

# BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

## Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

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.

The Philadelphia coal trust is on trial. Dr. Cook's wife is ill and he says he will probably return to the United States.

Natives in Manila are badly scared at the war maneuvers, and cannot be convinced that it is only for practice.

The Republican club of New York is making preparations to receive Roosevelt on his return to America.

The English government lacks support to carry legislation, and the prospect is for another general election soon.

A St. Louis streetcar ran wild down a steep incline, striking and demolishing two carriages, killing one man and injuring 17.

Washington's Supreme court has given cities power to condemn all property of private corporations engaged in public service.

In about 50 Supreme court decisions the railroads have lost their cases, and will have to pay whatever state taxes are assessed against them.

Senator Aldrich says he can run the government for \$300,000,000 a year less than it costs now, and wants a reform commission of ten appointed.

Clarence O. Pratt, national organizer of the amalgamated association of Street and Electrical railway employees, was arrested at Philadelphia charged with conspiring to incite riot.

A blast was set off by workmen at Spokane just as a street car was passing. The car was showered with broken rock, smashing nearly every window, tearing a big hole in the roof. Ten women and a number of men were on the car, but no one was seriously injured.

The second car strike of the year is on in Philadelphia.

Roosevelt's visits in European cities will be very brief, owing to lack of time.

Mayor McCarthy, of San Francisco, summarily discharged 18 employees of the Health department.

It is said the rash of homeseekers to the West will be greater the coming season than ever before.

A rat afflicted with bubonic plague has been killed in Seattle, and a general clean-up is now in order.

Negro deputies in Cairo, Ill., fired into a mob who were trying to lynch a negro prisoner, and feeling is at white heat.

The discovery of a new plot against the government in the interest of Castro has caused a sensation in Jamaica.

James Gibbons, said to be the man who sighted the first gun fired by the Union forces at Fort Sumpter in 1861, is dead.

The San Francisco Labor council has adopted a resolution forbidding any union member working in a place where Asiatics are employed.

It has developed that the coal claims in Alaska for which the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate expects to pay \$500,000, are worth \$25,000,000.

War against the packing companies is becoming nation-wide. New Jersey has dug up an old law against storing food to influence prices. Missouri courts issued indictments.

The new American play Elektra had its first production in London before an audience which included the king and queen and Prince Henry, of Prussia. It was a great success.

Fire in the basement of a moving picture show in Johnstown, Pa., weakened the floor supports, so that when the audience discovered the fire and made a rush for the doors, the floor gave way, precipitating 500 people into the burning basement. One was trampled to death and scores badly wounded and burned.

The city of Cleveland now has 3 cent car fare, as the result of a 15-year struggle.

A Paris pharmacist, jealous of his wife, kept her chained to the wall in their home for two years.

Francis J. Heney declares he will not be a candidate for governor of California, but will again prosecute Hermann.

It is estimated that the city of Khartoum will contain the greatest crowds in its history when Roosevelt arrives there.

An orchard of 605 acres in Rogue river valley, Oregon, has been sold for \$500,000.

The Roosevelt hunting trip is over and the party is now en route to Khartoum, Egypt, which place they will reach about March 6.

Hundreds of letters begging financial aid are pouring into Pasadena, Cal., for Mrs. Russel Sage, who arrived there a few days ago for a "rest."

Senator Tillman is reported to be dying.

Fierce blizzards sweep the West, Northwest and Southwest. Agnes Elkins, a niece of Senator Elkins, who attempted suicide because her uncle positively forbade her becoming an actress, is admitted to be dying, by her physicians.

One man was frozen to death near Cincinnati, Ohio, a train wrecked and three train men fatally injured, and railroads, telegraph and telephone lines completely demoralized in the recent blizzard.

## DIET CURES CONSUMPTION.

Get Fat, Build Up, and the Dreaded Disease Will Disappear.

