

WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Fire destroyed an immense coal bunker at Buffalo.

The real work will not begin until early in January.

John D. Rockefeller has given Chicago University \$300,000.

The second trial of the Oregon land fraud case is in progress in Portland.

The nomination of Governor Brady, of Alaska, has been held up by the senate.

The national convention of Traveling Passenger agents will meet in Portland in 1905.

The international commission to inquire into the North sea incident is expected to meet in Paris December 21.

Barbed wire stretched in front of the Japanese trenches is proving the worst foe of the Russian army in Manchuria.

A number of Boxer leaders in Northern China have been placed in prison and it is thought probable that the intended uprising has been nipped in the bud.

At the last cabinet meeting Secretary Hitchcock spoke briefly of the land fraud cases, indicating that some startling developments in them might be expected in the near future.

The Rough Riders will have a place of honor in the inaugural parade.

A Chinese capitalist declares that he knows Port Arthur has provisions for three months.

Of the 100 locomotives ordered for the Harriman lines, 50 are for the Southern Pacific.

Dowie has paid the last installment on his debts and Zion City is again on a sound financial basis.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol at Port Arthur has not been sunk and is adopting defensive measures.

The Japanese have turned their attention to Golden Hill fortress and some damage has been inflicted.

A dispatch from Mukden says the Japanese have driven the Russians on the right bank of the Hun river westward.

The president has sent the nomination of C. P. Neill to succeed Wright as commissioner of labor to the senate for confirmation.

The British American arbitration treaty has been signed by Secretary Hay and the British ambassador. It is expected that the Italian treaty will be ready soon.

A Russian captain has been arrested for criticizing the admiralty.

Washington has four aspirants for the office of fish commissioner.

The Southern states are flooding Roosevelt with invitations to visit them.

The remains of Kruger, the ex-president of the Transvaal, have arrived at Pretoria.

Severe skirmishes have occurred on the Shalke river in which the Russians were defeated.

A Japanese cruiser struck a mine at the entrance to the Port Arthur harbor and sunk. Of the crew only 39 were lost.

A number of prominent Russian officials have resigned on the czar declaring he will stand by the new minister of the interior.

Twenty years ago, when both were stationed at Paris, General Kuropatkin and General Teruchi, now Japanese minister of war, met and became fast friends. On the eve of the present war an exchange of swords as presents took place between them.

The first snow of the season has fallen in Eastern Oregon.

St. Petersburg authorities deny that a famine exists in Southern Russia.

The torpedo boats at Port Arthur have not been sunk, and they may try to escape.

It is reported that the czar has ordered the Baltic fleet not to proceed to the Far East.

Governor elect Douglas will appoint General Miles as adjutant general of the Massachusetts militia.

The School coal mine, near Peoria, Illinois, is on fire. There were 100 men at work at the time the flames were discovered, but all escaped. The property loss will be heavy.

The house committee on rivers and harbors has decided to send for some of the district engineers, as they desire to hear from them on the needs of rivers and harbors in their respective districts.

Secretary Hay will ask congress to increase the salaries of a number of diplomats.

A son of General Nogi was killed in the attack on 203-Meter hill at Port Arthur.

The Japanese have sunk all the Russian battleships and cruisers at Port Arthur.

Japan has signified her willingness to participate in a second Hague peace conference.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Monday, December 5.

The short session of the 58th congress met at 12 o'clock. No business was transacted in either house excepting the usual routine work of opening day. Both houses adopted resolutions of respect to the late Senators Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Quay, of Pennsylvania, and their adjournment was a further mark of respect.

Tuesday, December 6.

President's message read. A number of resolutions have been introduced in the house looking to a change in the tariff laws.

Wednesday, December 7.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$28,838,709, was reported to the house today. This is \$846,498 less than the estimate and \$235,881 more than the current appropriation.

Platt, of New York, caused a stir in the senate by introducing a bill providing for a reduction of the congressional representation of the southern states, on the ground that many of the citizens of these states are deprived of the right to vote.

