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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

Rome is threatened with floods similar to those in France.

It is believed the chances of the irrigation bill in congress are improving.

Boise is to have a thorough investigation into the high prices of necessities.

The coroner's jury on the Carina wreck did not fix the blame on anyone.

Three Seattle policemen have been arrested, charged with levying blackmail.

Eight dead and thirty injured have been taken from a train wreck in England.

High food prices have driven thousands of children to factory work in Chicago.

Los Angeles is making a great effort to free her city employees from the clutches of loan sharks.

It is reported that Dr. Cook has been for several weeks at a German sanitarium, under a false name, and has now gone to Vienna.

The recent trip abroad of the Immigration commission is alleged to have been but a junket expedition and an investigation has been called for.

It is reported that if the government wins its suit against the railroad reorganization, a syndicate composed of Rockefeller, Morgan, and Kuhn, Loeb Co., will take up all the bonds and stock of the roads involved.

Pinchot's friends are active in the Ballinger investigation.

Taft decides to continue the suit to dissolve the Harriman railroad merger.

Violation of the rules of etiquette may cause the retirement of the Austrian premier.

Transcontinental Passenger association grants convention rates to Portland for Rose Festival.

Both parties admit the British election was fought on the tariff issue, and both claim the victory.

Los Angeles autoists are protesting loudly against the new ordinance providing jail terms for speeders.

Members of house committee on postoffice and postroads today roared magazine publishers' charges of graft.

A coroner's jury has held the engineer of a wrecked train on the New York Central responsible for the death of the victims.

Two robbers in a taxicab robbed the 12-mile house, east of Portland, then proceeded to the 7-mile house and attempted to rob that place, mortally wounding an attaché who resisted them. Posses were in pursuit inside of an hour.

A New York newswoman, while defending an aged man against three others who were tormenting him, was stabbed three times. Two wealthy women in their automobile took the wounded newswoman to a hospital, their dresses being drenched in his life blood while on the way.

Many women will be employed as census takers.

The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry has begun in Washington.

Strong opposition to appointive council for Alaska has developed in the senate.

Paris is in darkness, owing to flooding of gas works and electric light stations.

Books of nearly all the big packing companies have been laid before the Federal grand jury.

The Panama label suit against the New York World has been quashed and further prosecution will be abandoned.

The death toll by the floods in France reaches thousands, and the damages are increasing by the million every hour.

Maxazine publishers charge that an error of \$60,000,000 has been made in estimating expenses of Postoffice department.

Floods along the river Seine in France surround the government porcelain works at Sevres and threaten the city of Louvre.

A Southern court while trying a negro, discovered that the prisoner was broken out with smallpox. He was immediately given full possession of the court room until removed in an ambulance.

Southern bankers are manipulating the rice market.

Tacoma will adopt the commission plan of city government.

Republican insurgents are returning to the camp of the regulars.

Missouri forestry expert would organize state forestry departments.

Governor Brady, of Idaho, backs move for state control of natural resources.

The United States bank at Mexico City has been suspended by the clearing house.

Pure Food Expert, Wiley says that eggs should not be kept in cold storage more than nine months.

Hamilton flew from San Diego across the Mexican border and back.

Taft issued a statement that no sensational departure from the trust prosecution program will occur.

A woman keeper of a sanatorium confessed to collecting infants to "fake" the birth of quadruplets.

PLAN TO RULE CUBA.

Negro Party Could Win Everything If Held Together.

Havana, Feb. 1.—Organization of a distinct negro party, with the avowed intention of obtaining control of the Cuban government, is being agitated through the republic—and the movement has become menacing from the viewpoint of the whites.

Provision, the organ of the Partido Independiente de Color—Independent Party of Color—prints the newly constructed platform of the party, which contains these significant provisions:

"The Independent Party of Color shall be organized throughout the whole republic with a national character, to maintain its equilibrium toward all Cuban interests.

"The republic of equality, sovereign and independent, without race discriminations or social antagonisms, shall get our support."

To what extent promoters of the new movement may be successful remains to be seen, but there can be no doubt that, if the organization of the negro race as a political party ever should be effected, it would rule the republic.

The importance of the congressional elections in July can hardly be overestimated. It is not so much a question of which party shall return the greater number of candidates, as whether the independent republic, unaided by American supervision, shall prove itself competent to conduct an absolutely fair and peaceable election.

