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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.

Corn is suffering in Nebraska from intense heat and lack of moisture.

The British house of commons has passed the South African confederation bill.

San Diego, Cal., police will arrest women appearing on the streets wearing kimonos.

Mexican officials deny the report that Porfirio Diaz, son of the president, has been assassinated.

Seven men and three women were mangled by an explosion of natural gas at Cleveland, Ohio.

The reports that Abdul Hamid, ex-sultan of Turkey, is dangerously ill, are denied at Constantinople.

Harriman has secured control of the Vanderbilt system, thereby adding about 12,000 miles to his lines.

Kiefer, Oklahoma, bank robbers surprised at their work, killed the city marshal and fatally wounded the cashier.

Prince Albert Leopold, heir to the Belgian throne, has just returned from the Congo and says conditions are satisfactory.

An earthquake has been recorded by the instruments in the weather bureau at Washington. The origin was estimated at about 2,500 miles distant in California or Mexico.

All records for attendance are being broken at the Seattle fair.

Moorish tribesmen make almost constant attacks on the Spanish forts.

The uncertainty of the wheat market will cause storage of much of the California crop.

There is serious difference between Great Britain and her colonies on the naval policy.

The Rock Island railroad has placed an order for 5,000 freight cars and 50 locomotives.

The powers will send a fleet to Crete to force the removal of the Greek king and prevent a Turkish attack.

A storm in Chicago caused three deaths by drowning and a number of injuries. The property loss is heavy.

An explosion on a Russian submarine boat caused injury to 14 men, one fatally. The vessel was American built.

Millionaire Bradbury, of San Rafael, Cal., sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary for perjury, has received a reprieve, but will have to serve 30 days in the county jail.

The Shah of Persia is married. He is 11 years old.

There are rumblings of a revolution in Northern Mexico.

A hot wave in London has been the cause of many deaths.

Wholesale executions and fighting have been renewed at Barcelona.

Thaw has been given a few days' respite before returning to the insane asylum.

Almost the entire town of Milton, Del., has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Johnson Porter says there is room along the Deschutes for two railroads, each having double tracks.

Greece will ask the advice of the powers before answering the last note of Turkey on the Crete affair.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the English suffragette leader, will soon visit the United States and deliver a series of lectures.

Rioting has occurred at Stockholm, Sweden, in connection with the strike. Dynamite has been used to blow up street cars.

William K. Payne, son of the house leader, has been appointed deputy assistant attorney general at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

Minister Wu, of China, has been recalled.

The earnings of the Northern Pacific show an increase of \$250,000 over last year.

An Evanston, Ill., tailor has had a diamond set in the nail of his little finger.

China has sent a note to Japan in which the mikado's policy regarding the railroad rights is called unjustified aggression.

Richard Carlin, who confesses to having been a burglar for seven years, has told the New York police that there is no profit in the business.

A New York girl is the first American woman to own her own balloon for use as a pleasure.

Porter Brothers are further causing Harriman contractors trouble in the Deschutes by hiring their men.

In a battle between dock laborers and police at Fort William, Ont., 24 men were injured, three fatally.

The court has decided that Thaw is still insane and must be returned to the asylum. An appeal will be taken.

Fifteen people were more or less seriously injured by an electric car running off a bridge at Vancouver, B. C.

Colonel Albert A. Pope, the automobile manufacturer, is dead.

The town of Monticello, N. Y., has been almost completely destroyed by fire.

Taft has cut Madison, Wis., from his itinerary in order to avoid meeting La Follette.

Officers and men of the cruiser St. Louis are suspected of smuggling goods from Samoa.

HILL BACKS ROAD.

Construction of Oregon Trunk Up the Deschutes to Be Rushed.

Portland, Aug. 17.—Uncertainty as to the actual force behind the Oregon Trunk was removed when John F. Stevens made the announcement that he had acquired a controlling interest in the project, which, in its execution, is to be financed by J. J. Hill, personally. The acquisition of this property by Mr. Stevens and his associates, and the identification of Mr. Hill with it are of major importance to the railroad situation in this state. It is regarded as the initial step by Hill in his invasion of Central Oregon and the eventual building of a railroad to San Francisco. Subsequent developments resulting from Hill's invasion of Oregon are expected materially to alter the railroad map of the state.