Senator Hale introduced a bill to require the employment of vessels of the United States in the transportation by sea of all supplies of every description for use of the Panama canal commission or the contractors in the construction of the Panama canal.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, declares he will oppose to his utmost the proposed change in the Panama canal from a lock to a sea level canal. He says it is a scheme of the transcontinental railways to delay the construction of an isthmian waterway.

Thursday, December 8.

The senate held only a short session and adjourned until Monday.

An attempt to secure consideration of the pure food law by Senator Heyburn was defeated.

Tillman brought the case of William D. Crum, the colored man nominated for collector at Charleston, S. C., into prominence by asking for a report from the committee on judiciary as to the status of recess appointments.

In the house the civil service commission was attacked because of a proposed increase of 23 employees to constitute the rural examining board.

The pay of stenographers to the house committees has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000 per annum.

A proposition to increase the salary of the secretary of the civil service commission was defeated.

Friday, December 9.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill almost as it came from the committee and adjourned until Monday.

Throughout the session today the policy of retrenchment held full sway, and all attempts to increase salaries failed.

The house passed a resolution to adjourn December 21 until January 4 for the usual Christmas holiday.

Monday, December 12.

The senate committee on privileges and elections has taken up the Smoot case. Three witnesses were examined and several new points brought out.

Senator Stewart has introduced a bill to raise the salary of the president to \$100,000 a year, of the vice president and speaker of the house to \$20,000 each, and each senator, representative and delegate to \$10,000. It is provided that the bill shall take effect March 4, 1909.

The house passed a bill to give the agricultural department control over forest reserves.

The senate discussed the pure food and Philippine government bills.

Tuesday, December 13.

The house passed a resolution impeaching Judge Swayne, of the Northern district of Florida, for "high crimes and misdemeanors." A committee was appointed to notify the senate. The senate passed a bill to throw open for settlement 800,000 acres in the Yakima Indian reservation.

Nothing of any importance was developed in the Smoot case today. Five witnesses were examined.

The house resolution for an adjournment from December 21 to January 4 was adopted by the senate.

Senator Mitchell is sure of securing the chairmanship of the committee on canals.

Sensation in Panama Matters.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Representative Shackelford, of Missouri, who has a resolution in the house calling for an investigation of the Panama railroad company acquired by the United States government, is determined to force through an investigation, if it can be done. Friends say he is collecting evidence to show that a member of the canal commission was a member of the railroad company. It is understood that some sensational charges will be made in demanding a reorganization of the present canal commission.

Good Roads Bill is Reported.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Latimer, from the committee on agriculture and forestry, today reported favorably on the bill known as the Latimer good roads bill. It carries an appropriation of \$24,000,000 to be available in three annual installments of \$8,000,000 each for road building in the states. Under the provisions of the bill states are to do the work and pay one-half of the cost, the national government paying the other half.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

DEVELOPMENT OF LINN COUNTY.

Object of Club That Has Organized at Albany.

Albany.—Tom Richardson, of the Portland Commercial Club, delivered an interesting and instructive address before Albany's business men in the Grand Opera house. Mr. Richardson displayed a thorough knowledge of methods of municipal and state development, and gave a lucid explanation of the essentials of success in a commercial organization, and the address was productive of results.

At the close of his talk Mr. Richardson took charge of the organization of a local commercial body for the development of Albany and Linn county. A number of people pledged \$5 per month for the support of a push club, others smaller sums, and a committee of business men was appointed by Mayor Davis to take charge of the organization work and secure a membership sufficiently large to establish the club on a good financial basis.

It is the purpose of the organization to advertise the county and place men in the field to work for the development of Linn county's great resources. It was unanimously decided to join the Oregon Development League and cooperate with that body in the development of Oregon. The organization committee was authorized to find a name for the club and nominate officers, the nominations to be ratified at the next meeting, when organization will be perfected.

