

The Estacada Progress

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ESTACADA, OREGON

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Mrs. Howard Gould, in her suit for divorce, asks \$120,000 a year alimony.

Wilbur Wright has broken all airship records by his latest flights in France.

Some of the Pennsylvania coal mines have closed because of a lack of water.

Pickpockets following Buffalo Bill's show secured fully \$1000 at Bellingham, Wash.

One of Burns' detectives has been held guilty of approaching a juror in one of the Reut cases.

A preacher at Taylorstown, Pa., was forced to resign by women because he denounced the powder puff.

Gagen and Woodboro, two Wisconsin towns, have been wiped out by forest fires, leaving 4000 people homeless.

Paris business is practically prostrated because of the fire which destroyed the central telephone building.

Many villages in Michigan are threatened by forest fires and the people are ready to flee, leaving everything.

Indiana anti-saloon workers met in the legislative halls while the legislature was in session and prayed for a local option law.

A forest fire threatens to burn the house at Ballston, N. Y., where Grant died.

Forest fires in Pennsylvania have already burned over 30,000 acres, and are still burning.

A New York lawyer has just been arrested for defrauding a woman many years ago.

W. B. McAllister, of Omaha, has been appointed land agent for the Southern Pacific.

Four out of a party of seven lost their lives when a launch was wrecked on the Long Island sound.

The students of the Missouri school for the blind have taken to roller skating, and make quite a success of it.

Long dry spells have dried up many rivers in the East, and forest fires cover the whole Atlantic coast with smoke.

The trans-Atlantic liner Mauretania lost a propeller blade in a storm, and for hours lay helpless. There was a panic among the passengers.

Zia Bey, head of the Turkish secret police under the old regime, has said he is coming to Oregon to live.

The battleship fleet has sailed from Albany, Australia, for Manila.

Von Buelow declares Germany is in favor of peace and arbitration.

A retired steel magnate of New Jersey was shot and killed by his confidential clerk.

Orville Wright was badly hurt and his companion killed while making a trip in his aeroplane.

A Swedish explorer has just reached Simla, India, after nearly a year spent in the interior of Tibet.

Colonel Stewart has been ordered back to his lonely post at Fort Grant, without taking the riding test.

Mexican and Japanese sailors fought desperately on a wrecked ship to escape from drowning, but all were finally saved.

Letters have been made public which seem to prove that Senator J. B. Foraker is in the pay of the Standard Oil company.

It is said alarming cholera reports have been sent out from certain cities in China in order to get contributions from superstitious Chinese.

J. J. Hill says the day of cheap wheat is over, that the food problem is a serious one, and that the government should be building schools of agriculture as well as warships.

Taft will make three big campaign tours.

Chicago's population is placed at 1,924,000 by the recent school census.

A Minnesota woman walked 350 miles to visit the grave of her husband near Chicago.

French troops routed a strong tribe of Congo natives who trade in contraband arms and slaves.

A negro was lynched for shooting a white man in Louisiana, though the latter was not seriously hurt.

A Baptist moderator in Kentucky died of heart failure when his son was arrested for selling liquor.

The French press is irritated by the German criticism of the Franco-Spanish note regarding Morocco.

Chicago health officials found fish that had been stored 16 months in the warehouse of the Booth company that failed recently.

Four crooked bankers arraigned in Judge Dunne's court in San Francisco broke down and wept, and pleaded for a reduction of bail.

A commission appointed to investigate New York's high buildings has decided that they cannot be limited as to height, but restrictions providing for light and air can be enforced.

Seattle banks will sell the bonds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

A Southern woman led a mob of lynchers against the assailant of her daughter.

A Canadian Pacific strikebreaker at Winnipeg nearly caused a riot by shooting one of the strikers.

A practical joker at Windsor, Mo., touched off a car of powder, killing seven persons and injuring 30.

The president of the Chicago school board favors "cutting off the best method of overcoming the 'frat evil'."

