular consumption of 30 cords daily.

Through this was the cause of the shutdown, some feared it might be due to the financial stringency, but the prompt resumption of work has restored confidence.

Little Snow in Mountains.

Albany.—Less snow is reported in the mountains of this part of the state this year than for a great many years.

This winter only the highest peaks and ridges are covered, while the valleys, even though far up in the mountains, are free from snow.

Reports from the upper valley and headwaters of the South Santiam river are to the effect that there is no snow at all now on the ridges and in canyons where the snow is usually seven or eight feet deep in January.

Corporations Are Dissolved.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation dissolving 300 corporations which have failed to pay their license taxes for 1907.

In the list are many concerns which in all probability will wish to continue business and which have neglected to pay the license fee.

These concerns can secure restoration of their corporate powers by paying up delinquencies within 30 days. The complete list will be published in a few days.

Large Timber Land Sale.

Oregon City.—The transfer of 1,850 acres of timbered lands on the Upper Molalla river in Clackamas county has just been made public, through a deed filed in the office of County Recorder Ramsey.

The price stated in the deed is \$81,000 or about \$44 per acre. The purchaser is the Molalla Lumber company, a West Virginia corporation, which purchased the property from the Cornwell Lumber company, of Saginaw, Mich.

Change in Blue Mountain Reserve.

Washington.—The president has just signed a proclamation which eliminates 131,643 acres of the Blue Mountain forest reserve, as recommended by the forest service.

The greater part of the area eliminated consists of open grass lands. The boundary has been changed to exclude some heavily timbered land, title to which has passed to the government.

Mines to Resume in Spring.

Baker City.—The annual meeting of the Highland Gold Mines company consumed a two-days' session. It was decided to resume work in the mines in the spring, money having been pledged by the Eastern and Southern interests.

Better Lights in Pullmans.

Salem.—Many complaints having been made that poor lights are provided on Pullman cars on the O. R. & N., the railroad commission has secured a promise that suitable lights will be provided.

POLITICS FIGURE LARGELY.

Honey Tells Sensational Story in His Opening Statement.

Portland, Jan. 17.—In his opening address in the Hall-Mays conspiracy trial yesterday, Francis J. Honey charged that:

Hall wanted reappointment as United States district attorney and sought election of Senators Mitchell and Fulton to that end.

He forced State Senator W. W. Steiwer to vote for Fulton in February, 1903, by threatening Steiwer and others with criminal prosecution (Hall then being United States district attorney) for illegal fencing of public lands.

Fulton was a party to this deal with Steiwer and used his influence in Steiwer's behalf to cause Hall to institute civil proceedings against Steiwer instead of criminal.

Brownell wanted to succeed Hall and had pledges of support from Mitchell and Fulton. Hall forced Brownell to retire and so to notify Mitchell and Fulton, by threatening Brownell with prosecution for acknowledging forged land papers, for which Brownell later was indicted through Honey.

Hall threatened Hermann, Williamson and Mitchell with land-fraud indictment if they did not secure his re-appointment.

Hall had agreement with Steiwer, Zachary and Hendricks by which he allowed them to maintain their illegal fences, this being the alleged conspiracy.

Hall says he and Mays will both take the stand in their own defense. L. R. Webster, attorney for Hall, said that when his client first learned of the illegal fences in 1901, he notified Steiwer, et al., that they must not fence government land.

Webster denied that Hall was actuated by ulterior motives, politics or other. Witnesses Putnam and King testified that they informed Hall by letter of the fences as early as March, 1900.

The fences were not removed until 1905, after Hall was ousted from office.

INVESTIGATE HARRIMAN.

California Will Probe Into Actions of Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—After 29 years of quiescent obedience, the state board of railroad commissioners flew full into the face of the Southern Pacific company today and ordered a searching investigation into the re-bating proclivities of the Harriman lines, the Santa Fe and the Salt Lake road.

At the same time the board, with the assistance of Attorney General Webb, passed the responsibility for efficacious action to the door of Governor Gillett. It lies with the chief executive to authorize the expenditure of the money that such an investigation will cost, and Mr. Gillett has no alternative but to choose squarely between the people and the railroads.

The sudden weakening of the board has developed a unique situation. The state railroad commission has always been the object of tender care on the part of William F. Herrin. Now the commission has suddenly decided to put Mr. Herrin and his associates on the carpet.

SEKS TO RETAIN TROOPS.

Nevada Legislators Are Unanimous in Approving Policy.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 17.—At the afternoon session of the assembly yesterday a resolution which passed the senate in the morning, petitioning the president to retain the troops temporarily, passed without a dissenting vote.

There was no argument on either side as to the merits of the measure. Governor Sparks was at the speaker's desk, and as he came into the hall was greeted with applause.

Speaker Skaggs, who has opposed the governor in the matter of calling troops to Nevada, left the chair and Speaker Pro Tem encountered the motion before the house. Skaggs failed to vote on the measure, absenting himself at roll call.

The governor is receiving congratulations from both parties since the passage of the bill. There was a meeting of the joint committee this afternoon in reference to taking up a measure for policing the state. It is likely that this measure will be introduced by Monday.

Wants Hearings Charged.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Representative Humphrey, of Washington, reintroduced a bill of last session providing for the hearing of Alaska appeals at either Seattle, Portland or San Francisco, instead of merely at the California city as at present.