Mr. Richardson was given an informal reception at the Alco Club at the adjournment of the meeting.

Oil Spoils Water Supply.

Salem.—Farmers from the Waldo Hills report oil discoveries in the vicinity of Pratum, where oil was discovered by Rice Brothers last spring. Many wells have been abandoned because the water cannot be used. No effort has been made to sink a deep well for the purpose of determining whether oil can be found in paying quantities. Local capitalists arranged last fall to sink a well as deep as might be necessary, provided the farmers would bond their property, agreeing to sell their oil on a percentage basis. Many farmers would not agree to this, preferring to profit by the results of experiments conducted by others, and as a consequence the well-digging enterprise was abandoned.

Willamette Fishway Completed.

Salem.—The new fishway over the falls at Oregon City has been completed at a cost of \$2973.50, and Engineer J. W. Moffatt reported that fact to the State Fish Commission today. The engineer expresses his confidence that the fishway will make it practicable for salmon and other fish to ascend the Willamette river. In reporting the work at the several fish hatcheries, Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen says that 6,650,000 Chinook and 3,646,000 silverside eggs have been taken at the South Coos river hatchery, while 2,697,000 Chinook and 1,000,000 silverside eggs have been taken at Yaquina. These results are considered very satisfactory.

Improvements at Hood River.

Hood River.—It is estimated that the O. R. & N. Co. is expending \$10,000 in improvements to the depot grounds and track yards at this point. The passenger depot is being remodeled and enlarged, and a freight depot and warehouse has been erected three blocks west of the present location. The facilities for handling freight at this point have afforded very poor accommodations for the last three years, and the improvements now being made are a source of satisfaction to the shipping interests.

Golden Chariot Buys Plant.

Sumpter.—Golden Chariot Gold Mining Company has purchased of the Golden Wizard its hoist, pumps and milling plant. The latter plant has never been operated as the Golden Wizard, since its purchaser has decided on other plans. The two properties are about nine miles apart, and the work of hauling the machinery to the Golden Chariot will commence as soon as possible. Two large boilers are also included in the consignment.

Claim Jumpers Busy.

Grants Pass.—Claim jumpers continue to do their work in the Sucker Creek district. A claim owned by Sheriff Lewis, of this city, has recently been jumped, and as the claim is valued quite highly by the Sheriff and has had two years' assessment work done upon it, Mr. Lewis is anything but pleased over the usurpation of his right and has gone to discuss the matter at close range with the intruder.

Phone Line for Farmers.

Chemawa.—Chemawa is to be the center to a rural telephone line, to be established at once. Fifteen farmers in the vicinity of Chemawa met last evening at the residence of Frank Beatty and formed an independent rural company. Material has been ordered for the line, and will be here in about three weeks. The central office will be established at Chemawa.

Selling Sugar Plant Stock.

Milton.—Robert E. Frazier of this place, is in Portland selling stock of the Mexican National Sugar Refining Company, of which he is a member. The company will dispose of \$250,000 worth of preferred stock in order to install a sugar refining plant. The company is composed largely of Milton and Walla Walla capitalists.

Mohair Show January 19-20.

Dallas.—The committee of arrangements for the Polk County Mohair Association appointed to arrange for the fair, has named January 19 and 20 as the time for holding the fair at Dallas. This is primarily a goat fair, but poultry and sheep will also be an interesting feature of the show. Entries are open to all Oregon.

TO DEAL IN FINE HORSES.

New Industry Opened in Pendleton by Former Eugene Man.

Pendleton.—A. C. Ruby, formerly of Eugene, Ore., has purchased the Oregon feed yard of this city, and proposes to maintain a distributing depot for imported horses. He has at his establishment 27 horses and six jackasses. The horses are Percherons, French draft, Belgian shire and coach stallions. Every horse was selected by him in Europe and shipped to this country from Germany and France. The animals are of the gentlest dispositions, Mr. Ruby not purchasing any that showed signs of ill temper.

