

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.

The suffrage strike is spreading through Austria.

The powers are planning a naval demonstration against Turkey.

Grand Duke Nicholas is with Witte in the present reform movement.

A blunder in the law will prevent the sale of the Siletz timber land.

Fire at Birmingham, Alabama, destroyed property valued at \$172,000.

Two towns in Bessarabia have been burned and many Jews perished in the flames.

Judge Paul Jesson, of Nebraska, has declined to accept an appointment to the supreme bench of Arizona.

A rice famine exists in three provinces of Japan and 1,000,000 of the population is practically starving.

It is said that the French minister is preparing to leave Venezuela. The British minister will take charge of the French legation.

Fire destroyed the top floors of the Chronicle building in San Francisco. One of the most valuable newspaper libraries in the country was ruined.

British policy holders in the Equitable Life Assurance society, at a mass meeting in London, adopted a resolution of confidence in President Morton and his colleagues.

King Alfonso, of Spain, is visiting in Berlin.

The massacre of Jews continues at Kishineff.

American imports into Cuba show a great increase.

Roosevelt says it is useless to intercede for Russian Jews.

The general board of the navy recommends the building of 18,000-ton ships.

Western Washington millmen are endeavoring to secure cars for shipping lumber.

The Norwegian charge d'affaires at Washington is sure Prince Charles, of Denmark, will be king of Norway.

Balfour gave a cold reception to the delegation of England's unemployed and a monster indignation meeting was held.

Walter G. Tubby, a St. Paul railroad man, has been appointed superintendent of construction of the Panama canal.

A colony of 25,000 Lithuanians, gathered from all the large Eastern cities, will settle somewhere in the Columbia river region.

A woman has successfully borrowed money in New Jersey towns on the pretense that she is the wife of J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern.

American novelty manufacturers claim their products equal those of France and Germany and will hold an exhibition in Chicago in December to prove it.

The czar has granted home rule to Finland.

Liberals are rallying to the support of Witte.

England's national memorial to Gladstone has been unveiled.

An insane woman at Kalamazoo, Michigan, fed her children with the hogs.

An inspection of the steamboat inspection service has been ordered in St. Louis.

Japan and Russian will exchange the peace ratification about the 20th of this month.

Britain's unemployed million has petitioned Balfour for relief by creating new public works.

A Minneapolis grand jury has returned indictments against four former officials of the Northwestern Life Insurance company.

Fire which started in a New Orleans paint store destroyed \$100,000 worth of property.

The Isthmian Canal commission has just purchased a vast amount of supplies for the canal, including lumber, powder, cars and engines.

Mountain View, Oklahoma, has been swept by a tornado and seven people killed and 15 injured. A large number of residences were wrecked.

The czar has signed a proclamation for free press and liberation of prisoners.

Private car lines have refused to answer questions asked by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Minnesota is now having her turn with land frauds. Benson, Hyde and Glover are accused with officials and lumbermen of securing large tracts of timber to which they had no right.

Germany will terminate the Dingley tariff agreement with the United States, and thus clear the way for a new trade treaty.

OPPOSES RIVER WORK.

Secretary of War Will Not Make Exception in Favor of Columbia.

Washington, Nov. 7.—In his annual report made public today, General MacKenzie, chief of engineers, asks that the following appropriations be made in the next sundry civil bill:

Mouth of Columbia river, \$300,000; Celilo canal, \$250,000; Willamette and Columbia below Portland, \$125,000; Columbia between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette, \$30,000; Tacoma harbor, \$200,000. Each and all of these appropriations were authorized in the river and harbor bill passed at the last session; these respective sums have been expended or are covered by contracts now in force, so that not one dollar asked for by General MacKenzie will go to pay for new work. In other words, General MacKenzie is asking only for enough money to pay for work now under way or already completed. He asks for no new appropriations for he has been instructed by the secretary of war to cut down his estimates and confine himself solely to work heretofore authorized.

Personally, General MacKenzie believes congress should make large appropriations for the mouth of the Columbia river, and he thinks it wrong to allow work on that project to stop at its present incomplete stage, and yet under instructions from his superior he cannot officially recommend such appropriation.

MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE.

Chief of Engineers Makes Estimates in His Report.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Sixteen million dollars will be necessary to complete the engineering works of the fortifications of the sea coast of the United States under the present plans of the Endicott board, according to the report of Brigadier General MacKenzie, chief of engineers. There already has been appropriated for this purpose \$328,963,434. Permanent projects at 31 different points have been adopted and most of them are well under way. Among these points are San Diego, Cal., San Francisco, Columbia river and Puget sound.

The defense of the Great lakes and the St. Lawrence River is under consideration. The estimate for the completion of the fortifications do not contemplate anything more than the projects outlined by the Endicott board. Modern appliances and additional projects which may be adopted by the Taft board, appointed last summer, and the fortifications of the insular possessions may increase the estimate when additional work is approved by congress. It is estimated that \$4,263,364 will be required to put into execution by the engineering department the schemes of the artillery and signal corps for fire control of the seacoast defenses.

