

Washington County News

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Dakota wheat was damaged \$1,000,000 by a hail storm.

A genuine yellow fever case has developed at Callao, Peru.

An extensive bomb factory has been discovered at Gornel, Russia.

The Washington Supreme court holds that picketing to enforce boycotts is illegal.

The messages of M. Witte to his home government are said to be very gloomy.

A wind storm devastated crops in Wisconsin and destroyed a wagon bridge 630 feet long.

Several villages in Portuguese African settlements have been attacked and wiped out by native tribes.

Witnesses in pine land fraud cases in California testified that they were employed to commit perjury.

An attempt has been discovered to supply vast quantities of arms and ammunition to rebels in Samar.

Louisiana state board of health threatens to call for militia to restore and maintain order in the quarantined districts.

The Japanese and Russian peace envoys have met at Portsmouth and become acquainted, and peace negotiations have actually begun.

A typhoon off the Japanese coast destroyed over 100 small boats of a pearling fleet, and it is thought over 400 pearl fishermen have perished.

A carload of furniture en route to San Francisco was set on fire by a colored man who was beating his way in the car, and destroyed, the man perishing in the fire.

Mayor Lane has summarily dismissed the entire board of health of Portland.

Fire at Lewiston, Idaho, caused a damage of \$70,000 among business firms.

Two lineal descendants of Sacajawea have been found in a Wyoming Indian school.

The visiting French fleet of 18 ships received a hearty welcome in English waters.

New York Jewish bakers are on a strike for a reduction of hours to ten per day.

Russian Zemstvoists believe the war has served its purpose, and now expect reforms.

Two new centers of infection have been discovered in the yellow fever district outside New Orleans.

Citizens of New Orleans have subscribed \$250,000 to be used in suppressing the yellow fever epidemic.

Four persons were drowned in the Willamette river at Portland last Sunday as the result of three accidents.

A thief grabbed \$400 from a lady who had just drawn the money from a Portland bank, and escaped in the crowd.

Orders have been issued for a general strike of bridge and structural iron workers against the American Bridge company from Maine to California.

Chicago labor unions are unable to hold an election, on account of the riotous element, and conservative unions threaten to withdraw from the federation.

The vessels conveying the peace envoys of Russia and Japan from Washington to Portsmouth, N. H., where the peace conference is to be held, were delayed two days by heavy fog.

Next week, as planned, he will, according to good authority, inform his uncle that if the present atmosphere of mutual jealousy, hatred and suspicion is not cleared, Europe will remain in danger of a serious explosion.

Railroad President Harrison will go direct to Portland from the Yellowstone park.

Train service on the Great Northern is badly crippled by the telegraphers' strike.

A Milwaukee millionaire has been indicted for larceny by bailee in stealing \$14,000.

The United States government has taken charge of the yellow fever situation in the South.

The peace envoys of Japan and Russia were introduced to each other by President Roosevelt.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the governor of Oregon for failing to pay his occupation tax.

The Portland chamber of commerce demands a recount of the city's population, saying that 110,500 is far too low.

Immense forest fires in Southern Oregon are said to have been started by squirrel hunters. Great damage is being done.

The law against ticket scalping has been declared constitutional, on the ground that the ticket scalping business is based on forgery, fraud and deceit.

STORE BUILDING COLLAPSES

Scores of Shop Girls Buried Under Mass of Wood and Plaster.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Three hundred persons employed in the large department store of the John G. Meyer estate at No. 38-41 North Pearl street, had just gone to work yesterday morning when the whole center of the building collapsed from roof to cellar. More than a hundred persons, mostly sales girls, were carried down in the wreck. The first estimate placed the number of killed and injured at 40.

Up to 11 o'clock one dead body had been taken from the ruins, and 75 injured. The most of the latter are seriously injured. The manager of the store at that time made the statement that there were 50 more underneath the ruins. There is no doubt that when the rescuers reach the bottom of the heap of debris they will find a number of dead.