No less a medical authority than Dr. Oiler says: "The cure of tuberculosis is a question of nutrition; make a patient grow fat and the local disease may be left to take care of itself." Many others who have occupied the highest position in the medical profession have said the same; but none have pointed out a successful way of accomplishing it.

The most certain method ever adopted for the cure of the "Great White Plague" is through the diet used as per directions given below which can be taken at home and comes within reach of the poor as well as the rich.

The modus operandi is to force the body to take on fat, a desideratum long felt by the medical profession but never before attained.

During the last fifteen years I have prescribed this diet in hundreds of instances and where directions have been followed strictly it has raised the weight and increased the strength and vitality of the patient rapidly up to a normal condition, thus enabling nature to assert her sovereign right to be the dominating force in the body and the germs causing consumption have been overcome and the cure accomplished. Some have gained a pound a day and would gradually take on less until they would not increase in weight more.

The all important thing is to drink large quantities of milk (strippings of the very large of the milking, which is all cream when a proper cow is selected).

This seems so simple and easy that many have refused to follow directions and demand medicinal to cure them, but there has not yet been discovered any medicine that is a specific for consumption.

To get best results a healthy cow should be selected, one that does not cough and one that gives very rich milk. A Jersey cow is preferable. The milk should always be tested, to be sure that there is a large percentage of cream in it.

The last quart should be milked into a separate dish which rests in a larger vessel containing warm water just sufficient to prevent the strippings from cooling below blood heat. The cow should be thoroughly cleaned to prevent any dirt getting into the milk, so the patient can blow back the froth and drink at once without straining, as this cools it too much.

Begin by drinking nearly a pint in the morning and the same at night, and increase the quantity gradually so that in 10 or 15 days a full quart will be taken twice a day. It should be taken immediately after milking, before it has had time to cool any. All should be taken that can be without too much discomfort, and then rest 2 or 3 minutes and drink more and rest again, and so on until a full quart has been taken as soon as it can be conveniently.

In about fifteen minutes the patient should eat the table scraps articles of food as are known to agree with the stomach. At noon eat as usual.

When the strippings are not allowed to cool below heat and taken immediately after it is milked a full quart will be transfused into the circulation in a remarkably short time.

I never have seen a case but could take the strippings without any discomfort worth mentioning when above directions were followed strictly, although some have declared they could not before trying it; but when they delayed taking for half an hour and the milk had cooled ten degrees I have seen half a pint make them very sick.

The great secret of success with it is in taking it immediately after milking and not allowing it to cool below blood heat, taking a full quart morning and evening, that is very rich.

Street Car Men Strike Again.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Coming when least expected, a strike was declared against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employees this afternoon, and tonight the police and firemen were busy handling turbulent crowds. Two cars were burned, a score of cars were attacked, forcing their crews to abandon them and numerous arrests were made.

Except in the central part of the city, streetcar service was almost at a standstill.

Floor in Picture Show Collapses.

Johnstown, Pa.—Five hundred persons attending a theater at Patton, near Johnstown, tonight, were precipitated into the basement of the building when the floor collapsed. One man was killed and many women and children tangled in the debris were injured. To add to the panic, firemen were forced to turn streams of water into the basement, where the crowd was struggling to escape the flames.

The fire started in the basement when the theater was filled with people watching a moving picture show.

Castro Heads New Plot.

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 21.—The discovery of a new plot against the government and in the interest of ex-President Castro has caused a sensation. Many arrests of prominent persons have been made. Disquieting rumors regarding the political intentions of General Jose Hernandez, leader of the Nationalist party, and formerly minister at Washington, who is now in Paris, have alarmed his partisans here.

More Bodies Recovered from Mine.

Cherry, Ill., Feb. 21.—Four more bodies were taken out of the St. Paul coal mine today. This makes a total of 126 bodies recovered since the disaster of November 3. It is estimated that 173 bodies are yet to be found.

China Warned by Powers.

