

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.

The California senate has passed a direct primary bill.

Three of Pittsburg's councilmen have been convicted of grafting.

A Seattle man stood by and watched his wife thrash a man she says insulted her.

Emperor William delivered a speech praising the work of his minister of war.

The South Dakota legislature has put woman suffrage up to a vote by the people.

Adlai Stevenson, ex-vice president, is going to establish a university at Chicago.

Lucky Baldwin is dead. He leaves an estate of about \$10,000,000 for claimants to fight over.

The Palace hotel and gambling house, one of the landmarks of Reno, has been destroyed by fire.

W. M. Crum, the negro collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., has resigned to relieve Taft of embarrassment.

A Boston priest was severely beaten by three thugs who lured him from home on pretext that a woman needed dying rites.

Improvements are soon to be made in Grant's tomb.

All arrangements for Taft's inauguration are completed.

Rioting against royalty ended the carnival week at Lisbon.

Harriman is to address the Texas legislature on railroad laws.

The Balkan trouble is about to prove too much for the powers to untangle.

Honey's fees for prosecuting the Oregon land frauds amounted to \$65,000.

Great Britain has provided for an increase of about 100,000 men in the army.

Senator Fulton will in all probability be appointed as the new Federal judge for Oregon.

The butter and storage house of the Swift Packing company at Chicago was destroyed by fire.

The plan of keeping half of the navy on the Pacific has been left to the discretion of the president.

The pope is not enjoying the best of health and public audiences have been discontinued for the present.

All members of Roosevelt's cabinet who will not continue in office have completed plans for private life.

Three holdup men accused of the theft of 46 cents have been sent to the penitentiary for life by a Chicago judge and jury.

Senator Root has denounced anti-Jap agitators and canal muckrakers.

Taft has declared for a prompt tariff revision and the creation of a commission later.

A man horsewhipped Billy Sunday at Springfield, Ill., for using vile language before women.

A million dollar corporation has been formed to manage the discoveries of the wizard Luther Burbank.

Von Buelow has warned Russia that if she helps Serbia against Austria Germany will fight for Austria.

Seismographs in various parts of the world have recorded another severe earthquake. It is thought to have been in South America.

The battleship fleet has begun to disperse to the various Atlantic navy yards and the work of overhauling the vessels will begin at once.

Important reductions in freight rates throughout the country are to be made by the railroads. In most cases the advances made in January are to be annulled.

The United States revenue cutter Mohawk struck the rocks off Hell Gate at the entrance to New York harbor. A bad leak was sprung but the vessel may be saved.

Harriman has just celebrated his 61st birthday.

Riotous suffragettes have been sent to jail in London.

A direct primary law is to be rushed through the Colorado legislature.

"Lucky" Baldwin is seriously ill and his physicians say he cannot survive.

Oklahoma is accused of reviving a secession document in a new form.

The railroad right of way up the Deschutes river is being held up by the declamation service.

A Salt Lake man committed suicide by filling a basin with chloroform and immersing his head.

Professor Lowell, of the Lowell, Ariz., observatory, says the earth will collide with an unknown dark planet, but cannot give the date.

Following the cut in freight rates by the Harriman line of steamships, rail lines may reduce their charges.

The International Opium conference, at its session in Shanghai, expressed the fear that with the restricted traffic in opium morphine would become a popular drug.

It has developed that the late Governor Sparks lost all his property in being elected governor and trying to be elected United States senator. He was once rated as one of the wealthiest men in the state.

READY FOR INAUGURAL.

People Are Flocking to Washington by Thousands for Event.

Washington, March 2.—Washington is filling with inaugural visitors and already the streets show the faces of many strangers. The fine weather today brought great throngs out upon the avenue along which the inaugural parade will pass and which is being given the finishing touches in decorations.

Preparations made by the new Union station for handling the crowds today received the first real test, and so far has proved satisfactory. Committees in charge have made exceptionally complete arrangements for receiving and caring for visitors. Hotels are rapidly filling. Some are already full. All signs indicate that Washington will, during the week, entertain the largest crowd that has attended an inauguration. Beginning tomorrow soldiers will commence to arrive, and from then on there will be a constant unloading of trains.