President Gomez' appointment of Senator Manuel Sanguilly as secretary of state ends the long suspense regarding that important office.

It is significant that the president should have gone out of the ranks of all political parties to select Sanguilly, who ever has been an independent of the independents.

The senator lived in Harlem in the war of the revolution and returned to Cuba under the first intervention, buying himself at once with protests against the interference of the United States in affairs of Cuba.

He is the author of several unsuccessful bills to restrict the immigration of foreigners into Cuba.

THUMB NOW INDIANS' PEN.

Service Requires Impression of Digit Instead of Crossmark.

Chemawa, Or., Feb. 1.—Orders have been issued to the agents in the field of the Indian service to require thumb-mark signatures by Indians who are not able to write.

Thumb-mark signatures are now required on all checks, receipts and other official papers, which were formerly signed by a cross-mark by Indians and others.

The impression is to be made with the right thumb placed on the names instead of the crossmark as before. The thumb-mark is then witnessed to make the identification certain and thus be an infallible method of identification in case of dispute or attempted fraud.

This was first done in the Indian service in 1905, when the system was adopted as evidence of the authenticity of written agreements with Indians, the thumb print of the signers being required in addition to their signatures or their marks.

The system now includes the entire business of the department.

Goebel Dies, Heart sick.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—On the 10th anniversary of the assassination of William Goebel, the funeral of his brother, Arthur Goebel, who died in Phoenix, Ariz., on January 29, was held in Covington, Ky., this afternoon.

Commonwealth Attorney Franklin, in his funeral oration, declared that "the bullet that killed William Goebel, together with the liberation of all those charged with the murder, just as certainly killed Arthur Goebel." Arthur, he said, died of a broken heart.

Peary Wins Flag Case.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The demurrer interposed by Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, in the action for desecration of the American flag, growing out of the display of the famous "North Pole" flag at the Hudson-Fulton celebration, was sustained today by Justice Lyon.

Roswell R. Moes, an attorney, who brought the action, announced that he would carry the case to the Supreme court rather than acknowledge defeat.

Height Bothers Paulhan.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 1.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, made a successful flight of 10 miles at Agricultural park today. He reached an altitude of 300 feet, or approximately 4,600 feet above sea level.

He made an average speed of about 30 miles an hour, and indulged in graceful maneuvers. After the flight Paulhan expressed his disappointment that he was unable to fly a longer time.

He said it was owing to the peculiar atmospheric conditions that he was unable to reach a higher altitude.

Lips Fastened With Pins

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—Fastening his lips together with safety pins so he could not curse, Vernon E. Bennett, formerly a missionary among the Indians, was carried, a raving maniac, into the receiving hospital yesterday.

It was necessary for Nurse Morgan and Probation Policeman Leo Marden to pry his jaws apart with instruments to get at the ordinary pins and needles with which he had filled his mouth.

Po May Overflow Its Banks

Rome, Feb. 1.—Although weather conditions have improved throughout Italy, reports are still being received of the flooding of much territory.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

TO IRRIGATE WARNER VALLEY

Project to Cover 100,000 Acres Planned and Land Segregated

Lakeview—Warner valley is to have a Carey act irrigation project covering nearly 100,000 acres.

The land has already been segregated and engineers are on the ground making preliminary surveys.

This great undertaking is in the hands of the Warner Valley Irrigation company, which was recently incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon.

The officers of the company are W. H. Bradford, president; E. G. Belknap, vice president and chief engineer; C. H. Gleim, secretary; and H. B. Millard, assistant treasurer and general manager.

Engineer Belknap states that he has had engineers quietly at work for the past eight months to determine the amount of land that could be irrigated and the amount of water that could be developed for that purpose.

No publicity was given as to their movements until they had concluded all detail work and had obtained the right to irrigate the public lands under the Carey act.

It was demonstrated that water sufficient for 150,000 acres can be developed.

Fruit Growers Will Organize.

Sheridan—What is believed to have been the largest gathering of fruit growers, interested in single district, that ever assembled in Oregon, met at Sheridan for the purpose of organizing the fruit and nut growers of Yamhill county "highlands" into an association.

Patterned after the association of Hood River apple growers, nearly every land owner in the entire district was present, and the degree of enthusiasm was such that it was well after midnight before the meeting came to an end.

