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BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

There is a wave of cholera at Lodz, Russian Poland.

Castro has left the capital for a month's vacation.

Atlantic City, N. J., will keep all liquor shops closed on Sundays.

The Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul is seeking an entrance into Winnipeg.

Business conditions in the East in all lines indicate a return of prosperity.

Oklahoma banks are releasing their National charters in order to get state charters.

The reception to the American fleet at Melbourne was fully as great as that at Sydney.

England will not aid, but Castro is pleased to see Holland give Castro a sound thrashing.

J. C. Gleason, head counsel for Thaw during the trial, has sued for \$50,000 balance of fees.

The steamer Asia has just arrived at San Francisco with a cargo of raw silk, valued at \$2,000,000.

The Schmitz cases, in which he is charged with bribery by allowing price fixings, will be called soon.

Engene Semple, once territorial governor of Washington, is dead.

The Springfield grand jury has indicted 75 so far for taking part in the race war.

Three thousand people are homeless at Fayetteville, N. C., as a result of the floods.

T. P. Shonts says if the railroads are not left alone there will be further depression.

The British steamer Duncan was sunk in Oriental waters by a typhoon. Fifty-one of the crew were drowned.

Movement of crops all over the country has greatly lessened the number of idle freight cars, and there may be a shortage.

A fast passenger collided with a work train near Hardin, Okla. Both engines were overturned. Two train men were killed.

The interstate commerce commission has outlined a form of annual report to be made by railroads, and says the companies must tell the amount of business transacted.

The Imperial Japanese bank, at San Francisco, has been closed by the bank commissioners. The officers made loans to themselves until only \$100 in cash and a number of notes were left.

Ex-Senator William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, is dead.

Count Tolstoi's condition is such that recovery is not looked for.

Two Chicago men have been arrested for forcing two small boys to steal for them.

Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, husband of the notorious swindler, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

A San Francisco man has been arrested in Paris, charged with victimizing jewelers to the extent of \$50,000.

Japan is preparing for a grand reception to the American fleet. It is expected to reach Yokohama October 17.

When the American battleship fleet left Sydney, 80 stragglers had failed to join their ships and will follow later.

A Supreme court justice has severely reprimanded and discharged a grand jury because it would not indict saloon men for keeping open on Sunday at Atlantic City, N. J.

The Amateur Athletic union of the United States has severed relations with the British association because of the unsportsmanlike conduct of the Britons in the recent Olympic games.

Ten million bushels of the new wheat crop of the Pacific Northwest have been sold.

The French ambassador to Spain has been called home to discuss the Moroccan situation.

The president will go to Jordanville, N. Y., to take part in the dedication of a public library.

A. O. Brown & Co., a big brokerage firm of New York, has failed for more than a million dollars.

Six Chinese have been caught at El Paso, Tex., who had been smuggled across the line from Mexico.

The government has also fixed the responsibility for the big robbery of the subtreasury at San Francisco recently.

Returns from the Democratic primaries indicate that Governor Ansel will again be the nominee for governor of South Carolina.

The Illinois Steel company, whose plant is at South Chicago, has just put 500 men to work and expects to employ another 500 next week.

LOSS EXCEEDS MILLION.

Big Fire at New Orleans Wipes Out Three Blocks.

New Orleans, Sept. 1.—Fire which broke out in the center of the commercial district Sunday afternoon swept over portions of three blocks, destroying a large number of wholesale houses, manufacturing houses and stores. Originating at Brimville and Chartres streets, the flames worked their way north as far as Court street and west to Royal, with a loss of between one and two millions of dollars before the flames were finally subdued.

At the time the alarm was turned in, shortly before 3 o'clock, the New Orleans firemen were in the midst of their annual picnic at a suburban park, and the engines and patrols responded with a mere handful of men. It was fully an hour before the department was in position to make anything like a successful fight against the fire, and even then the handicap against it was added to by an inadequate supply of water.