"On being asked several days ago if I had any interest in the Oregon Trunk or if I represented any railroads that were interested," said no, and the latter statement still holds good," said Mr. Stevens.

"Since then, however, I have acquired a controlling interest in the project, have all necessary financial arrangements completed, and the road will be built as fast as it can be reasonably done with men and money. The matter is a personal one, and I have no objection to saying that J. J. Hill, as an individual, is financially interested to any extent necessary to carry the road through to successful completion.

"Plans in detail are not fully developed, but will become apparent from time to time, as conditions may seem to require. It may be said, however, that the Oregon Trunk proposes to provide as quickly as practicable a northern outlet for Central Oregon, regardless of the designs of any other transportation company."

Having made this announcement, Mr. Stevens refused to budge an inch.

FIGHT TO BE KEPT UP.

Balling and Pinchot to Meet Again in Denver.

Denver, Aug. 17.—Every subject that in any way can be connected with the commercial, industrial and agricultural growth of the West, from the Panama canal to the scientific farming, will be discussed in Denver this week at sessions of the 12th annual convention of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 delegates are expected. The congress began its sessions yesterday, although the real work will not be taken up until today.

One of the features of the congress probably will be the removal of the building between Secretary of the Interior Balling and Chief Forester Pinchot, begun publicly at Spokane last week. These two men and 800 delegates from the National Irrigation congress at Spokane are expected today.

Among the multitude of subjects to be discussed are railroads and transportation; commercial problems, closer relations with southern republics, with special reference to the Panama canal; national defense, with special reference to the Pacific coast and Hawaii, which will send delegates; conservation of national resources, irrigation and reclamation; good roads; beet and cane sugar industry; reform of the consular service; drainage of submerged lands, and separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

Among the accredited delegates will be five women, two from Denver, two from Arizona and one from Texas. The government will take advantage of the congress to give illustrated lectures every night explaining what Federal authorities are doing in the way of public works, including the Panama canal.

Rival to Be Built.

Victoria, B. C. Aug. 17.—There was much military activity both in Japan and Manchuria when the Empress of Japan's determination to rebuild the Antung-Mukden railroad. Meanwhile, a further cause of trouble has developed in consequence of China having determined to build a rival line through Manchuria to connect Korea via Chientao, the island in the Tumen regarding whose ownership China and Japan are still involved, with Kilin, on the Chinese section of the Manchurian railroad.

Cretan Government Resigns.

Canen, Island of Crete, Aug. 17.—The British battleship Swiftsure arrived today in Huda bay. The Cretan government has resigned and the administration of the island has been entrusted to provisional committees. The committees have had the armed peasants expelled from the fortress which they occupied Saturday night, intending to resist the order of the powers that the Greek flag be lowered. The committees, however, have not had the flag hauled down, but probably will at the proper time.

Suit to Oust Book Trust.

Newport, Ark., Aug. 16.—Suit has been filed in the Jackson Circuit court by R. E. Jeffrey, prosecuting attorney, and Hal L. Norwood, attorney general of Arkansas, against the American Book company. The state asks the executing of fines amounting to \$2,000, and the ousting of the defendant company. It is alleged in the suit that the American Book company, as publisher and distributor of school books, maps, etc., is party to a pool or trust.

Concrete Building Falls.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—A concrete apartment block known as the Brodall, being erected here, collapsed Saturday evening. Heavy rains had moistened the concrete so that the steel girders gave way. Four men were inside at the time inspecting the work and were crushed, two so severely they were taken to a hospital in a dying condition.

Strikers Resume Work.

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 17.—The striking dock laborers of the Canadian Pacific railway will return to work tomorrow. A mass meeting of the strikers and their friends, numbering 5,000 was addressed today by Mayor Peltier, who urged the men to return to work and submit their grievances to a board of arbitration.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS.