Pekin, Feb. 21.—Great Britain and France have made joint formal and friendly recommendations to China that that government should not proceed with the Chin Choo & Aigun railway scheme without taking into consideration the wishes of Russia and Japan.

# NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

## HOP CONTRACT LEGAL.

Judge Bronough Decides Important Point in Law Suit.

Portland—Circuit Judge E. C. Bronough has handed a decision in interest to hop growers and brokers all over the United States, when he held that a contract for the delivery of a crop of hops was legal, despite circumstances.

Judge Bronough's ruling came in the civil action brought by J. McNeff, C. L. McNeff and J. W. McNeff, doing business as McNeff Bros., brokers, against the Southern Pacific Railway company and J. McGilvray. He held for the plaintiffs. The railroad company did not enter into the suit.

Following the story of the transaction told in the bill of complaint, McNeff Bros. contracted with Mrs. C. H. Bozorth for the full crop of hops grown in her yard at 10 1/2 cents a pound. When the time for delivery came the price of hops had risen to about 25 cents a pound. Mrs. Bozorth transferred her hops, it was alleged, to her son-in-law, J. McGilvray, who refused to turn them over to the plaintiffs.

McNeff Bros. sued to recover \$2,500 damages, which amount was awarded them by the court.

The legality of contracts for crops of hops to be delivered at a certain time has long been in doubt. Last summer one firm of brokers, in an endeavor to obtain large quantities of hops which had been contracted for, sent out circulars saying that hop contracts would not hold.

The McNeff-McGilvray case will be appealed.

Legislation Declared Invalid.

Salem—The Crater Lake road bill, passed by the last session of the legislature and providing for the construction of a state highway from the Pacific ocean to the Idaho boundary, is unconstitutional, say four members of the Supreme court of the state.

Justice Will R. King dissents from the opinion of the other members of the court, and holds that the law does not contravene the constitution.

The decision of the majority of the court was written by Justice Thomas McBride.

Justice McBride's decision goes to the law of the case in detail. He sets out the history leading up to the action at law, commencing with the passage of the bill by the legislature, the appointment of the Crater Lake road commission, and the commencement of the suit by L. H. McMahon, protesting that the road was local in character, designed to benefit Klamath and Jackson counties in particular and not the state in general, and that for this reason it was in contravention of section 7 of article XI and section 23 of article IV of the constitution of the state.

McMahon contended that the sole purpose of the proposed road was to assist Jackson and Klamath counties in constructing an automobile and carriage road from Medford to Crater lake and from Klamath Falls to Crater lake for the use of tourists and pleasure seekers, and not for the purpose of constructing a state road from the Pacific ocean to the Idaho country.

Asparagus King to Build Cannery.

Springfield—Geo. A. Dorris, who supplies fancy asparagus grown exclusively on his irrigated farm near here, will this spring build a cannery to prepare the plant for eastern markets.

Very little of his crop has been sold in local markets, most of it being shipped to Portland and other coast cities. The farm is situated on a rich bottom land, which overflows every year and is covered with rich sediment, which is renewed each year by the overflow.

Seven Devils Ready for Railroad.

Homestead—The activity which comes with spring is apparent in the Seven Devils camp, where a number of properties are being made ready for shipping as soon as the railroad is ready to accept freight. The Calumet Buena Vista group will be ready to send out ore by May 1. A new hoist and cars are being installed and a drill sharpener is being sent from Portland for installation early next month. The ore body shows up well, almost pure copper being taken from a vein which a crew of men have opened this winter.

Will Build Own Flouring Mill.

Astoria—The Astoria Milling & Produce company has been organized by the promotion committee of the Astoria chamber of commerce. The company has a capital stock of \$20,000, which has been divided into 4,000 shares at \$5 each. The flour mill will be capable of producing 200 barrels of flour a day and several tons of feed stuff, nearly enough to supply the demand in this section.