Mr. Humphrey does not expect the same trouble the way encountered last year, although Representative Kahn, of California, has asserted his intention of fighting the bill. Mr. Kahn claims that the majority of appeals from Alaska are matters of California interest.

To Preserve Battlefields.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.—Representatives of the Canadian clubs throughout the Dominion met in conference here today to discuss Lord Grey's proposal to convert the more important parts of the battlefields of the plains of Abraham and St. Foy into a national park, and to erect thereon a monument to commemorate the reconciliation of the British and French races in Canada.

It is hoped to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 by public subscription to supplement grants from the Federal and Provisional governments.

Optim Shipment Light.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 17.—Among the interesting features of the business of the last year, transacted by officials of the Puget sound customs districts is the showing that for the entire period importations of opium reached the insignificant total of 238 pounds.

The district is presumed to cover practically all of the output of British Columbia refineries which operate on a large scale. The light shipment is regarded as suspicious.

New Express Rates.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17.—The new schedule of express rates recently agreed upon by the board of railway commissioners and the express companies doing business in Missouri, goes into effect today.

In round figures the schedule provides for an average reduction of 21 per cent.

DEFENSE IS FIGHTING

Hall and Mays Trial Making but Little Progress.

Session Largely Given Up to Reading of Letters Said to Show Conspiracy.

Portland, Jan. 18.—The government yesterday continued laying the foundation of the case against John H. Hall and Edwin Mays.

Honey introduced some 50 letters, written from June, 1900, to September, 1902, by Hall, Mays, Loomis, Stratford and Putnam. More such letters will follow today.

Hall objected seriously to only one letter, written by Secretary Hitchcock to Special Inspector A. R. Greene, directing Greene to investigate the fences. Honey's purpose is to show that this investigation was prompted by Hall to act against the fences.

Hall objects to the letter because a copy and not the original letter has been offered and because it is irrelevant. Judge Hunt will decide the questions this morning.

Unlike Hall, Mays raised numerous objections in the course of the day. The steps in the government's evidence of conspiracy will be about as follows:

First—To prove Hall and Mays had frequent knowledge from protesting settlers of the fences as early as March, 1900.

Second—That Steiwer, Zachary and Hendricks caused various persons to file on land for their company, in order to complete the company's enclosure of public land.

Third—That Hall and Mays took no steps to prosecute the offenders, though they had full knowledge of the fencing and the conspiracy for more than three years.

At this stage, Steiwer is expected to testify about the alleged understanding by which Hall and Mays were to prosecute him and his associates. One of the terms of this alleged agreement was Steiwer's vote for Fulton.

George Brownell is expected to testify that Hall promised him immunity from land fraud prosecution for his withdrawal from the contest for Hall's office.

TENANTS IN RIOTS.

Object to Paying More Than Rate They Fix Themselves.

New York, Jan. 18.—Forcible resistance by tenants whom an Upper East Side landlord was trying to evict resulted yesterday in the gathering of a crowd of two thousand or more sympathizers in the neighborhood, who made no small trouble for the police.

The rioting four women and a number of men were taken into custody.

The riotous demonstration began when a city marshal and about 25 assistants visited the block on the south side of East One Hundred and Fourth street, between First and Second avenues, with 80 dispossession warrants for families who had unilaterally demanded reductions in rents of a dollar a month and had refused to pay the landlord's collector more than the new rate they had fixed.

The taking out of the furniture from the rooms of the first family visited was the signal for an attack on the marshal and his men by scores of tenants.

Angry women surrounded a patrolman who had gone to the marshal's assistance and had half torn his coat from his back when assistance arrived. He arrested four women.

Several demonstrative men were also sent to the station house. The police were by this time struggling with little success to disperse an increasing crowd of angry demonstrators, but other arrests by the officers finally had the effect of putting a stop to the trouble.

The immediate purpose of the demonstration was effected, the marshal deciding not to attempt the serving of more dispossession warrants at the time.

Will Cut Off Opium Supply.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Within a little over a month the law prohibiting the importation of opium into the Philippines will become effective.

A large quantity of opium is consumed in the islands, mainly by the Chinese element. Congress has passed an act intended to correct the evil, but there is great doubt of the ability of the confirmed opium user to abandon the drug, and a considerable agitation has been taking place in the Philippines, with the object of securing an extension of time for the stoppage of the traffic.

Mays Is in Revolution.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Jan. 18.—The first actual operation of a revolutionary movement against the present government of Hayti took place yesterday, and so far has been successful.

An expedition composed of Haytiens, who have been in exile, under the command of Jean Jumeau, effected a landing north of Jean Gonaives, 65 miles northwest of here, and occupied that town.

The government is taking measures to resist the movement. The revolutionary forces also occupied St. Marc, some 20 miles from Gonaives.

Deny Sulphur Injures Fruit.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—At the state convention of California fruit growers today a committee of seven was appointed to go to Washington to protest against and secure a modification of the rules covering the use of sulphur in bleaching and drying fruit.

In a speech the use of sulphur was stated to be the cause of the blight and the drying of fruit by artificial heat and evaporation was impracticable in this state.

Warships Sail for Magdalena.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 18.—All that was left here of the Pacific squadron sailed this morning for Magdalena, to remain for six or seven weeks, indulging in target practice.

TOTAL DEAD 170.

Nearly Every Family at Boyetown is Affected.

Boyetown, Pa., Jan. 15.—When nightfall put a stop to the work of recovering the dead from the ruins of the Rhoads opera house, where Monday night's holocaust occurred, the official roll of victims numbered 167.