The catastrophe came without warning. The Meyer estate had been making extensive repairs on the building. In the morning a gang of Italian workmen started to remove the iron pillar that supported the main floor. Evidently they had failed to brace the floor properly, for scarcely had they loosened the post when down came all three upper floors within a radius of 50 feet from the fatal pillar.

The wreck crashed through to the cellar, burying the workmen and carrying down those who happened to be working in that portion of the building.

The fire department was called out and the work of rescue began at once. Considering the nature of the accident, the number of persons who escaped with only slight injuries is remarkable. Most of the injured were young women.

TAFT TOASTS CZAR.

Dinner and Reception at Manila Dazzle Old Spanish Colony.

Manila, Aug. 9.—At 7 o'clock last evening Major General Corbin gave a dinner to the gentlemen of the Taft party. Rear Admiral Enquist, of the Russian navy, and his staff, were present. General Corbin toasted President Roosevelt, and Secretary Taft toasted the Russian emperor. Rear Admiral Enquist, who was much affected, then arose and made a profound salutation. At the same hour Commissioner Forbes entertained Miss Alice Roosevelt at dinner.

At 8 o'clock about 3,000 persons attended a brilliant reception given by Governor General Wright at the Malacanang palace. Those present, from the highest official and most prominent citizen to the humblest native, were greeted by Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt, who shook hands with all. Rear Admiral Enquist and his staff were present. Spanish residents say that the reception surpassed anything previous in the history of Manila.

CONCESSION ANNULLED.

Venezuelan Court Decides Against the Asphalt Company.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 9.—President Roosevelt has been informed by the Department of State that the Federal court of Venezuela had rendered a decision against the Bermudez Asphalt company in the case involving the so-called Hamilton concession, annulling the concession.

What action may be taken by this government regarding the matter cannot be announced at this time. In fact, so far as can be ascertained here, no determination of the question has been reached.

It is quite probable that nothing will be done until Secretary Root, who is now on a vacation in Labrador, shall have returned to the United States and considered the subject with the president in the light of the report which will be made by Judge Calhoun of his investigation of the entire asphalt matter.

No Judge Chosen Yet.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Attorney General Moody returned to Washington this evening after two days' vacation, but did not bring with him the name of the man to be appointed Federal judge in Oregon. "No selection has been made," said he. "I am not in a hurry and shall probably go very slow. I doubt very much if any appointment will be made this week." No inkling is given of the names under consideration or as to the progress being made with the investigation, and no clue can as yet be obtained.

Excursion Boat Sinks.

Indianapolis, Aug. 9.—The excursion steamboat Sunshine sank this afternoon at Broad Ripple park, ten miles from the city, with 180 passengers on board, all of whom were men except one, a woman, who was rescued by a launch. No one was drowned, but several were injured in the panic. The boat plies on the backwater of Broad Ripple dam on White river, and was carrying a picnic party of employees of the Union stock yards.

Sunken War Ships Floated.

Tokio, Aug. 9.—News received from Port Arthur says that the former Russian cruiser Bayan will start from that place, under tow, for Japan about August 15. The Poltava and Peresvet will leave a week later under their own steam.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FAVOR FARMERS' COMBINE.

Evening Star Grange Discusses Subject, Also Worm Pest.

Members of Evening Star grange, No. 27, held an institute in their hall on the Section line road, in which the matter of farmers forming a combine and organizing a bureau of information, and the worm pests, were considered. C. H. Welch spoke strongly in favor of the farmers of the state forming a combine in the sale and handling of their products, setting forth that in this way they would get better prices. Others favored the plan.

Arthur H. Nichols spoke on "The Worm Pest," and claimed that the present worm that is doing so much damage is not the army worm at all, but the cut worm. He said that the army worm was longer and had yellow stripes on its body. C. Miley, A. F. Miller, Mrs. Barbara Cromwell, of Gray's river valley, Wash., Judge J. F. Caples, and others spoke.