The fire was one of the most spectacular that has occurred in New Orleans during recent years. Two warehouses filled with wines and liquors were among the buildings destroyed. Barrels of whiskey and brandy exploded with thunderous booms, which could be heard for blocks, which shook the walls of adjoining buildings and endangered the lives of firemen engaged in fighting the flames.

It was not until several hours had elapsed that the fire was gotten under control, and even then it continued to burn well into the night.

Among the establishments burned were Central Glass Company, George D. Scott Lighting and Electrical Instrument Company, Heidenheim, Levy & Weiss, shirt manufacturers; Noon & Dietz, wholesale millinery; Kosz Commission Company, Paul Gelbi & sons, wholesale liquor dealers; New Orleans Junk Company, Isador Keifer & Co., boots and shoes, and Thos. Harris & Co., wholesale liquor dealers.

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NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

ROGUE RIVER MELONS.

Annual Harvest On and Quality Up to Standard.

Grants Pass.—The annual crop of Rogue river watermelons has begun to move. The first of them are of fine quality, and uniform size. Shippers load the melons in cars for transportation very much like brewers do in packing a car with beer bottles. The melons of this valley are well adapted to shipping, and can be quickly piled into the cars, tier after tier. A few years ago this method was not used, but the melons were promiscuously piled, and the shipper very frequently found considerable loss from shifting in transportation. This year tight cars are being used, and the windows and cracks are nailed up.

Experience has proven that many melons are often plugged and carved while en route by the use of a jack knife and long handled spoon, at every station where the car might stop, and during the season many melons have been spoiled in this way by boys who are lying in wait to note the arrival of the car upon its entering the yards.

MUST DIP SHEEP

Secretary Smythe, of Oregon Commission, Will Seize Offenders.

Pendleton.—Despite their efforts to evade the Oregon quarantine law, Washington sheepmen who grazed their flocks in Oregon this year will be forced to dip before moving out of the reserves. Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the Oregon Sheep Commission, and State Sheep Inspector W. H. Lytle are on the alert for movements of Washington sheep in this state and are prepared to seize any herd which may be moving through Oregon territory.

Washington sheepmen recently secured an injunction from County Judge Gilliland, of Umatilla county, restraining Oregon officials from enforcing the dipping law, but this injunction does not prevent criminal prosecutions of Washington sheepmen violating the Oregon law, and there promises to be something doing in the way of sheep dipping when the Washington herds are started out of the Blue mountain reserves across Oregon territory.

May Build Albany Plant.

Albany.—A report, said to be well founded, is current here that O'Shea Bros., of Portland, are planning to erect a \$200,000 packing plant in Albany. Barred from the Portland field by the terms of the sale of the Union Meat company's plant, they have selected Albany as a desirable site because of its railroad facilities. According to reports placed, they have a site of 25 acres in view and will soon commence work on the plant. The foundation for this rumor lies in the fact that John O'Shea spent several days in this city last week. But real estate men, with whom he is known to be associated, were merely looking for a residence.

Fa Ling Plant for Albany.

Albany.—The largest independent meat packing plant on the Pacific coast, to cost a quarter of a million dollars, will be built in Albany, and work will commence within the next 90 days. O'Shea Bros., formerly owners of the Union Meat company in Portland, are behind the undertaking. In conversation with one of Albany's business men Mr. O'Shea said: "We will build a large independent meat packing plant in Albany, and it will cost at least \$250,000. I have looked over the situation here thoroughly, and am convinced that this city is the ideal point for establishing our plant."

Prineville.—Work on a railroad in the Deschutes river valley will commence this fall, according to W. F. Nelson, of Portland, J. P. Porter, of Vancouver, Wash., and John D. Porter, of Spokane, Wash., who passed through this city by auto, bound for Medford by way of Linn and Klamath Falls, Ore. Their object being to get a general idea of the inter-Oregon country and local conditions in regard to the building of a road up the valley to form a line between the Columbia, Klamath Falls and San Francisco.

Harvest is About Over.

Pendleton.—Harvest is now over and several hundred idle men through the streets of Umatilla county towns. Many of these will go to Grand Ronde to work in the beet fields, many to the saw mills of the coast and others to the large cities to spend the winter. Local merchants report a much heavier cash trade this fall than ever before during the prevalence of the saloon. A different class of harvest hands came to the county this season.