Umatilla Fair Sept. 21-Oct. 1.

Pendleton—At a meeting of the directors of the Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural society it was decided to hold the annual fair in this city from September 21 to October 1. Among other things agreed upon was a series of broncho busting contests for a part of the entertainment program, as they proved immensely popular on the last occasion.

Hood Land Cleared.

Hood River—With the disappearance of snow in the Hood River valley, hundreds of acres of raw land are in process of clearing. Many Easterners are making purchases of small tracts for orchards. It is difficult to secure labor to do the clearing in this section.

To Buy 15,000 Acres of Land.

Sams Valley—Agents of the San Francisco syndicate that recently bonded 15,000 acres of land in Sams valley are at work making irrigation surveys. They say the land will surely be purchased at the expiration of the option time, April 1.

More Land for Apples.

Vale—Howard Davis has sold to the Malheur Red Apple company 160 acres of land north of Vale for \$6,400. The land will be planted and planted to apples. The water supply will come from the Nevada ditch.

## 43,000 CLAIMS AWAIT SETTLERS

Immense Body of Land in Lakewiew Open for Settlement.

Lakewiew—There are 4,152,400 acres of land open to entry in the Lakewiew land district, which comprises Crook, Klamath, and Lake counties, Oregon. Of this area 3,436,927 acres is surveyed, while the balance is unsurveyed. Of the three counties the greatest body of open land is in Lake, which has a total of 2,759,100 acres.

Crook county has 495,200 acres and Klamath 898,100 acres, the greater portion of which is open to the settler.

Lake county is about one-tenth mountains, three-tenths grazing, three-tenths agricultural and three-tenths timber lands. Much that is classed as grazing land is really agricultural land, as it can be tilled under "dry farming" methods in vogue in many of the western states.

Klamath county lands are divided into two-tenths timber, one-tenth mountains, four-tenths grazing and three-tenths agricultural. A large area that has been classed as grazing is being reclaimed by the Klamath reclamation project that is already supplying water to a portion of the district.

Crook county is composed of one-tenth mountains, seven-tenths grazing and two-tenths agricultural, though the area open for settlement is not to be compared to the other counties until the railroads enter that section.

Oregon Apples on King's Table.

Portland—That the gift of five boxes of prime Oregon apples sent to King Edward of England during the winter by R. M. Brereton and others, of Portland, were much enjoyed by the English ruler, is shown in a letter Mr. Brereton has received from Sir Dighton Probyn, extra secretary to His Majesty, King Edward, and keeper of the privy purse.

The letter is dated January 11, at Sandringham and says in part: "I have to thank you for your letter of November 10 last, and of still more importance to ask you to convey to the Britishers and those who sent that splendid lot of apples from Oregon for the king and queen their majesties' thanks for the same. They arrived safely just at the time you said they would and were much appreciated."

Mr. Brereton says the Earl of Leicester and the Duke of Argyll, who had been guests at Sandringham, have also written him expressing their admiration of the Oregon apples.

New Saw Mill for Rogue Valley.

Gold Hill—A syndicate of Walls Wells, Medford and eastern capitalists has bought the Foothook creek timber tract, six miles from here, owned by L. W. Smith until the sale, and comprising over 1,500,000 feet of fine pine and fir. The purchasers have filed articles of incorporation, and intend to build a mill either at Woodville, Gold Hill or a point on Rogue river midway between the two towns, with the chances favoring Gold Hill. The mill will have a capacity of 175,000 feet per day, and will employ over 100 men.

Demand for Wells Grows.

Hood River—P. S. Davidson and brother, Frank, received a new well drill today and will place it in the field with the one now in operation. P. S. Davidson says the demand for deep wells throughout Hood River valley has increased to the extent that one machine is not sufficient to care for the work of drilling. The excessive irrigation throughout the valley has made it necessary to secure water from deep wells.

Junction City Man's Cows Pay Well.