Mrs. Cromwell told of the experience of farmers in Gray's valley, and said that she got much valuable information at the government building on the exposition grounds, and recommended the farmers to go there for information.

The discussion took a wide scope and it was decided to continue it until next meeting, when all are invited to come prepared to suggest remedies for the pests. Many visitors from out of the state were present.

COUNTERFEITERS' MOLDS.

Extensive Outfit Found in Old Residence at McMinnville.

McMinnville.—While the residence of John Newell was being reshipped recently a complete outfit for making spurious coin, evidently left by a former occupant of the house, was discovered. The house has been built for 50 years, and in the remembrance of the oldest settlers here it has not been reshipped for 40 years. Since then it has been occupied by a photographer and a jeweler before it became a residence. The jeweler, during his stay here, bore the suspicions of the entire community, and now the late find strengthens great suspicion upon him. His whereabouts now are not known.

The outfit, which consists of three \$5 molds, dated 1837, 1846 and 1854; one \$10 mold, dated 1847, one \$2.50 mold, dated 1851, are now in the hands of the sheriff.

LOST NINE YEARS AGO.

Remains of Dave Woodward Found in Blue Mountains.

Elgin.—A sheep camp tender has found the bones of a man in the Blue mountains a few miles north of here. The camp tender was going through a very thick patch of brush to a spring when the discovery was made. To see are no doubt the remains of Dave Woodward, who was lost in these mountains nine years ago last February. Woodward, who was living at the toll gate, on the summit of the mountains between Elgin and Walla Walla, came to Elgin during the winter after a load of supplies. He secured the needed provisions, which were loaded on a hand sled, and started on snow shoes for his mountain home. Woodward was never again heard of. Searching parties were sent out, but no trace of him was ever found.

Doctors Fail in Examinations.

Out of 58 applicants who took the examination before the State Board of medical examiners early in July, to be permitted to practice medicine in the state of Oregon, only 22 passed. The report of the State Board of medical examiners has been completed by Secretary Dr. Byron E. Miller. The examination was held at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters. Dr. Miller, of Portland, stated upon submitting the report that nearly all of those who failed were recent graduates from medical colleges.

Ore Runs \$50 a Ton.

Eugene.—According to miners who have just come down from Blue river, a very rich strike has just been made in the Great Northern mine, which surpasses all previous finds in this promising property. The strike was made during the past week and consists of a fine vein of very rich ore, which has been uncovered in the lower tunnel, about 700 feet in. Estimates are that the ore will assay \$50 per ton and the stockholders are elated.

Prior Rights of Way.

La Grande.—The two more suits have been filed by the O. R. & N. Co. in addition to the injunction proceedings instituted last week against the Walla Walla railroad. These pertain to the validity of the deeds given by land owners before Elgin to the new railroad incorporation. The O. R. & N., as plaintiff, alleges prior rights of way.

State Engineer Summoned.

Pendleton.—John H. Lewis, state engineer, will be summoned to Umatilla county at once to make a hydrographic survey of the entire stream system of the Walla Walla river as the result of litigation of property owners living along the river and using the water therefrom for the purpose of irrigation.

Weston Short of Water.

Pendleton.—Report comes from Weston that the city is very short of water and has been compelled for the first time in seven years to relinquish its practice of furnishing water to harvesters.

TAX BIG CORPORATIONS.

Oregon City Board of Trade Orders Thorough Investigation.

Oregon City.—In its efforts to insure an equitable assessment of the properties of the several large corporations operating in Clackamas county, the Oregon City board of trade is insistent. At a meeting last week the matter of investigating and reporting on this subject, which had been referred to a committee consisting of five members, was recalled from that committee, and under instructions from the organization, President Huntley has named a committee composed of J. U. Campbell, O. W. Eastham and W. S. U'Ren to investigate the county's assessment roll and ascertain the actual assessments that have been made against the different corporations. The board is indignant to attack the work of Assessor Nelson, which is considered generally thorough, but is proceeding with the investigation to determine if there exists any ground for the impression that the larger corporations are not bearing their proportionate share of the burden of taxation.