CONTEST ON SMOOT'S SEAT.

Disposition Will Be Made Before the Term Ends.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Senator Burrows, of Michigan, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, who has arrived in Washington for the coming session of congress, said tonight that he expected to have the case of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, disposed of before the term ends.

Senator Smoot's seat is being contested on the ground that he is a member of the Mormon hierarchy. A great mass of testimony was taken at the last session of congress, and it was generally understood that each side had completed its case.

Senator Burrows said that if it is decided to present further testimony the committee is willing to hear it. He stated that the committee will consider the case immediately after the reorganization of the senate committees incident to the meeting of a new congress, and the filling of a vacancy caused by the retirement of Senator McComas, of Maryland.

Costly Improvements.

The grand scale upon which municipal improvement is being carried on in London was impressively shown in the recent completion of a new thoroughfare through a congested district. This thoroughfare is three-quarters of a mile long and 300 feet wide, and its construction has eradicated some notorious slums. Among the buildings removed to make way for it were 51 liquor shops. The work has occupied six years and has cost over \$30,000,000—a large part of which will be recovered by the sale of building sites.

Socialists Hoist Red Flag.

Vienna, Nov. 7.—The Socialist suffrage demonstration on the Ringstrasse today was attended by 50,000 persons. A strong force of gendarmes was stationed along the streets, but did not interfere with the demonstrators, and the Socialists were even permitted to hoist red flags over the reichsrath building. There were no disorders whatever, and similar demonstrations are reported from Lumburg, Gratz, Klengenfurt, Bruenn and elsewhere.

Off for the Philippines.

Monterey, Cal., Nov. 7.—The Fifteenth infantry and companies I and L of the Fourth cavalry left today for San Francisco, where they will embark tomorrow on the transport Sherman for two years' service in the Philippines.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CROOK LAND SOLD.

Harriman Interests Secure Control of Big Irrigation Project.

Salem—The transfer of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company's interests in the Bend country to a newly formed corporation organized by men connected with the Harriman system is a sign pointing toward the construction of a railroad from some point on Harriman lines to the irrigation district in Crook county.

The Columbia Southern Irrigation company was largely backed by the same interests that built the Columbia Southern railway. The sale of the road to Harriman people has now been followed by the transfer of the irrigation company's interests in the 27,000 acres of land being reclaimed just west of the Deschutes river and north of the Tumalo, in Crook county. This land is northwest of Bend and practically adjoining that being reclaimed by the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company.

The new company, known as the Columbia Southern Irrigating company, has filed articles in the State department with James E. Wilson, H. F. Connor and W. R. Litzberg as incorporators. The capital stock is \$300,000. It is stated in the articles that the company proposes to take over the property and affairs of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company.

SHEEP SENT EAST.

Trade From Southeastern Oregon Brings in \$2,000,000.

Baker City—The active state of the sheep market this fall has been a matter of congratulation to that portion of Southeastern Oregon interested in this branch of the stock raising industry, although the estimates sometimes made, of \$3,000,000 having been brought into this country this season, are too much by half, according to the "sheep kings" of Eastern Oregon.

Miles Lee, recognized as Baker county's leading sheepman, and W. G. Ayre, another sheep king, from Durkee, Baker county, both state that about \$2,000,000 worth of sheep have been shipped from Eastern Oregon this year. Prices have ruled from \$1.75 as high as \$3.50 in extreme cases. Considerable shipping has been done this year from Huntington and Ontario, these points being most convenient to Malheur and Harney counties. Freight rates to the Eastern markets are the same from these points as from those farther north along the O. R. & N.

Millions in Stumps.

Baker City—Two Russians named Solomon are here from the East investigating yellow pine stumps, from which they claim to have a process for manufacturing turpentine and tar. They say there is millions in it, and are now in the hills surveying stumps. They must have decayed stumps, the theory being that old yellow pine stumps absorb chemicals from the ground. Four and one-half cords of stumps make \$150 worth of turpentine and tar, and the process can be repeated 16 times a month. It is believed local capital will interest itself in the enterprise.

Looking for Seining Grounds.

Astoria—A representative of Puget sound parties has been here during the past few days conferring with the owners of some of the principal independent seining grounds in the Columbia river, in an effort to secure options and property. As near as can be learned, a company is being organized on Puget sound to erect a salmon cannery on the Columbia, but before any definite steps are taken the company desires to obtain possession of a number of seining grounds as the principal source from which to secure its fish.

Expects Much From Fulton.