Admiral Bob Evans is going to be a policeman. The president wanted an admiral to make him a vice admiral, and it may some day, but pending that elevation in rank he, along with all other members of the inaugural committee on the public comfort, has been commissioned a policeman for special duty on March 4. Badges of authority such as all bluecoats wear have been provided.

It is not probable that "Fighting Bob" would get out upon the avenue swinging a club to restrain the crowd and preserve order during the parade, but he and his committee associates will wear their badges and should the admiral decide to make an arrest, it will be wise for the spotted one to go peacefully.

EIGHTY-EIGHT DROP OUT.

Twelve Senators and Seventy-Seven From Lower House Do Not Return.

Washington, March 2.—Twelve senators and 77 representatives, members of the present congress, will be absent when the Sixty-first congress assembles in special session on March 15. Hopkins of Illinois and Stephens of Wisconsin have not been re-elected yet, and it is possible the number of congressional absentees will be 14.

Of the 77 representatives who retire on March 1, Hepburn of Iowa has served 22 years in congress, and Sherman of New York, who becomes vice president, has served 29 years. Delegate Smith, of Arizona, has served 16 years and Cooper of Texas has served 14 years.

In years of service, Senator Teller, of Colorado, is the Nestor of the retiring statesmen, having been elected senator upon the admission of his state into the union, taking his seat December 4, 1876, a time when he has been continuously and prominently in the public eye. He resigned from the senate in 1882 to enter the cabinet of President Arthur as secretary of the interior, re-entering the senate March 4, 1885.

Unemployed Organized.

Chicago, March 2.—Under the leadership of J. Eades Howe, of St. Louis, who will not continue in office have completed plans for private life. A committee was named to protest to the mayor and the finance committee of the city council against the proposed reduction of the appropriation for street work. The organization proposes to maintain a local headquarters, an employment agency and bureau of transportation.

Solons Over State Line.

Hopkinsville, Ky., March 2.—The eight Democratic senators who broke the quorum in the Tennessee legislature Friday and fled to Kentucky to escape arrest, say they will remain here until the general assembly adjourns. Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Yeaman is keeping the senators under surveillance. They declared today that their sole object in breaking a quorum was to prevent the Republicans participating in the election of Democratic primary election commissioners.

German Gets Grand Cross.

Berlin, March 2.—Julius Campen, French ambassador to Germany, conferred yesterday upon Herr von Schoen, the German foreign minister, the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, as an indication of France's satisfaction over the Franco-German agreement on Morocco. This event is interpreted as meaning that the relations between France and Germany are on a better footing than for many years.

New Train Record Made.

Pittsburg, March 2.—Running over four different roads en route, a special train bearing a theatrical company today made the distance of 755 miles from Boston to Pittsburg in the record-smashing time of 17 1/2 hours. Fifty-five minutes were clipped off the best previous time between Buffalo and Pittsburg, the time being five hours and ten minutes.

Snow Falls Over Paris.

Paris, March 2.—Snow has been falling in Paris almost continuously for 48 hours and a blizzard of unprecedented proportions prevails throughout France. Many deaths are reported. Several inches of snow has fallen in the interior of the Alpes Maritimes and the conditions at Cannes and Antibes are exceedingly wintry.

Foreign Labor May Clash.

Pueblo, Colo., March 2.—The local situation between the Servians and the Austrians is rapidly approaching a critical stage. Ran Poranovich, editor of a local Servian paper, has been repeatedly threatened with death if he does not discontinue his remarks on the Austrian government.

Chinese Gets High Honor.

Ithica, N. Y., March 2.—Tonfu Hu, of Wu Cheng, China, was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity at Cornell last week. This is the first time in the history of Cornell that a Chinese has been elected to the highest honorary society.

Record of the Legislature

The following bills passed by both houses of the legislature have become laws. In some cases they were signed by the governor, some he allowed to become laws without signature and others were passed over his veto.