Answer of Wallawa Road.

La Grande.—The Wallawa Valley Railroad company, represented by J. W. Cook, has Ramsey & Oliver, attorneys, busy preparing an answer in the injunction proceedings instituted by the O. R. & N. Co. Mr. Cook is in La Grande, and expects as soon as the answer is ready that Judge Eakin will set a date for a hearing, and he is confident an order will be made dissolving the injunction. Mr. Cook claims that the O. R. & N. Co.'s rights had lapsed, and that he then secured rights which are now ahead of anyone else.

Chinese Cook Murdered.

Baker City.—The body of a young Chinese cook at the Pyx mine has been brought to this city, and preparations are under way to have it prepared for burial in China, according to the usual methods. The poisoning murder, it is thought, was committed by a man who appeared as a trusted friend. He was shot in the back of the head in such a manner that the theory of suicide is wholly untenable. He was murdered either for his money or because of race prejudice. No clue has so far been obtained.

Fire Law Very Cumbersome.

Oregon City.—While more than a score of permits to burn slashing have been granted in this county, there exists much dissatisfaction here with the new law relating to forest fires for the reason that the provisions of the measure are considered cumbersome. The main objection to the law as it now stands is the provision requiring the making of application on which the permit is issued ten days before the fire is to be started.

County Hires Timber Cruisers.

Eugene.—County Assessor B. F. Keeney returned today from Roseburg, where he made a contract with C. E. Roberts and Oscar Edwards, of that city, to cruise the timber lands of Lane county, in order to place a proper estimate upon their value. Other counties of the state, among them Clatsop, Douglas and Klamath, have adopted this plan and find that it works admirably.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—New club, 73¢75¢ per bushel; new bluestem, 78¢80¢ per bushel; new barley, 78¢. Barley—Old feed, \$21.50@22¢ per ton; new feed, \$20¢21¢; rolled, \$22¢24¢. Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$29¢30¢ per ton; gray, \$29¢.

Hay—Timothy, old, \$13¢15¢ per ton; new, \$11¢12¢50¢; clover, \$8¢9¢. Fruits—Apples, new, 90¢@1.75¢ per box; apricots, 90¢ per crate; peaches, 75¢@1¢ per crate; plums, 75¢ per crate; blackberries, 5¢6¢ per pound; cherries, 50¢55¢ per box; pears, 22¢ per box; prunes, 85¢@1.15¢; raspberries, \$1.25 per crate; watermelons, 1¢1½¢ per pound; crabapples, 50¢ per box.

Vegetables—Beans, 1¢4¢ per pound; cauliflower, 1¢1½¢ per pound; celery, 75¢85¢ per dozen; corn, 75¢ per bag; cucumbers, 15¢25¢ per box; lettuce, head, 10¢ per dozen; parsley, 25¢ per dozen; peas, 2¢5¢ per pound; tomatoes, 50¢75¢ per crate; squash, 5¢ per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; beets, \$1@1.25 per sack.

Onions—Red, \$1.25 per hundred; yellow, \$1.25.

Potatoes—Oregon new, 50¢@1.15¢. Butter—Fancy creamery, 21¢@25¢. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 22¢22½¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12½¢@14¢; mixed chickens, 12¢12½¢; old roosters, 10¢10½¢; young roosters, 11¢12¢; springs, 1½¢ to 2 pounds, 15¢; 1 to 1½ pounds, 16¢; turkeys, live, 18¢19¢; geese, live, per pound, 6¢7¢; ducks, old, 13¢; ducks, young, 10¢14¢.