Session at University of Oregon Comes to Close.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The fifth annual session of the University of Oregon summer school, has just closed, and was the most successful of any yet held at Eugene. The enrollment reached practically 100 students. The students also were more representative, coming from nearly all parts of the state, including in addition to regular and prospective university students, many high school and college principals and teachers. A series of daily lectures by Superintendents Ackerman, Stockton, Yoder and Cooper proved an attractive feature.

Plans for the next summer session are already being adopted and it is expected that the enrollment at that time will easily reach 200 students. A number of new courses, including chemistry, English composition and music are to be given. All of the instructors and lecturers of the past session will be here again and in addition to these the university hopes to secure Professor Murray, of Columbia university; Professor Hagley, author of the tests on methods, and Superintendent Trover of Monmouth.

Both the men's and women's dormitories are to be thrown open to summer school students and board and room will be given at the lowest possible cost.

Artesian Water for Vale.

Vale.—The problem of wholesome drinking water here has been solved by the purchase of a deep well drill. With this machine it is possible to go down to what is known as "second" water. This water is pure, being entirely free from alkali or germs of any kind, so prevalent in surface water.

Water is reached in Vale and vicinity at 95 to 150 feet. Some of these wells have a flow so strong that the water rises to the top of the ground, and there are several instances where they have overflowed.

New School House at Agency.

Klamath Falls.—Work is to be begun at once on the large new school building at the Klamath agency. It will be remembered that last spring fire destroyed the main building used for educational purposes on the Klamath reservation. The contract for the new building has been awarded to W. B. Lovell, of Minneapolis, Minn. The building will be commodious and will be modern throughout. It will be of sufficient size to accommodate all future demands.

Dredge Is to Be Kept.

Marshfield.—The members of the Coos Bay port commission held a meeting and decided to guarantee \$50,000 for the maintenance of the government dredge Oregon, which is now at work in Coos Bay. This will be sufficient money to keep the dredge in operation until some time next summer and means that the work of improving the harbor will be constantly going on and that the dredge will remain here.

Electric Line Progressing.

Hillsboro.—The United Railways, financed beyond doubt, has invaded Washington county with construction camps, and the foremen are hiring men and teams daily. There are camps near Phillips, at the Wabbel place and all along the plains. The advent of the electric line will be commensurate benefit to North Washington county. It will send up property values and furnish shipping accommodations that will mean a great saving to farmers.

Grand Ronde Crop a Big One.

Union.—That the grain crop in the Grand Ronde valley will be a bumper is evidenced by the fact that two car loads of grain bags have been received here to take care of the crop. Another car was divided between La Grande, North Powder and Union. The latter car was purchased by the farmer's union. It is said several cars were purchased by the farmers' union and distributed from La Grande to the various points throughout the valley.

Surveyors Nearing Coos.

Marshfield.—It is announced here that a surveying party is nearing Coos bay, having run a line for a proposed electric route from Okanogan, Douglas county. The local corporation which is promoting a road from Coos bay to Boise has surveyors in the field and expects to complete the preliminary survey to Roseburg before rainy weather begins. Local people are hopeful that at least one of the roads will materialize soon.

Lumber Company Complains.

Salem.—The Bridal Veil Lumber company has complained to the state railroad commission that the rates on lumber on the Mount Hood railroad are too high. The Bridal Veil Lumber company also claims that the Oregon Lumber company is owned by the railroad and that this company gets a much lower rate than other shippers.

Federal Building Started.

Baker City.—After a prolonged wait of several years, Baker City people are actually witnessing the removal of dirt for the foundation of the Federal building. Building material is arriving daily and there is every evidence that the building will be pushed to completion without further interruption.

Farm Cut Into Tracts.

Junction City.—The Bushnell farm, consisting of 348 acres, is to be subdivided into 10 and 20 acre tracts. The land will be surveyed in a few days and platted. This is a fine tract of land and will make desirable homes for a large number of families.

Road Opens New Offices.