- H. B. 1.—Creation of arterial well districts.
H. B. 2.—Trial by jury after default in damage suits.
H. B. 3.—Appeal from Justice Court within 30 days.
H. B. 4.—Judging districts may levy tax for repairs.
H. B. 5.—Fixing salaries of Constables.
H. B. 6.—Fixing salary of Sheriff of Clatsop County.
H. B. 7.—In criminal cases judgment to be a lien from date.
H. B. 8.—27-day interval of judgment over 10 years.
H. B. 9.—Voters absent from the state may register.
H. B. 10.—Bank deposits not drawn for seven years to be void.
H. B. 11.—Hotels and lodgings houses to provide nine-foot bedsteads.
H. B. 12.—For aid of two additional State Soldiers.
H. B. 13.—For treatment of tuberculosis.
H. B. 14.—Three additional deputy inspectors appointed by the Governor, with consent of Entry Commissioners.
H. B. 15.—Miners not to engage in Supreme Justice (Emergency).
H. B. 16.—Fixing the salary of Union County Recorder.
H. B. 17.—Additional salary for Judge of Eighth District (Over Governor's veto).
H. B. 18.—Revised military code.
H. B. 19.—For aid of Linn County Fair.
H. B. 20.—\$45,000 for Eastern Oregon Experiment Station.
H. B. 21.—Salary School Superintendent Klamath County.
H. B. 22.—Authorizing school districts to refund indebtedness.
H. B. 23.—Thirty days' notice of sales taken up.
H. B. 24.—Guarantee companies to deposit \$50,000 security.
H. B. 25.—Government may acquire lands for public use.
H. B. 26.—Charter of amending charters of municipalities.
H. B. 27.—Fixing legal fence in Eastern Oregon.
H. B. 28.—Schedule of fees for factory inspection.
H. B. 29.—Supreme Court may transfer Circuit Judges.
H. B. 30.—To abolish secret societies.
H. B. 31.—\$100,000 for maintenance of Agricultural College.
H. B. 32.—Preventing manner of taking depositions.
H. B. 33.—Distribution of session laws and journals.
H. B. 34.—Appropriating \$20,000 for fisheries south of Columbia.
H. B. 35.—Salary of Linn County Superintendent.
H. B. 36.—Salary of Recorder in Washington County (Over Governor's veto).
H. B. 37.—\$5000 appropriation for Experiment Station.
H. B. 38.—Costs allowed when real property has been attached.
H. B. 39.—Guarantee.
H. B. 40.—Providing sales for motor vehicles.
H. B. 41.—For central hatchery on Columbia River.
H. B. 42.—Relating to sale of concentrated stock foods.
H. B. 43.—Relating to the appropriation of land for corporate purposes.
H. B. 44.—Fixing salaries of clerk and deputies of Supreme Court.
H. B. 45.—Copies of Supreme Court judgments to be filed in office of clerk of court.
H. B. 46.—Additional salary for Circuit Judge in Ninth District.
H. B. 47.—Salary of School Superintendent in Marion County.
H. B. 48.—New military code.
H. B. 49.—For free ferry across Willamette River.
H. B. 50.—Special tax by districts for public works.
H. B. 51.—Manner of letting contracts for bridge building.
H. B. 52.—Persons under 18 not to run elevators.
H. B. 53.—Ten hours a day's work for females in telephone and telegraph offices.
H. B. 54.—Regulating manner of filing town plans.
H. B. 55.—Time for bringing libel suits one year.
H. B. 56.—Providing leather pouches for election ballot boxes.
H. B. 57.—Creating Conservation Commission.
H. B. 58.—Warehouses receipts to show rate of storage.
H. B. 59.—Railroads need not file list of trip passes issued to regular employees.
H. B. 60.—Fixing terms of court in Klamath County.
H. B. 61.—Regulating mutual fire insurance companies.