Better Rules for Shippers.

Portland.—After a conference between the members of the railroad commission, agents of the express companies and representatives of the Portland commission merchants, it was agreed by the express companies to use more discretion in handling shipments of perishable products. The representatives of the express companies will cause at an early date their instructions to agents to be reissued and brought sharply to their attention.

Big Fruit Shipments.

Freewater.—The Freewater-Milton fruit district will ship out 600 car loads of fruit this season, including berries and fruits of all kinds. This will be 100 more cars than last year. At present the plum, summer apple and pear crop is on and an average of about four cars per day is being sent out. The fruit area was increased about 200 acres in this vicinity this season.

Alfalfa Hay Brings \$6.50 a Ton

Prineville.—Hay is selling in Crook county at \$6.50 a ton for fresh alfalfa, 600 tons at this price being disposed of by Thomas Starr, of Crooked river, to the Baldwin Sheep and Land company, of Hay creek. With hay about gathered except for the second crop, most farmers have commenced threshing their wheat, rye and other grain, all of which are an average yield.

FIGHT PRUNE COMBINE.

Albany Plant Being Prepared for Big Season's Run.

Albany.—The Northwest Fruit association, the new organization of fruit growers, began its fight against the Fruitepackers' association when the work was begun at the big packing plant in this city preparatory to operation during the coming prune packing season. A force of men under Manager S. A. Lasselie is now putting the plant in shape for the season's run.

The Albany plant has a capacity of about 175 car loads of dried prunes, but will not handle nearly as many this fall. Owing to the fact that the prune crop is light this year, and that many growers are already under contract to the packers' association for this season's crop, the new association does not expect to pack more than 60 car loads. Enough growers are in the organization now to assure about 40 car loads.

Protest Dipping of Ponies.

Pendleton.—Chief No Shirt and a few of his conservative followers among the Umatilla Indians, are vigorously protesting to the Indian commissioner against the dipping of their ponies for the mangle by the Federal authorities through the bureau of animal industry. In charge of Dr. S. W. McClure, of this city. The ponies are badly affected with the disease and orders have been sent out to dip all of them near the old agency three miles east of this city. However, No Shirt, Umatilla, Amos Pond, Pokor Jim and a few others are making a vigorous protest and have employed Bert Huffman, editor of the East Oregonian, of this city, to take the matter up with the Indian commissioner to have the order modified.

Writes History of Columbia.

Pendleton.—Professor W. D. Lyman, who is writing a complete history of the Columbia river and Columbia river navigation, has secured a dozen photographs from Major Lee Moorhouse, the photographer of this city, to use as illustrations. The work being prepared by Professor Lyman will be complete in every detail, giving the exact history of the development of navigation on the Columbia from the earliest times to the present. It will be published in New York within the next few months.

Hop Crop Smaller.

Salem.—It is estimated by dealers and growers in Marion county that Oregon this year will yield from 80,000 to 90,000 bales of hops, as against 140,000 in 1907. The acreage has been reduced from 30,000 last year to the 22,000 or 23,000 acres that are under cultivation in 1908. While the quality of the hops is good, the yield is very uneven. Picking will be late this season, though the larger growers will begin about September 7 in order to get finished before the fall rains spoil the crop or delay picking.

Timber Loss Small.

Portland.—Exaggerated reports regarding forest fires in Crook county, particularly in the Paulina mountains near the Deschutes river, have given rise to the impression that a large area has been burned and much valuable timber destroyed, according to A. P. Donohue, who has returned to Portland from a visit to the upper Deschutes region, where he watched the progress of the flames for several days, or until the fire was under control.

Line Through Maddock Canyon.