Baker City.—To carry on its business in this county in a more convenient manner, the Baker Interurban Railway company, which is to build a city streetcar line and an interurban line through Powder valley, has opened offices here.

STATION FOR BEND.

Government to Gather Data on Water Resources of Interior.

Bend.—A climatological station is about to be established at Bend, according to R. B. Post, of the United States Geological survey, who has done extensive work in this region during the last ten months, gathering statistics concerning Central Oregon water resources, for a forthcoming government report. The purpose of the station is to record the temperatures, precipitation, evaporation, etc., of the region, considerable inquiry along such lines having been made of late at the Portland office, and no information being obtainable. Once established, the station will be under the jurisdiction of the weather bureau.

The purpose of Mr. Post's work is the publication of an official report concerning the water resources of this part of the state, with particular reference to existing and contemplated irrigation schemes, a field of inquiry in which little has hitherto been done. Practically all the statistics necessary for the report have been collected, and the actual drawing up will be immediately undertaken, with the probability of completion within three months. To secure the desired information the government has maintained over 40 stations on the various streams.

Will Develop Gold Prospect.

Eugene.—Drs. J. Christie, B. F. Schaefer and P. J. Bartle, of Eugene, have organized a company to develop a gold discovery on Little North fork of the Willamette river, 40 miles east of Eugene. Dr. Christie, discoverer of the gold, is now working on it for the past four or five years. A road is being built from the county road 15 miles distant, so that machinery for a stamp mill may be taken in. Enough ore is in sight, it is said, to keep a good-sized mill in operation for a long time.

School Heads to Meet June 28.

Salem.—The annual convention of county school superintendents has been called by J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, to meet in his office Monday, June 28. Among the topics to be considered are school supervision, how it may be made more effective; school libraries, how to use them; annual institutes, most important subject to emphasize for all institutes this year; school sanitation, what has been done, what should be done; school board convention, value of, how to conduct.

Applies for Mail Carriers.

Hood River.—Hood River will have the honor of furnishing her apples at the National Mail Carriers' convention that convenes in St. Paul the latter part of August. At the banquet to be held, one of the beautiful Hood River booklets will be placed at the plate of each guest, about 400 in number, and the famous Gravenstein, from the orchard of Hon. J. L. Carter, will be served in a style illustrative of Hood River hospitality.

Clatskanie Sawmill Burns.

Clatskanie.—The Kratz & Anderson shingle mill at Hazel Grove, one and a half miles from here, was burned to the ground while the manager and crew were attending the Clatskanie celebration. A spark from the sawdust pile, which was supposed to be safely out, is thought to have caused the damage. The mill was constructed only last winter and gave employment to a crew of ten men.

Land at \$100 Per Acre.

Wallowa.—W. W. Willett has sold his 80-acre farm just across the river west of Lostine to a Mr. Taylor of Eugene for \$8,000.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Bluestem, 95c; club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; valley, 91c; 94c; Turkey red, 90c; 40-fold, 90c; 91c. Barley.—Feed, 26c; brewing, 27c per ton.

Oats.—\$28.50 to 29c per ton. Hay.—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12.00 to 16c per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17.00 to 18c; mixed, \$15.50 to 16.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, \$11.00 to 13c; cheat, \$13.00 to 14.50.

Grain Bags.—5c each. Butter.—City creamery, extras, 11c; fancy outside creamery, 25c; 11c per pound; store, 21c to 22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs.—Oregon ranch, candled, 26 1/2c; 27 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry.—Hens, 15c per pound; springs, 16c; roosters, 9c to 10c; ducks, young, 12 1/2c to 13c; geese, young, 10c; 11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, 17c to 22c per dozen.

Pork.—Fancy, 11c to 11 1/2c per pound. Veal.—Extra, 9 1/2c to 10c per pound.

Fruits.—Apples, new, \$1.25 to 2.25 per box; pears, \$1.00 to 1.75; peaches, 50c to 1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, \$2.00 to 2.50; plums, 35c to \$1 per box; watermelons, 1 1/2c to 1 1/4c per pound; blackberries, 15c per crate.