Hops—Choice, 1904, 17¢19¢ per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19¢21¢; lower grades, down to 15¢, according to shrinkage; valley, 25¢27¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 31¢ per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 1¢2¢ per pound; cows, 3¼¢4¼¢.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6¢ per pound; ordinary, 4¢5¢.

Veal—Dressed, 3¢7¢ per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 6¼¢7¢ per pound.

GREAT CROPS EVERYWHERE.

Condition of Grain Now Makes Im-mense Harvests Almost Sure.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—American farms will produce bigger and better crops and return many more millions in revenue to the farming interests this year than ever before in the history of the country. All kinds of crops—wheat, corn, oats, hay and smaller grain and produce staples—have progressed to the stage where this prediction may be made with scarcely the slightest chance that the final official figures will disprove its correctness.

Railroad officials and statisticians of agricultural departments in the various states of the government grain producing regions give their personal and official guarantee that the year 1905 is to be the banner year in farm prosperity.

If there is a dissenting voice anywhere, it is drowned out by the clamor of optimism that comes from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, the far Southwest, the Pacific coast and the wonderful spring wheat country of the Northwest.

Possibly one wheat crop—that of 1901—will exceed that of 1905. In 1901 the crop aggregated 748,000,000 bushels. It may be that one previous crop, that of 1902, when 2,524,000,000 bushels were produced, will not quite be equaled by the yield of this year.

According to figures emanating from state capitals Saturday afternoon, 370,000,000 bushels more of corn will be raised this year than last in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

WORKMEN STARVING.

Strike at Poutloff Works Resulting in Hunger and Disease.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—As a result of the strike at the Poutloff works, there is terrible destitution among the workmen, and hundreds of cases of actual starvation have been reported. The people are suffering with scurvy, and General Treppoff has been applied to for relief.

A dispatch from Riga states that grave developments are expected in the Napheta district, where the strike is spreading rapidly. Rioting is reported, and in several cases troops have been called upon to quell the disturbances. Sunday morning a man whose identity has not been learned, threw a dynamite bomb into the office of the district treasurer of Riga, severely wounding the treasurer, two janitors and a reporter.

Gomez Defiant.

Havana, Aug. 8.—Jose Miguel Gomez, governor of Santa Clara province and Liberal candidate for the presidency of Cuba, has given out an interview full of defiance to the Palma government. With reference to the Vuelta case and the Cuban government's assumption of the right to inspect municipalities without reference to the provincial authorities, Governor Gomez says:

"I will not allow anyone excepting the provincial authorities to inspect the municipalities of this province. Should a municipality be governed by moderates, I would refuse to consent to this procedure just the same and would deliver justice to them if permitted."

"If the Supreme court decides against the contentions we are now maintaining, we would not obey its mandates, because of its partiality in favor of executive authority. The court would be certain to be against us in order to increase its favor with the government."

Cable Over Grand Canyon.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 8.—Over a cable 8,000 feet in the air passengers are to be carried across the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. The Grand Canyon Transportation company, promoted by Utah men, has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000 to bridge the chasm in this unique manner.

Tourists will be taken from the famous Bright Angel Trail on the Santa Fe side of the river, across the Buckskin Plateau. The length of the cable will be 500 feet. The wire rope will be anchored to the opposite walls of the gorge, and a car will be run back and forth.

Russia to Grant Terms.

Boston, Aug. 8.—A special to the Globe from Gloucester says that Russia will grant the Japanese demands, pay an indemnity and cede Saghalin. The contest in the negotiations will be over Manchuria, but Russia will more than recover its losses in the next war with Japan. The special declares that the indemnity will only be lent, and will some day be collected with interest from "the presumptuous little brown men." This position is in accordance with Russian policy, but is not considered seriously by the Japanese.

Naval Brigade Returns.

New Orleans, Aug. 8.—Two vessels of the naval brigade, the Marie and the Wolverine, returned to the city tonight from the Rigolets, where they had gone under orders from the governor to protect the fishermen in Louisiana waters from the depredations of the Mississippi patrol boats. The incident is closed, except for the case of the Tipsey, and that of two officers under arrest in St. Bernard Parish, who were captured in Lake Borgne.