Addresses were delivered by President Newell of the state board of horticulture, and Professor Seudder of the Oregon Agricultural college. Following the address an organization was effected and an executive committee appointed to take charge of the actual work of organizing the orchardists in the district.

Another meeting will be held at Sheridan Saturday night, February 5, when two fruit experts from the Oregon Agricultural college will address the growers. At the meeting it is expected to complete the organization.

Umatilla Land May Be Opened Feb. 1

La Grande—The opening of a few homesteads under the Umatilla reclamation project which are deemed as plums and which hundreds are seeking may be opened before the expectations of many, according to the interpretation put on an order from the general land office by Register Bramwell, of the local office, February 10 was the announced date, but February 1 is the real date.

This will throw several off their calculations, as it is said the line-up planned to take place at the local office prior to the filing time.

The order is not clear, but the ruling of the local land office places it at February 1. To Umatilla people and others this is one of the most important events in the year, as less than fifty homesteads are available and all are very desirable.

Forest Grove to Have Light Plant.

Forest Grove—The new city officials have assumed office. They are: Mayor, M. Peterson; councilmen, Felix Verheiden, Dr. Charles Hines and V. S. Abraham; treasurer, E. B. Sappington; recorder, R. P. Wirtz.

The straw vote taken at the annual city election recently decided in favor of municipal ownership of the lighting plant. It is probable that the new officials will take immediate action to relieve the city of the present darkness in which it is enveloped.

A municipal plant is strongly favored.

Huge Irrigation Plan for Rogue River

Medford—It has been announced that work will start immediately on a huge irrigation system which will place 55,000 acres of the Rogue River valley under water and cost \$1,250,000.

Fred N. Cummings is the local representative of the syndicate, which is back of the movement, it being composed of Spokane and San Francisco capitalists. They have already expended \$35,000 in preliminary surveys on the project.

Ferry Will Give Way to Bridge.

North Bend—The contract for the big draw bridge on South slough has been let to Victor Anderson of this city at a bid of \$7,785. The bridge is to be completed by June 1. This draw bridge will do away with the expense of a county ferry which has been maintained at this point for years, and will also be a great benefit to all travel from that section.

Espee Ships Ties.

Shelburne—The Fred Gooch Lumber company at Gooch, Oregon, has received a large contract for ties from the Southern Pacific railroad company, amounting to nearly 100 carloads, which are to be shipped to the Crabtree-Lebanon extension of the Woodburn-Springfield, southern Oregon and several California points.

Work on Astoria Electric Line.

Astoria—Construction work on the new Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Electric railroad is progressing steadily. A force of about 50 men are engaged at the present time, on the south side of the peninsula, and on the Young's Bay frontage.

To Pave 10 Miles of Madford Street.

NEWBERG FORMS UNION.

Fruit Growers Organize to Promote Mutual Interests.

Newberg—An enthusiastic meeting of the fruit and berry growers of the Newberg, Dundee and Springbrook neighborhood was held in Crator's hall, in Newberg, when scientific methods of growing the fruit and organization for sale of the products were the subjects of talks by W. S. Allan, I. N. Campbell, L. S. Otis, Paul Reimers and others.

The committee, composed of I. N. Campbell, N. E. Britton, N. C. Christerson, appointed at a previous meeting on permanent organization, recommended that steps be taken immediately to organize the Newberg Apple Growers' union.

This met with hearty response and 40 charter members were enrolled. A committee composed of Clarence Butt, I. N. Campbell, W. S. Allan, N. E. Britton and N. C. Christerson was appointed to prepare and file articles of incorporation for the new association.

The varieties for commercial purposes, cultivation and care of trees, beauty of location and convenience to market will be some of the conditions of the award.

While the new association is to be called the Newberg Apple Growers' union, it is proposed to handle anything the horticulturist has to sell.

Plan Big Steam Heating System.

Eugene—A large heating plant will soon be installed to heat most all the business houses in the block located between Eighth and Ninth and Willamette and Olive streets.

The plant will be located on the back end of the Bennett lot, close to the intersection of the alleys through the block and two 50-horse power boilers will be installed.

Pipes will be run to every building taking heat under forced pressure, and thus a great many smaller plants will be saved.

Central Point Land Brings Big Price

Central Point—K. S. Miller, who three years ago bought 27 acres of the Hurley place, two miles south of town, on the Jacksonville road, has sold the place to Dr. Dean, a recent arrival from the East, for \$25,000.