Potatoes.—75c to \$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 3 1/2c to 4c per sack.

Onions.—\$1.25 to 1.50 per sack.

Vegetables.—Beans, 40c per pound; cabbage, 16 1/2c; cauliflower, 60c; 1.25 per dozen; celery, 75c to 85c; cucumbers, 15c to 20c; onions, 12 1/2c to 15c; peas, 7c per pound; radishes, 15c per pound; tomatoes, 75c to \$1.50 per box. Hops.—1909 contracts, 21c per pound; 1908 crop, 14c to 15c; 1907 crop, 11c to 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, 16c to 23c per pound; valley, 23c to 25c; mohair, choice, 24c to 25c.

Cattle.—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4.00 to 4.25; common, \$3.75 to 4.00; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.00 to 3.25; common to medium, \$2.50 to 2.75; calves, top, \$5.00 to 5.50; heavy, \$3.50 to 4.00; bulls and stags, \$2.75 to 3.25.

Sheep.—Top wethers, \$4.45 to 4.75; fair to good, \$3.50 to 3.75; ewes, 4c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50 to 3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25 to 5.50.

Hogs.—Rest, \$8.75; fair to good, \$8.50; stockers, \$6.75; China fats, \$6.75 to 7c.

BRITAIN LOSES GRIP.

Will Accept American Domination to Save Empire.

Chautauque, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The British empire, most notably in danger of destruction at the hands of Germany, and ready, merely for the asking, to accept the dominance of the United States and see the empire's real seat of authority transferred to Washington, is, according to Colonel S. S. McClure, editor of McClure's Magazine, the situation which is now confronting the country's statesmen.

Colonel McClure called the parting of America from England in 1776 a disastrous mistake, and read a statement from Lord Roseberry in which that statesman predicts that, if England and America had not separated at the time of the Revolution, the seat of the great British empire would have already been transferred from the British Isles to what is now the United States and that those islands would have simply been the sacred historic shrine of the great world empire of the English-speaking people.

"The United States should secure the dominance of the British empire," continued Mr. McClure, "for the asking. The present situation of England and Germany is that of two farmers living side by side, one of whom is a first rate prizefighter, has trained his people to be prizefighters and says to his neighbor, who has been peacefully engaged in cultivating his estate: 'I want some of your property and I'm going to have it.' The possible destruction of the British empire, which this means, is the most terrible problem before us today."

ROBBERY AS TRADE.

Santa Clara Gang Proposed to Loot Many Banks.

Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 16.—Still concerning their identity, but talking freely of the daring \$7,000 robbery in which they were the principal actors Friday, the two boys captured at Sunnyvale by Sheriff Langford were brought here for arraignment on a charge of robbery.

To Sheriff Langford, who captured them, the young men made a startling confession. Joe Willett, who appears to be leader of the gang, said he and his companions planned a series of bank robberies that would have created a reign of terror in financial circles. So far had their plans matured, that on Thursday, with a hired automobile awaiting their return, they entered the First National bank, in the heart of Oakland, and calmly weighed the chance of making their escape with a fortune.

"This Santa Clara robbery was only an experiment," said the youthful robber, after making this revelation. "We intended, if it was successful, to go after a bigger and richer institution next time and to clean up big money before we were through."

"We purchased a machine in Oakland and had it remain just around the corner, as we did in Friday's job. Carr and I went to the First National bank about 12 o'clock and looked the place over. We were well armed, and if there had not been so many clerks and so many people passing outside, we would have held up the cashiers and tellers and tried to escape with all the money in sight."

TWO TRAINS CRASH.

Over 40 Hurt in Wreck on Denver & Rio Grande Road.

Colorado Springs.—Ten persons are dead and others expected to die, between 40 and 50 are injured, three engines are in the ditch, two baggage cars, including the contents, are smashed, and several passenger coaches are badly damaged as the result of a head-on collision between east bound passenger No. 1 on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, near Husted, 13 miles north of this city at 10:25 Saturday morning. The wreck was due either to a misunderstanding of orders by the driver of the first engine of the north bound train, or to his having mistaken a switch engine standing on the siding at Husted for the train he was to pass at that point and which he later crashed into.