Junction City—A. Anderson, of this place, received \$69.17 from a creamery for Portland for cream from the milk of five cows for the month of January. Besides the cows furnished milk for his hogs and poultry and butter and cream for a family of three. This is an average of almost \$14 per cow a month.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, \$1.15; club, \$1.07; red Russian, \$1.04 @.06; valley, \$1.05; 40-fold, \$1.10. Barley—Feed and brewing, \$2.80 @.28.50 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 ton. Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley, \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; California alfalfa, \$16@17; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$17@18.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1.25@3 box; pears \$1.50@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70@80¢ per sack; sweet potatoes, 23@25¢ per bushel. Cabbage, \$2 per hundred; rhubarb, 15¢ per pound; sprouts, 9¢ per pound; tomatoes, \$3.25@3.50 per crate; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—City creamery extras, 37@39¢; fancy outside creamery, 35@39¢; store, 29@23¢. Butter fat prices average 1¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 28@29¢ per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@12¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, 12@12½¢ per pound. Poultry—Hens, 17@18¢; springs, 17@18¢; ducks, 20@23¢; geese, 13@14¢; turkeys, live, 23@25¢; dressed, 27@30¢; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Hops—1907 crop, prime and choice, 20@22¢; 1908, 15¢; 1907, 11¢. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23¢; mohair, choice, 25¢.

Casaca bark—4¼@4½¢. Hides—Dry hides, 18@18½¢; dry kip, 18@18½¢; dry calfskin, 19@21¢; salted hides, 10@10½¢; salted calfskin, 15¢; green, 12¢ less.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5.50@5.70; fair to good, \$4.50@5; strictly good cows, \$4.50@4.50; fair good, \$3.75 @4; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.

Hogs—Top, \$9@9.25; fair to good hogs, \$8.50@8.75.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50; fair to good, \$4.50@5; good ewes, \$4.75@5; lambs, \$6@6.50.

## WORST STORM OF WINTER

Rocky Mountain Blizzard Spreads Over East and West

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The blizzard that gripped the Rocky mountains and Missouri valley region yesterday swept eastward today and tonight the Ohio valley and western Alleghenias are struggling with one of the heaviest snows of the winter.

Extreme cold prevailed in the West—temperatures today, the thermometer at the summit of the Rockies goes as low as 60 below zero. It was 17 below at Pueblo.

Temperatures in the middle Missouri valley moderated during the day, but with tonight the thermometer again began to fall and zero weather is predicted by tomorrow morning.

A severe blizzard is raging over Lake Erie and Ohio is buried under heavy snow. Passenger trains on trunk lines east of Chicago are from one to four hours late.

The temperature at St. Louis tonight is 4 below zero, and temperatures as low as 8 below are reported in Missouri and Southern Illinois.

Cincinnati tonight lies under a blanket of snow which is the heaviest fall recorded there in 25 years. The snow has been falling steadily for 24 hours and at 10 o'clock tonight has reached a depth of 20 inches.

Communication with the Kentucky side of the Ohio river practically severed for several hours this morning. All trains are from one to four hours late. Reports from towns throughout Southern and Western Ohio say 24 inches of snow is general.

A gale ranging in velocity from 40 to 60 miles an hour and bearing with it "heavy" snow, has demoralized traffic in Northern Ohio.

Passenger trains on the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines are running 2 to 4 hours late. Practically no freight trains are moving.

In the 36 hours ending at 8 o'clock 14.9 inches of snow fell at Columbus, Ohio. This is the deepest snow on record there.

At 3 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 17 degrees below zero at Pueblo, Colo., the coldest of the winter, and the coldest weather on record in Pueblo so late in the winter. Suffering of cattle on the range is reported.

## JAPAN TAKES EXCEPTIONS

Leading Newspaper Says Japanese Should Be Naturalized.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—"We are tired of the anti-Japanese sentiment of American politicians," declared the Asahi today in an editorial which is typical of the general comment upon the Hayes bill in the American congress.