H. B. 62.—Publishing state's claim on two acres in Multnomah County.
H. B. 63.—Railroads may be laid for construction work.
H. B. 64.—For organization of co-operative associations.
H. B. 65.—Requiring railroads to connect with each other with private switches.
H. B. 66.—To punish fraudulent representation as to title of land in secret sales for purpose of obtaining money.
H. B. 67.—Relating to larceny by bailee.
H. B. 68.—Breeding horses to be regulated on Oregon Agricultural College.
H. B. 69.—Prohibiting putting glass and nails in road.
H. B. 70.—Providing additional judge for Fifth Judicial District.
H. B. 71.—For issuance of bonds by drainage districts.
H. B. 72.—Salary of Sheriff of Coos County.
H. B. 73.—For relief of Reed Institute.
H. B. 74.—Clothing railroad detectives with police power.
H. B. 75.—Regulating drainage districts.
H. B. 76.—Weekly report on registration of voters to Secretary of State.
H. B. 77.—County school boards to hold public grounds.
H. B. 78.—State Fair to have printing to amount of \$1000.
H. B. 79.—Relating to levy and sale upon delinquent taxes.
H. B. 80.—For county referendum on county measures.
H. B. 81.—To divide First Judicial District.
H. B. 82.—Voters of county may refer to county measures.
H. B. 83.—Law for the Columbia River.
H. B. 84.—Relating to School District No. 1, Klamath County.
H. B. 85.—Amending code regarding corporations organized for irrigation purposes.
H. B. 86.—Authorizing city of Corvallis to purchase land in watershed.
H. B. 87.—Certified copy proof of a deed.
H. B. 88.—Preventing coats from running at large in Yamhill County.
H. B. 89.—When several persons may hold real property as tenants in common.
H. B. 90.—Fixing the term of court in the Tenth Judicial District.
H. B. 91.—Additional judge in acquiring Oregon City loans.
H. B. 92.—Additional judge in Second District (Emergency clause).
H. B. 93.—Empowering municipal corporations to acquire title to lands and water rights in Oregon.
H. B. 94.—\$20,000 for State Fair premiums.
H. B. 95.—\$25,000 for State Fair improvements.
H. B. 96.—\$70,000 for tuberculosis sanitarium.
H. B. 97.—Animals at large in Gilliam County.
H. B. 98.—Children may appear in criminal proceedings on consent of the juvenile court judge.
H. B. 99.—For punishment of highway robbery.
H. B. 100.—Appropriating money for an extensive irrigation project throughout France.
H. B. 101.—Regulating pilotage on Columbia River.
H. B. 102.—Prohibiting some classes of advertising.
H. B. 103.—Relating to town plats and additions.
H. B. 104.—Appropriating \$75,000 for a portage road at Clatsop.
H. B. 105.—Appropriating additional \$25,000 for Atlantic Union Export Jackson County Judge. (Passed over Governor's veto.)
H. B. 106.—Authority of real estate agents to be increased.
H. B. 107.—Manner of transferring actions.
H. B. 108.—For incorporation of ports.
H. B. 109.—Authorizing Supreme Court to appoint judicial commission and appropriate \$25,000.
H. B. 110.—Fixing salary of Folk County School Superintendent. (Passed over Governor's veto.)
H. B. 111.—Fixing bond of Umatilla County Treasurer.
H. B. 112.—Fixing salary of Clatsop County School Superintendent. (Passed over Governor's veto.)
H. B. 113.—Counties may levy tax for advertising notices.
H. B. 114.—Empowering Willamette County School Superintendent.
H. B. 115.—Fixing salary of Morrow County School Superintendent. (Passed over Governor's veto.)