Candon.—Surveying on the new electric line which is to invade interior Oregon, running south from this city, is going on at full blast. O. Denny, of San Francisco, with a gang of surveyors, reports that the third survey out of the city, through the Maddock canyon, will be the route of the new railroad. R. A. Hollenbeck, a Spokane engineer, with a number of men, arrived last week to survey in the interior.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Club, 88c bushel; forty-fold, 90c; Turkey red, 90c; fine, 88c; blue-stem, 92c; valley, 88c.
Barley.—Feed, \$24.50 ton; rolled, \$27.00; brewing, \$26.
Oats.—No. 1 white, \$27.00; No. 2, \$26.50; No. 3, \$26.00.
Hay.—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.
Fruits.—Peaches, 60c/90c per box; pears, 75c/81.50 per box; plums, 75c per box; grapes, 80c/81.25 per crate.
Potatoes.—\$10.10 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3 1/2c per pound.
Melons.—Cantaloupes, \$1.50/2.00 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 bales; crates, 1 1/2c per pound additional; casabas, \$2.25/2.50 per dozen.
Vegetables.—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, 1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound; corn, 25c/30c per bushel; cucumbers, 30c/40c per box; egg plant, \$1.75 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8c/10c per pound; radishes, 12c per pound; spinach, 2c per pound; squash, 40c per dozen; tomatoes, 60c/90c per crate; celery, 50c/90c per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen.
Butter.—Extra, 31 1/2c per pound; fancy, 27 1/2c; choice, 25c; store, 18c.
Eggs.—Oregon extras, 26c/27c; firsts, 24c/25c; seconds, 22c/23c; thirds, 20c/21c; Eastern, 24c/25c per dozen.
Poultry.—Mixed chickens, 13c/15 1/2c per pound; broilers, 14c/15c; roosters, 10c; spring, 16c; ducks, old, 12c; spring, 13c/15c; geese, old, 8c; young, 10c; turkeys, old, 17c/18c; young, 20c.
Veal.—Extra, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7c/7 1/2c; heavy, 5c.
Pork.—Fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.
Mutton.—Fancy, 8c/9c.
Hops.—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2c per pound; olds, 1-1 1/2c; contracts, 7c/8c.
Wool.—Eastern Oregon average best, 10c/11c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15c/15 1/2c; mohair, choice, 18c/18 1/2c.

WATERS RECORDING.

Augusta Damage May Approximate Million Dollars.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 28.—Flood waters at Augusta began receding this afternoon. They reached the height of 40 feet, probably as high as the flood of 1888. Rain has ceased in the upper valley and there is no danger of further loss. The loss approximates \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 and consists of damage to stocks of goods and private property, destruction of the wagon and railroad bridges across the Savannah river and breaks in the canal banks. There are dependent on the canal for power eight cotton mills.

While the flood was at its height five fires broke out. The McDaniel builders' material establishment, North Augusta, burned. A train of 40 cars belonging to the Southern railway burned in Hamburg. Nixon's lime, cement and hardware house and a huge quantity of lumber belonging to the Georgia railway, at the Georgia railway yards, were burned. The Augusta Railway & Electric company cannot run their cars for three days.

No power plants are in operation; the telephone lines are not doing business; the railroads are accepting no passengers. The water service is crippled, but intact. The gas company service is impaired, but not shut down. There have been 10 to 15 drownings, mostly negro laborers.

From the northwestern section of the city the waters will not recede for two or three days. Tonight is a night of tension. Missing men and families are being reported.

The Augusta Chronicle got out its Thursday edition in abbreviated form at 9 p. m. The Augusta Herald, an afternoon paper, could not publish Wednesday or Thursday.

TRIES GAME ON ROOSEVELT.

French Soldier Punished for Attempt at Blackmail.

Bordeaux, Aug. 28.—An extraordinary story was told at the court martial today, of a member of the military ambulance corps, Camille Marquet, who was charged with attempting to blackmail President Roosevelt. According to the evidence before the court, Marquet wrote to the president on January 9, demanding on behalf of "my society," without other specification, "\$2,000 on account of services rendered during the presidential election," and promising further "immense help."

Receiving no reply to this demand, Marquet wrote again on March 9, threatening a scandal "which will cast dishonor upon the whole family unless the money is forthcoming at a fixed date." In conclusion the writer said: "The highest heads are no longer safe on their shoulders; look at Portugal."