The animals will be kept at Pendleton, and, as the occasion requires, distributed over Oregon and Washington. The McLaughlin Bros., of Cincinnati, proposed to establish a station here, but finally decided upon Ogden, Utah. Mr. Ruby will either purchase residence property or build and remove his family to this place, where he will have permanent headquarters.

This station means much to eastern Oregon and Washington, not only for the convenience of it, but for the material improvement that will be made in the horses. Until the last few years little attention to the breeds of horses was given. Of late years prices have increased until it pays handsomely to raise a grade of horses that command the highest prices in eastern markets. The day of the cayuse is past, and the farmers have learned how much more work can be expected from a horse of good size than from a small cayuse.

Not only are the farmers demanding good horses, but are raising mules. The jacks owned by Mr. Ruby are from Missouri, and are much sought after by breeders.

To Bore for Artesian Water.

Baker City.—Manager Vinson, of the Emma mine, six miles east of the city, has closed a contract with C. A. Fredericks, of Spokane, to bore for water on his property. Mr. Fredericks has the most extensive boring apparatus ever brought to Eastern Oregon. It having a capacity for boring 5000 feet. The contract with Mr. Vinson calls for 2000 feet or less, boring to cease whenever a sufficient flow of water is encountered. He does not expect water under 500 feet. The work will be commenced at once. Mr. Fredericks also has a contract to bore for artesian hot water for the Hot Springs Natatorium Company of this city. The hot springs of the company are within the city limits.

Fewer Cattle Fed Than Usual.

Echo.—Five hundred head of cattle are being fed in the immediate vicinity of Echo. This is a small number compared with what are usually wintered at this place and is occasioned by the extremely low prices paid for beef. As large herds are herded upon small alfalfa fields, the pasturage afforded is eaten close, and hay feeding begins about the 1st of November. Cattle raisers are hoping for higher prices the coming season, believing that the visitors to the 1905 fair will consume a great amount and bring up prices. Several small shipments have been made already this fall, and the highest price received is \$3.25 per cwt., live weight.

Anxious for Good Roads.

Grants Pass.—The good roads movement has struck Josephine county with greater force this season than ever before, and there is a more general desire to better the highways of the county than this section has ever before known. During the past two months nearly \$5000 has been paid out by mining companies and individual mining men for the improvement of roads in Josephine county, and as a result many of the camps that were almost completely isolated during the winter will be readily reached by wagon hereafter.

Will Not Enter Albany.

Albany.—The Independent Telephone Company will not put in a system at Albany, as intended. The company will operate in only a few Oregon towns the coming year, and as some other towns offer better opportunities in the franchises than did Albany, the company will allow the franchise given them by this city to lapse. The Pacific States Company is preparing to make a number of improvements in their Albany exchange this winter.

COMING EVENTS.

Inland Empire Sunday School Institute, Pendleton, Ore., January 30.
Oregon State Dairymen's Association, Portland, December 20-21.
Oregon State Horticultural Society, Portland, January 10-11.

National American Woman Suffrage Association, Portland, June 22-23.
Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Portland, Jan. 1-October 15.

Sell Land Near Helix.

Pendleton.—William Kupers and G. C. Shroeder, farmers residing near Helix, have disposed of three quarter sections of land to Joseph Selvers of that locality for \$8000 a quarter. Mr. Kupers, who sold one of the sections, and Shroeder, who sold two, have purchased land near Nez Perce, paying \$4500 and \$5600 a section.

Irrigation Work.

Milton.—Workmen are building flumes for the Flins irrigation ditch, which will water a body of land near the Hudson Bay section. Many other flumes are being built under the railroad at different points, and an immense territory hitherto bare will be put under cultivation next season.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 83c; bluestem, 88c; valley, 87½c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 89c; club, 86c.