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Klamath Falls.—At a meeting of the directors of the Klamath Water Users' association a resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary of the interior that, so far as is in their power, they will comply with the contract made with the reclamation service as to the payment of the cost of the first unit of the Klamath project as announced by the secretary.

It is thought that letters lately received by the department from the directors have led to the belief that the water users meant to repudiate their contract as to this payment, hence work was suspended on the project outside of the first unit. It is believed that this decisive action on the part of the directors will lead to the prompt resumption of work on the plant outlined for this year's work.

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NORMALS ORDERED CLOSED.

Even Title of State School Will Be Taken Away by Regents.

Salem.—At a meeting of the normal board of regents it was voted to close all state normal schools at once unless maintained by private subscription, and then only until the end of the present half year. Hereafter the schools will be permitted to run as local public schools or as private normals, but will not be permitted to pose as state normals. This means the closing of Ashland, Weston and Monmouth normals at the end of this year, as all have secured funds to carry them to the latter part of June.

In discussing the situation the members of the board agreed that since the 1907 legislature prohibited the board from incurring any debt and the 1909 legislature failed to make an appropriation, the board has no right to continue the normals, thereby laying the foundation for a claim for reimbursement. The board will even refuse to permit the schools to run as state normals by private subscription after the end of this school year, for the reason that it is the desire to carry out to the letter the legislature's idea of closing all the normals. This will leave the field clear for the legislature of 1911 to settle the normal problem.

Few Changes in Election Laws.

Salem.—The election and registration laws were little tampered with by the legislature. Many changes were enacted, but practically the only ones proposed in law were those authorizing the registration of voters while they are outside the state and an amendment to the registration law providing that the postoffice address of the voter shall be noted. Under the Nottingham bill it will be possible for Oregon's senators and congressmen to forward their registration cards from Washington and have their names entered without traveling across the continent, and all of those temporarily absent from the state can register by absent treatment, provided they are well enough known where they must secure the necessary affidavits.

College for Pendleton.

Pendleton.—This city is to be the home of a junior college, if the present plans of the board of trustees of the Pendleton Academy materialize. In addition to extending the course of study so that students can be carried through the first two years of a regular college course it is planned to increase the endowment fund to \$100,000. Pendleton academy is a Presbyterian school and is the only one which the denomination is attempting to maintain in this part of the state.

Death of Horses Puzzles.

Pendleton.—With 16 of his horses dead and the strange malady which caused their death still baffling the skill of the veterinarians who have been called, William Mills, a rancher in the Juniper county, several miles northwest of this city, is despairing of saving any of his animals. They are all heavy work horses and the loss is felt keenly. In the hope of being able to determine the cause of death, Dr. S. W. McClure and H. E. Pinpoint, of the Federal bureau of animal industry, has gone to the scene.

Error Appears in Port Bill.

Salem.—The B and P bill, providing for the establishment of ports similar to the Port of Portland, has a sort of double shuffle provision relative to the operation of tugboat service by such ports when they are organized. As the bill was introduced it provided that the ports would have the power to "establish, maintain and operate" tugboats. As the bill was enrolled it provided that the ports had the right to "abolish, maintain and operate" such a service.

Head Office Remains Here.

Portland.—Captain C. F. Pond, inspector, has received advices from Washington that the inspector's headquarters will remain in Portland. An effort was made to have the office removed to Bellingham, Puget sound, but after giving the matter of removal full consideration, the lighthouse board at Washington decided to make no change. Both Captain Pond and Major McIndoe, of the engineers' service, advised against the change.

Finds Hugs Fossil Pearl.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 26.—The following story comes from Goldfield: A discovery which, for its unique character, has seldom been equaled in this state, has just been disclosed through the presence in Goldfield of Dr. Samuel E. Green, a geologist and mineral expert, who has been successfully sent from a number of ancient oyster shells and in one of them discovered a perfect pearl, pure white and weighing nearly 150 karats. Dr. Green has refused a sum for the pearl which would buy a hundred "water jewels" of ordinary size.

Who Smuggled Those Chinese?

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—A. F. Schell, special United States inspector, who recently ran down the alleged Chinese smuggling conspiracy on the Gulf coast, declared his disbelief in the report that the Chinese were sent in a government bonded car from Algiers, La., to San Luis Obispo, Cal. His history is that the men were put into the car some place close to the Texas border. A rigid inquiry into the case has been instituted here.

Two Cruisers Sail South.

Panama, March 1.—The cruisers California and Pennsylvania, of the United States Pacific squadron, now here, will leave tomorrow for Amalapa, on the west coast of Honduras. The cruise follows instructions