Mr. Miller has no intention of leaving the valley, and will purchase another tract—probably in the same neighborhood—and build a home. Mr. Miller paid \$7,500 for the place three years ago, believing its value would increase.

The U. S. bureau of education exhibited at Seattle "A teacher's professional library of 100 titles" and printed a classified list of these titles as bulletin No. 8, for 1909.

Any teacher may borrow a copy of this bulletin from the Oregon Library commission, Salem. The commission has added these books to its collection and will loan them without charge, except postage, to the teachers of Oregon. The books may be kept a month.

Beginning of Parkdale.

Hood River—W. L. Gregory and R. J. Melsaas will put in a stock of general merchandise at Parkdale, the new terminus of the Mount Hood railroad. They will begin the construction of a two-story building 40x80 feet, as soon as the weather permits.

The first floor will be occupied by a general store. On the second floor there will be a large hall.

Medford Masons to Build Temple.

Medford—The local Masonic lodge, at a meeting recently, purchased one of the finest business locations in the city and will start work immediately on a Masonic temple which will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Newport Gets Fire Extinguisher.

Newport—The city has ordered seven new fire extinguishers. The insurance rate, which is quite high here, will be materially reduced upon the completion of the new water system now under construction.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.16; club, \$1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; Valley, \$1.06; 40-fold, \$1.10.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$28.50@29.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.50@32.50. Hay—Track prices: Timothy, 100 lbs. \$1.10; alfalfa, \$1.17@1.18; clover, \$1.16; grain hay, \$16@17.

Butter—City creamery extras, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 34c@39c; store, 20c@25c. Butter fat prices average 1c per pound under regular butter prices.

Poultry—Hens, 15@16c; springs, 15@16c; ducks, 20c@23c; geese, 12c@14c; turkeys, live, 23c@24c; dressed, 25c@27c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 31c@32c per dozen; Eastern, 23c@27c.

Pork—Fancy, 11c per pound. Veal—Extras, 12c@12½c per pound. Fresh fruits—Apples, \$1@3 box; pears, \$1.10 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70c@90c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2¼@2½c per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$2@2.25 per hundred; borradish, 9c@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1½c; sprouts, 7c@8c; squash, 2c; turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.50.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack. Hops—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20c@22½c; 1908s, 17½c; 1907s, 11½c per pound; mehair, choice, 25c.

Cacahu bark—15c per pound. Hides—Dry hides, 18c@18½c per pound; dry kip, 18c@18½c; dry caifskin, 19c@21c; salted hides, 10c@10½c; salted caifskin, 15c; green, 1c less. Cattle—Best steers, \$5@5.50; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; strictly good cows, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; light calves, \$6@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$2.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.

Hogs—Top, \$9; fair to good, \$8.50@8.75. Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$4.50@5; good ewes, \$5@5.50; lambs, \$5@5.50.

PARIS STILL SUFFERS.

Floods Increase and Death and Destruction Spread.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Waters of the Seine creep slowly higher, each inch widely extending the area of destruction, desolation and ruin.

Flood conditions had become much worse at 2 o'clock this morning, particularly in the south and east sections. In the old Latin quarter the situation was critical.

The sidewalk of the Quai des Grands Augustins collapsed and fell into the Orleans company's tunnel beneath, further extending the flood through the ancient streets, practically the Rue Jacob and around the Institute of France.

Many sewers burst in the Twelfth arrondissement, one of the biggest in Paris, the whole of which is now submerged and has been plunged into darkness on account of the breaking of the gas mains.

Official figures of the stage of the water are difficult to obtain, and the city council at a stormy session to-night charged M. Lepine, prefect of Paris, with concealing the gravity of the situation.

The prefect defended his attitude by saying he was governed by the necessity of not unduly alarming the people.

In the meantime terror has been struck in the hearts of all. The crust of the city seems ready to sink into the flood. Every hour drains are bursting in new localities, causing a subsidence of the streets, or a bulge of several feet, while the overflow of the surface water from the river is transforming the inundated districts into formidable lakes and the streets into canals.

INVESTIGATION WAS CORRUPT

Four Chicago Grand Jurors of 1908 Forced New Inquiry.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Four members of the Federal grand jury which investigated the so-called beef "trust" in 1908 forced the government, through Judge Landis, to start the present inquiry, according to a report current here today.