LARGEST VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

Roosevelt Defeated Parker by a Majority of 2,546,169 Votes.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Times tomorrow will say: A canvass by the Times of the popular vote at the last presidential election, complete except as to one county in Tennessee, and four counties in Michigan, where estimates are given, shows that President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,546,169. He polled the largest vote ever given a president of the United States, 7,640,560. This is more than 400,000 in excess of the vote cast for McKinley in 1900.

The official figures for Missouri show that Roosevelt carried that state by 25,600.

In Maryland one Republican elector received the largest vote, but his colleagues were defeated. The Democrats of Maryland, therefore, will have seven votes in the electoral college, while the Republicans will have only one.

A comparison with the vote table of 1900 shows a marked change in the Socialist vote. Debs, the candidate of the party that year, was also this year's candidate, and his vote shows an increase of more than 30. Watson, the Populist candidate, ran strongest in his own state, Georgia, where he received 22,635 votes. He received most of his votes in the South and West, but only one vote was cast for him in South Carolina. The electoral vote will be 363 for Roosevelt and 140 for Parker.

OREGON HAS A GOOD FRIEND.

Appropriation for Fair Due to Influence of the President.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Oregon has reason to congratulate itself on having secured the appropriation for its exposition at the last session of congress.

It now appears that the \$475,000 appropriated for government participation in the Lewis and Clark fair is the last money that congress will expend for expositions for many years to come.

The action of the house committee on expositions in flatly refusing to make any appropriation whatever for the Jamestown exposition is an indication that congress has had enough, and has finally reached the stage where it will put its foot down. Had it not been for the interest President Roosevelt took in the Oregon enterprise and for the influence which he exerted in behalf of the Lewis and Clark appropriation bill Oregon would have suffered the same blow that has been dealt to Jamestown.

Congress was just as much opposed to exposition appropriations a year ago as it is now, but Oregon had a friend at court, and the only friend who could be of real service.

ASK FOR FULL AMOUNT.

Oregon Senators Assured Support of River and Harbor Committee.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senators Mitchell and Fulton have united in a letter to Chairman Burton of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, strongly urging that liberal appropriations be made for the Columbia river and other Oregon waterways. They point out the necessity for securing at this session enough money to complete the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia, asking for \$1,300,000. They urge the appropriation of the full amounts recommended by Major Langfitt for the Dalles-Celilo canal and all other projects in which Oregon is interested.

This letter is filed to back up arguments which the Senators have made orally to Chairman Burton and to Representative Jones, of Washington, who is on the committee. Burton and Jones show great friendliness toward the Columbia and give assurance which leads to the belief that adequate amounts will be appropriated.

Sultan Changes His Mind.

London, Dec. 14.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard telegraphs as follows: Charles R. Flint, of New York, while here had an interview with the Sultan's secretary, who declined to entertain a suggestion looking to the purchase of Argentine warships. Mr. Flint left on board a Russian steamer for Smyrna. After his departure Palace Ministers sought him everywhere, and finally telegrams were sent to Smyrna offering him substantial pecuniary inducements to return on business connected with the sale of ships.

Reckless Target Practice.

London, Dec. 14.—Captain Mills, of the American Line steamer Philadelphia, has ordered a protest against reckless target practice carried on off Plymouth. He says that as he approached the harbor with nearly 1000 passengers on board, their safety was endangered by a gunboat which persisted in firing even after the patrol launch apprised the gunboat of the liner's approach. Captain Mills adds that he was obliged twice to stop and go full speed astern to avoid disaster.

Zero Weather in Manchuria.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 14.—The army has had its first taste of the real quality of a Manchurian winter the past week. Last night the thermometer fell to six degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. The days are cold also, but sunshine and the absence of severe winds makes life tolerable. The hills are covered with snow, which on the plain is one inch in depth. All streams are thickly frozen.

Snow Falling in New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—A snow storm, accompanied by a high wind, descended upon New York early today and still continues. Nearly two inches have fallen. Traffic in the city has not been seriously impeded, but craft of all kinds have been delayed.