"The question of the naturalization of the Japanese in America is one of the most important matters of the present time," continues the Asahi. "The time has come when Japan to take a decisive step toward co-operation with the better element of American citizens, such as that represented by former president Roosevelt.

"It is time for this country to begin negotiations with the better class of Americans looking towards the legalizing of Japanese naturalization.

"Naturalization will be the permanent solution of the problem. The Japanese in America should become American citizens.

"Such attacks as that made upon the Japanese in the Hayes bill are becoming wearisome. They are inspired only by the lower element in America. But it is time for Japan to act."

The Asahi is one of the leading papers of Japan.

House Contains Skeptics.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Members of the house may demand that Robert E. Peary exhibit his proofs to the world before voting him a gold medal and the thanks of congress. It was learned that the naval committee was not entirely unanimous on the proposition of bestowing honors upon the discoverer of the Pole.

Direct Primary to Pass. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—Forty-six Republicans and 43 Democrats combined in the Illinois house of representatives today and passed the direct legislative primary bill. This victory for the direct primary was followed by a vote on the amendments, when the house concurred in the senate amendments to the main direct primary bill. All that is left to put the two direct primary bills up to Governor Deneen for his signature is for the senate to concur in the house amendments. This will be done.

Roosevelt in Demand.

London, Feb. 18.—Ex-President Roosevelt will deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford University on May 18. This is the only engagement definitely arranged for his visit to England, but he is promised a busy time if he accepts all invitations extended. King Edward is greatly interested in the coming of Mr. Roosevelt, and in addition to entertaining him at Buckingham palace, will attend some of the other functions at which the American will be the guest. He will be joined in London by Mr. Fairbanks.

'Oiled' Doughnuts Poison.

Laurel, Md., Feb. 18.—A mistake in the delivery of two barrels of oil nearly caused fatal results here by eating 50 persons were made violently ill by eating doughnuts prepared in machine oil instead of cooking oil. In two instances entire families were on the sick list and the physicians had hard work saving them. It developed today that the machine oil had been ordered by a hardware dealer, who received instead the barrel intended for a baker.

Germans in Street Riot.

Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Feb. 18.—Severest fighting occurred late today between the police and suffrage demonstrators, and many were wounded on both sides. The Socialists had organized five mass meetings which passed off in good order, but crowds gathered later.

# GIANT COMBINE GRIPS ALASKA

Morgan Interests and J. P. Morgan at Bottom of Scheme.

Committee on Territories Alleges Plan to Buy Up Coal Lands and Build Railroads, Would Practically Give Complete Control of Alaskan Industries and Natural Resources

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, got his committee on territories into action today and within a short time had established the fact that the Alaskan syndicate owned by J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guggenheim brothers had a steel grip on the natural resources of that territory.

The fact of significance brought out is that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate has an option on the celebrated Cunningham coal claims through which came the quarrel that resulted in Clifford Pinchot being dismissed as United States forester and brought on the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot investigation now under way.

These claims, according to the testimony brought out by the Indiana senator are now held in escrow awaiting the decision of the government as to whether they are valid. If they are eventually approved, the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate will come into possession of them. The Alaskan syndicate is the general name for the various companies operating in Alaska, all being owned by the Morgan-Guggenheim crowd.

It was shown that the syndicate was formed in 1906 by the purchase of 46 per cent of the stock of the Northwestern Commercial company, which owned the Northwestern Steamship company and the Northwestern Fisheries company. The latter company packs 300,000 cases of salmon annually, as compared with a pack of 2,000,000 cases by other interests.

Last year the Alaska Steamship company was formed by reorganizing the companies in which the syndicate had bought large interests and it now operates 12 steamers, or rather 11, as reports today indicate that one has been lost. A long list of steaming companies in which the Alaska syndicate has no interest was given in support of its claim that it was not a monopoly.