Concerning the inception of the present action, it is said there would have been none, had the four dissatisfied jurymen not sought the aid of Judge Landis.

This quarter, it is said, was willing to indict the packers in December, 1908, and finally became so indignant over the increasing price of meat that they informed Judge Landis that they thought it was time for the government to begin another inquiry.

The report of the four jurors alleged that enough evidence was submitted to the 1908 grand jury to warrant true bills, and that, in spite of this, there was a sudden spatey on the part of those behind the prosecution. They also said that if the investigation was not renewed immediately they would make a statement to the public setting forth their theory of why the prosecution had been dropped.

Following the jurors' complaint, Judge Landis is said to have made the investigation that resulted in the present action being started. Judge Landis, it is asserted, got in touch with the evidence submitted to the 1908 grand jury, and he is determined that the present action shall not be nullified by influence outside the grand jury room.

INSURANCE FRAUDS.

Policies Written On Many Persons on Verge of Grave.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—John J. Keane, P. J. Needham and T. T. O'Leary, agents representing a number of insurance companies in Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky and other states, charging them with conspiracy to defraud.

The warrants were sworn to by S. C. Renick, secretary and treasurer of the Indiana National Life Insurance company.

While the amount involved is not stated, it is understood less than \$200,000 or more in policies alleged to have been written on the lives of persons virtually certain to die within a few months—the fraud consisting of the impersonation of sick and incurable persons by healthy ones employed for the purpose.

It is believed the alleged conspiracy is far-reaching and investigation will be made not only here, but in New Albany, Ind., and perhaps in other cities.

Consular Agent Missing.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Pietro Isnardi, Italian consular agent at Kansas City, Mo., has disappeared, according to a statement made here today by Guido Sebetta, the Italian Consul. Mr. Sebetta said he feared Isnardi had become mentally unbalanced because of persecution by a certain element of the Kansas City Italians.

About \$2,000 is involved in the disappearance, but Mr. Sebetta said Isnardi's accounts with his government and with the American Express Co., for whom he is agent, are square.

Snake Venom Disease Foe.

Stockton, Jan. 28.—After three weeks of the use of venom from rattlesnakes in treatment for tuberculosis of the lungs, in a Lodi case that was in its last stages, Dr. Hull, of Stockton, reported some improvement of the patient, who is a son of Supervisor Newton. The poison is administered according to a formula recommended by Eastern physicians who have tried the cure. In the Lodi case the young man is reported as freed from night sweats. A permanent cure, however, is hardly looked for.

Trainmen Cannot Agree.

New York, Jan. 28.—Representatives of the Railway trainmen's unions who were to have conferred today with officials of 32 controlling railroads east of the Mississippi river, left tonight for the West, and the conference has been postponed indefinitely.

Original expectations were that by this time the men would have formulated a scale to replace the proposals recently rejected by the railroads, but they are not agreed.

Latham Falls 150 Feet.

Caro, Egypt, Jan. 28.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator, fell 150 feet while making a flight at Heliopolis this afternoon. The monoplane was wrecked, but Latham was not injured.

PARIS FLOODS DO NOT SUBSIDE

Raging River Continues to Undermine Despite Efforts.

Bridges Clog Passage of Torrents and Water Spreads Over City—Whole City is Undermined—Refugees from Country Pour In, Homeless, Hungry and Suffering.

Paris, Jan. 29.—After a slow but steady rise of the flood waters all day, the Fluvial department at midnight could only issue a statement saying that it was possible the crest of the flood would be reached tomorrow.

The water has begun to fall in all of the tributaries of the Seine above Paris, but the passage through the city is clogged by bridges and an immense accumulation of drift continued tonight. Sailors, firemen and police are busily constructing temporary walls by the light of campfires and torches in an endeavor to keep out the invading floods, while pickets patrol those sections of the city that are plunged in darkness.

The situation in the Place de l'Opera tonight is serious. The entire territory has been roped off as unsafe. It is said also that the new Equitable Life Assurance building is in danger of collapse.

President Fallieres and Premier Briand today drove in automobiles to the flooded suburbs, where distress is greatest, speaking words of comfort to the homeless and encouraging soldiers and others engaged in salvage and rescue work.

Charitable organizations are co-operating with the authorities in throwing open their buildings and in succoring refugees. Several convents and a number of public buildings have been equipped with military cots and bedding and transformed into hospitals.

The Red Cross is performing splendid services