TO GET CANAL

Site of Locks at Oregon City May Be Condemned.

SENATOR FULTON FATHER'S BILL

Hopes to Have It Included in River and Harbor Measure—Nation Has a Right to Build.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Based on a report of United States Attorney Hall, sent to congress today by the secretary of war, Senator Fulton intends to introduce a bill authorizing the government to acquire by condemnation the canal and locks owned and operated by the Portland General electric company at Willamette Falls. The board of engineers, which made an examination of this canal two years ago, reports there is sufficient water in the river even at the lowest stage, to meet the demands of commerce and to supply power for the several manufacturing establishments now located at Oregon City.

District Attorney Hall, reporting on the legal question, says if the government desires to acquire this canal, "the measure of damage would be the actual present and prospective value of the locks, together with the damage suffered by depriving owners of the right to take water therefrom for manufacturing or other commercial purposes."

Already, based on these reports, Senator Fulton has secured a promise from Representative Jones to endeavor to secure a provision in the river and harbor bill, now being framed, authorizing the purchase of the electric company's canal after condemnation. Representative Jones will base his demands on Senator Fulton's bill, which will probably fix the limit of the cost of the canal at \$600,000 or \$700,000.

SHORT SCHOOL DAY FOR YOUNG.

New York Board to Consider Adoption of Three-Hour Day.

New York, Dec. 14.—A report is being prepared by Superintendent Maxwell for presentation to the board of education, which, it is said, will be the first step toward the adoption of a three hour or three and a half hour day for the lowest grades in all the elementary schools of this city.

The board of superintendents has been investigating as to the relative results obtained by full-day classes, part-time classes, morning classes and afternoon classes in the first two school years, since the beginning of November. The investigation was begun as a result of a proposal to cut down the school day in these grades generally by eliminating certain studies. President Tift, of the board of education, said in reference to the scheme:

"While a five hour day is probably good to keep children off the streets in some parts of the city, I believe in short school days for younger children. I would give every child educational facilities as great as possible, but not so great as to interfere with proper mental and physical growth. More than three hours' class work daily makes the children restless."

CHINESE LIKELY TO RISE.

Any Japanese Reverse Will Likely Be the Signal.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The Chicago Daily News has the following today from a staff correspondent at Hong Kong:

"Rumors of impending Boxer troubles are prevalent throughout North China. Information from several sources points to the fact that the Chinese are drilling everywhere, and that conditions are similar to those that preceded the last outbreak, but that the trouble is more widespread, and the organization much better. It is believed that large numbers of Japanese officers are drilling troops in the interior and commanding detachments of General Ma's army northwest of Peking, and that a Japanese reverse will be the signal for a general uprising of the Chinese against Russia, led by Japanese officers."

"Many residents here fear that such an outbreak could not be confined to its original limits but would endanger the safety of the foreigners throughout China."

Russia May Protest.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—Considerable interest is manifested in the report from the island of Perim, in the straits of Bab el Mandeb, that the British steamer St. Leonards was taken to Perim by the Russian cruiser Fox because she was credited with carrying coal for the Russian second Pacific squadron. If it should appear that the St. Leonards was stopped solely for the reason that she was carrying coal for the Russian squadron the matter is likely to become the subject of a protest to the British government.

To Seek Out Baltic Fleet.

London, Dec. 14.—The Shanghai correspondent of the London Post alleges to have received good information to the effect that a Japanese squadron will soon start in search of the Russian Baltic fleet, with the intention of giving battle at a point far removed from Port Arthur. This move, the correspondent's informant states, is made possible by recent additions to the Japanese fleet, which increases it to an exceptional grade of efficiency.

Carrying Filipinos Home.

Seattle, Dec. 14.—When the steamer Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line of steamers, sails from this port today she will have as passengers 248 Filipinos, who are returning to their island home from the St. Louis exposition.