CHOLERA IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Government May Have to Proclaim Martial Law.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—St. Petersburg is in the deadly grasp of Asiatic cholera, which already has exceeded in severity and number of deaths the visitation of 1893. The disease is increasing daily at an alarming rate, and unless the authorities show in the future a much greater degree of ability to cope with the situation than they have in the past, there is every reason to fear that it will get out of hand. The government's threat to apply the provisions of martial law has driven the municipal officials to bend all their energies to clearing the city of the scourge.

The aldermanic council Saturday voted \$250,000 to enlarge the hospital space, to purchase and distribute disinfectants, the supply of which in St. Petersburg is well nigh exhausted, and to expedite the interment of bodies, which has been notoriously slow. The deadhouses are overcrowded and many corpses lie unburied.

Under his authority, the prefect of St. Petersburg, General Drachevsky, on Saturday prohibited the sale of liquor throughout the city, including the government vodka shops, until September 22, and he has further ordered that hereafter the sale of the liquor shall be suspended at 2 P. M. on Saturday until 1 A. M. Monday.

This action has been taken in order to diminish alcoholic excesses, which very materially increase the liability to cholera infection and the general spread of the disease.

USE PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Rockefeller Says Public Institutions Are for Poor.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 22.—Mrs. William Rockefeller, who, with her husband, is in this city, said yesterday that she believed the children of the rich should be sent to private rather than to public schools.

"All I have ever tried to be is just an ordinary mother," said Mrs. William Rockefeller, at the Pfister Hotel.

"I have two sons and two daughters, and they are just four ordinary boys and girls. I have brought them up the best I know how, and used all the common sense I had to think of the best ways and means to make them good average men and women.

"Did my boys go to public schools? No; that would have been most selfish in a city like New York, where our schools are crowded. It is only fair that parents who can afford it should send their children to private schools, and thus allow room in the public schools for children who must depend upon the public schools for their entire education.

"My boys were sent, like thousands of other New York children, to private schools, where they were in daily contact with other children. They studied like ordinary boys and had the same ambitions in their school work. When they had finished school they were sent away to college."

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NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

BENTON COUNTY WINS.

Great Variety of Splendid Products Takes First Prize.

Salem—Benton county has won first place in the county exhibit competition, and can now claim to be the banner agricultural county of the state. The awards were made by the three judges, Charles Cleveland, of Gresham; F. H. Scribner, of Wisconsin; and R. L. Swagert, of Umatilla county. Lane county was given second place, Yamhill third, Multnomah fourth, Polk fifth, Columbia sixth and Clatsop seventh.

Benton's victory was won by a splendid display put up by Frank Groves, of Corvallis, who evidently spared no effort to make the exhibit complete. While his commercial apple pack is not so large nor so attractive as that from Yamhill, he covered a wider range of products, and excelled in other particulars. Neither Groves nor Lane made a particularly strong feature of any one line of products, and the general public had difficulty in deciding which county made the better exhibit.

Marion county had an exhibit which would have been a strong rival for first place, but this county is barred under the rules, because the fair is held here, and Marion would have an advantage in that respect. Benton's display comprises about every product that can be grown in Oregon. The peach crop, plums, prunes, grapes, garden vegetables, seeds, grains, grasses, dairy products, etc., are all represented by specimens of surpassing excellence.

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Linn County Soil is Well Adapted for English Walnuts.

Albany—A big walnut tree in the yard of the residence of L. E. Blain, in this city, shows the possibilities of walnut culture in this part of the state. Though it stands on the poorest kind of land for fruit growing, and has never received scientific culture, the tree this year produced \$25 worth of nuts. This shows the immense profit of an acre of similar trees.

The nuts have not yet been picked, but it is estimated that they will be worth at least 100 pounds of nuts. Mr. Blain never sees the nuts, keeping them for his own use, but this week he refused an offer of 25 cents a pound for the entire product of his tree.

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