Lecture to Pay Debt.

London, Aug. 16.—Lieutenant Ernest H. Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, will lecture in the United States and Canada, commencing the tour in March, 1910. He will receive a retainer fee, but the money will not go into his pocket, but will be used to pay off debts amounting to \$70,000 contracted during his record breaking expedition. The Daily Express reproaches the British government for its ingratitude in declining to contribute to the cost of Lieutenant Shackleton's expedition.

New Antidote for Poison.

Seattle, Aug. 16.—Electricity has come to the bat as an antidote for laudanum poisoning. William McGregor, a Scotch seaman, was picked up unconscious in the street last night. At the City hospital it was found that he was suffering from laudanum poisoning, but black coffee and drugs forced into his stomach failed to revive the patient. Finally the X-ray was suggested, and 2,000 volts were shot into McGregor's body. In an instant McGregor came to his senses and jumped from his bed.

Smallpox in Chile.

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 16.—There are 348 smallpox patients in the lazaretto. The authorities have dictated severe measures to avoid carrying infected persons in public coaches, and have also prohibited the exposure of smallpox corpses in churches for funeral services and their subsequent removal to the crematoriums. The land inspection board has discovered an illegal disposition of lands to a Japanese colony and has forbidden the sale.

Earthquake in Japan.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—A disastrous earthquake shook the Japanese provinces of Nagasaki Saturday and it is feared the list of casualties will be heavy. In the province of Omi, 400 houses were razed. No particulars regarding the number killed are available, as all communication has been cut off.

PINCHOT'S WORK IS GIVEN PRAISE

Irrigation Congress Finishes Work at Spokane Meeting.

New Officers Are Elected and Pueblo Resolutions Commend Forestry and Reclamation Bureaus and Ask for \$10,000,000 for Irrigation.

Spokane, Aug. 14.—With the election of officers, the selection of Pueblo, Col., as the next meeting place, the passage of resolutions commending both the efforts of Pinchot and Newell in the forestry and reclamation bureaus, asking a \$10,000,000 irrigation fund from congress and commending the Mississippi deep waterway, the 17th National Irrigation congress came to a practical adjournment yesterday.

The following officers in addition to the election of B. A. Fowler, of Phoenix, Ariz., president, and Arthur Hooker, of Spokane, secretary, were elected unanimously:

First vice president, Ralph Twitchell, of New Mexico; second vice president, R. W. Young, of Utah; third vice president, L. N. Newman, of Montana; fourth vice president, W. F. Fleming, of New Mexico; fifth vice president, E. J. Watson, of South Carolina.

An annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 for a period of five years to aid in irrigation work is asked of congress in resolutions by the National Irrigation congress. This is perhaps the most important recommendation in the resolutions adopted, of which the following is a synopsis:

That homesteaders under a government project shall not be required to establish a residence before the government is prepared to furnish them with water.

That the government take measures to drain swamp lands in aid of land reclamation and of public health.

That the irrigation congress aid, with other conservation organizations, to bring about waterway improvements, reforestation, drainage and other like projects.

That there be brought about surveys and estimates of reclamation of submerged lands where the work is international in character. (This refers to Northern Idaho more specifically.)

That the reclamation act be extended to Hawaii.

That the states pass laws regulating cutting of public and private timber.

That there should be no political lines with reference to the use of water for irrigation.

That the Mississippi deep waterway be developed.

The committee turned down the resolution asking a \$5,000,000,000 bond issue, after a deadlock in which some of the Washington delegation upheld the measure.

HOLD UP BANK.

Oregon Boys Secure \$7,000 But Are Soon Captured.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—Two Oregon youths, neither one much over 18 years of age, walked into the Valley bank of Santa Clara shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and lining up the three clerks at the muzzles of revolvers, pushed one of the men forward and told him to place \$7,000 in a bag and give it to them.