Boycott on Special Lines.

Yokohama, Aug. 8.—The meeting of Chinese, which it was announced would be held today, resolved to boycott American bankers, shippers and insurance agents, but deferred action with regard to other lines of business.

TANANA IS FLOODED

Hundreds Made Homeless Near Fairbanks, Alaska.

DRIVEN FROM CABINS AT NIGHT

Danger of an Epidemic from Molding Cellars and Crowded Places of Temporary Refuge.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 8.—A special letter to the Seattle Times from Fairbanks, Alaska, under date of July 6, says that a flood raging in Chena for several days had rendered homeless 700 to 1,000 people. The flood was caused by a wind and rain storm that had recently swept the Tanana valley.

Keyes' saw mill had been swept away and carried down the stream, being lodged in front of Noyes' mill. A large log boom broke from its moorings at the Tanana Development company's mill and was carried down stream, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars. Cellars were flooded and in a few instances stock drowned.

People were compelled to move out of their homes in the early hours after midnight. Homes were temporarily provided for the people and they were not allowed to go back to their wet cabins for several days after the flood had subsided.

At the time the letter was written grave fears were entertained for the safety of the people, an epidemic being threatened. The banks of the river were badly broken, but pile-drivers were at work putting in bulkheads long before the waters had subsided.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

Kaiser to Warn King Edward to Calm British Feeling Against Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—If the Kaiser meets King Edward next week at Frankfurt, he will, according to authority there, tell his uncle that, while Germany does not want war with England, nevertheless the present atmosphere of mutual hatred, jealousy and suspicion must be destroyed or Europe will remain in danger of an explosion. King Edward will be given to understand that Germany holds England responsible for the creation of this situation.

The correspondent is informed that the consequences to which the present situation may lead are now causing Germany's responsible statesmen the deepest anxiety. These possible consequences filled a large place in the Kaiser's recent interviews with King Oscar, of Sweden, with King Christian, of Denmark, and with the czar. There have been official attempts to render less apparent and to obscure the seriousness of the situation, but William and his advisers are profoundly concerned over England's constantly increasing hatred of Germany. It is thought that this hatred is now more virulent than ever before.

FEVER SPREADS.

Two New Centers on Plantations Outside New Orleans.

New Orleans, Aug. 8.—Two large foci of infection were discovered today outside of the city by officers of the Marine Hospital service. Dr. Corput went to the Diamond plantation in St. Charles parish to look into some suspicious cases and found six positive yellow fever cases of secondary infection, three of which were dead. They are on a sugar plantation and three of them are Italians. One is a negro.

The other point of infection is the town of Patterson, in St. Mary's parish, where Dr. Guiteras found 19 cases of secondary infection. Most of these are also Italians. The local health boards have taken charge in both instances and are following out the directions of the Marine Hospital service.

Havian Steamer Suspected.

Philadelphia, Aug. 8.—The British steamship Barncton, which arrived at the Delaware breakwater on Saturday from Port de Paix, Hayti, with 15 of the crew ill with fever, docked at this port today. The Barncton was held by the government quarantine officials pending an investigation as to the character of the fever, but after careful observation the steamer will be permitted to come to port, the physicians finding the seamen suffering from malaria.

French Fleet Welcomed.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 8.—The French fleet, consisting of 18 battleships, cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers under command of Vice Admiral Caillaud, reached the Solent today to spend a week. The officers and sailors are guests of King Edward and the British navy. Heavy downpours of rain throughout the morning drenched the decorations and shrouded in a heavy mist the yachts and British war ships collected to welcome the visitors.

Yellow Fever in Mexico.

City of Mexico, Aug. 8.—The superior board of health reports five cases of yellow fever in the republic, four at Vera Cruz and one at Coatzacoalcas.