The president handed the letters to the French consul general, who communicated with the French police. Marquet was brought up for court martial, but the court, in consideration of the good character of the youth, sentenced him to six days' imprisonment, giving him the benefit of the first offender's law.

CARPET WORTH THOUSANDS

Floor Covering of U. S. Mint Filled With Gold Dust.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—The carpet floor of the adjusting room at the San Francisco mint is about worn out and after the old covering has been taken up it will be handled with far more care than the new one. It will be many times more valuable, because it is literally lined with gold. The old carpet will be buried and from the ashes the Treasury department officials expect to realize about \$5,000.

In the adjusting room files are used to trim surplus gold from the coins after being stamped. It frequently happens that the over-weight filings thus taken off fall to the floor and become imbedded in the carpet. The very best carpets are purchased for this room, so that the closely-woven material will hold securely the scattered particles of gold.

It is nothing unusual for the government to get \$5,000 worth of gold dust out of the ashes resulting from the burning of one of these carpets.

Eats His Entire Family.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—Details are given in a Yakutsk newspaper of a revolting case of cannibalism among the tribes of Lamuts living on the River Kolorodi, in extreme Northwest Siberia. One of the nomads, driven desperate by hunger, devoured the bodies of his brother, wife and four children. A party of hunters came upon the deserted encampment and found the remains of the bodies. The brother's body was not found, and it is not known whether he was eaten or wandered away and perished.

Would Curb Middlemen.

Salt Lake, Aug. 28.—Resolutions approving the plan for national storage of the Western wool crop were adopted unanimously today by the executive committee of the National Woolgrowers' association. The president of the association was authorized to name a committee to select a city where the central storage market will be established and to form a corporation to carry out the elimination or curbing of the middlemen and giving the Western woolgrowers control of the sale of their product.

Abd El Aziz in Flight.

Tangier, Aug. 28.—Mulai Hafid has been proclaimed sultan of Morocco at El Arach, as well as at Rabat and Salee. Abd El Aziz, the sultan who suffered defeat at the hands of Mulai Hafid last week, at a point not far from Morocco City, is making his way out to the coast. He is expected at Casa Blanca soon. He is accompanied only by some of his advisers. All of the tribesmen who were in his service have been returned to their homes.

Settle Canadian Strike.

Winnipeg, Aug. 28.—A rumor coming from an authoritative source says the Canadian Pacific railway officials are getting tired of the strike and negotiations will be begun tomorrow with a view to ending it.

DEATH LIST IS NOW THIRTY

Damage from Southern Floods Was Greatly Underestimated.

Total Loss in Augusta Alone is Now Estimated at \$1,500,000—Other Sections Have Suffered Heavily Also—Call for Aid Is Issued by Stricken City.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 29.—Loss of 30 lives, most of the victims colored, a call for assistance, damage estimated at \$1,500,000 in Augusta alone, \$1,000,000 in other parts of Georgia, and \$1,500,000 in South Carolina, summarizes the flood situation in the South. The temperature is falling and threatens suffering to people without shelter.

Reports of damage from points in South and North Carolina are coming in slowly. Bridges have been washed away in South Carolina along the Southern Railway, and until midnight last night it was impossible to secure communication with any point out of Atlanta. In Augusta, the principal suffering is along deep gulches known as Brimville, Bottoms and Perry's Bottom. Here the houses were covered to the eaves. The water also damaged business blocks in the city, and the total damage in this city will be a million and a half dollars. It is not expected that the loss of life will be increased. Most of the killed by high water were caught in their homes on the outskirts of the city.

There are many rumors of others killed, but these have not been verified. In South Carolina the loss of life will reach probably 20. In North Carolina possibly half a dozen whites and as many negroes have been killed. The flood water at Augusta is receding rapidly, and it is apparent that the loss has been underestimated.

LARGE MOB BILL.

Springfield Victims Begin Their Suits Against City.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 29.—The wife of Scott Burton, the first negro lynched in the recent riots here, has made no attempt to settle with the city for the