Coquille—Coquille valley is expecting much from the recent visit of Senator Fulton, who has just returned to his home in Astoria. Everything was done to make the few days spent by the senator in this vicinity not only pleasurable to himself, but also profitable to the valley and Coos bay. The junior senator was given every opportunity to familiarize himself with the growing needs of the Coquille river and Coos bay.

Wide Ledge Near Railroad.

Eugene—More excitement has been caused in the Mohawk valley by the discovery of another gold bearing quartz ledge near Marcola, on the Wendling branch of the Southern Pacific railroad. The Hyland Bros., who operate a sawmill near Marcola, found a ledge 32 feet wide. Samples of the ore assayed went from \$1.50 up to \$7.50 per ton. It is probable this ledge will be developed.

Hop Sales at Silvertown.

Silvertown—Lachmund & Co., of Salem, bought 107 bales of hops of N. A. Snell at 8 cents, and Wolf & Son, of this place, bought 51 bales of Peter Olson at 9 1/2 cents and 54 bales of S. C. Rue at the same price. They bought 49 bales of J. Ambeer at 9 cents. Buyers are reticent about reporting sales. Only prime hops are being sold.

Start Timber Tests Soon.

University of Oregon, Eugene—Expert Knapp, representative of the government in charge of the timber testing station, has arrived in Eugene and will commence experiments as soon as the big testing machine is installed in the new building. Carpenters expect to have the structure ready for the machine in a few days.

KLAMATH LAND IS SELLING.

Denver Capitalist Gets Fine Tract of 1,800 Acres.

Klamath Falls—Land in the Klamath basin is now being sought after by big speculators as well as the man who is looking for an ideal place to build a home and rear a family. The order from Washington, D. C., calling for the placing of bids for the work on the main canal of the Klamath irrigation project, is bringing in investors by the score, and local land agents are having their hands full to handle the would-be purchasers.

The latest deal of moment in realty was closed this week, when C. E. Wantland, of Denver, Colo., land agent for the Union Pacific railroad, closed a deal whereby he and others became owners of the Mitchell tract of 1,800 acres, lying two miles below Klamath Falls. The price paid for this tract was \$40,000. Charles W. Eberline, of New York, land agent for the Southern Pacific, who is now stationed at San Francisco, was also here this week looking over the country and inquiring about land values. What his mission was is not yet given out.

Land values in the basin have remained practically the same for several months, the prospect of irrigation not having affected them so far to a great extent.

Will Have Mutual Phones.

Oregon City—Stock is being subscribed liberally by Oregon City business men towards a corporation for installing a mutual telephone exchange in this city as the connecting link to the successful operation of the rural telephone system in Clackamas county. It is proposed to form a company with a capital stock of \$7,500 and install an exchange having 150 phones. This exchange has been petitioned for by subscribers to the various rural telephone companies throughout the county. At the rate stock in the proposed company is selling, the company will be organized in a few days.

Work Progresses at Waldo Lake.

Eugene—Engineer Simon Klodahl, in charge of the preliminary work of constructing a large reservoir at Waldo lake, on the summit of the Cascade mountains, for an irrigating system to be installed by A. R. Black and his associates in the Upper Willamette valley, is now in Eugene and reports two feet of snow have fallen at the summit in the last two weeks. His crew has completed a good trail from the road to the lake; has built a house for the winter; has commenced work on a big canal to tap and drain the lake.

Eastern Money for Railroads.

Baker City—Articles of incorporation of the Ontario & Idaho railroad have been filed in Boise by N. C. Richards, an attorney of Sumpter. Wheeler & Co., of New York, capitalists, who are interested in Sumpter mines, are said to be behind the project, which is to build a railroad from Ontario to Emmett, Idaho. It is reported the Vale railroad, recently incorporated to build to a connection with the Oregon Short Line, is backed by Banker Savage, of Chinook, Mont.

All Fruit Crops Are Light.

Freewater—Judge Geer, Oregon state horticultural commissioner, spent several days in this section last week, and while here was the guest of John S. Vinson. He reports light fruit crops in general over the entire state. Although the Freewater crop was lighter than usual, good prices prevailed and fruit ranchers realized a large profit as in the previous years. Mr. Geer appointed Howard Evans of this place fruit inspector for this vicinity.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 73@74c per bushel; bluestem, 75@77c; valley, 74@75c; red, 69@70c. Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$25@26; gray, \$25 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22; brewing, \$22@22.50; rolled, \$22.50@23. Rye—\$1.50@1.60 per cental. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15@16 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; grain hay, \$8@9. Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; huckleberries, 7c per pound; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; grapes, 60c@1.50 per box; Concord, 15c per basket; quinces, \$1 per box. Vegetables—Beans, wax, 10@12c per pound, cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 80c@90c per dozen; celery, 75c per dozen; corn, 50c per sack; cucumbers, 10@12c per dozen; pumpkins, 3/4 @1c; tomatoes, 30@40c per crate; squash, 3/4 @1c per pound; turnips, 90c @1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack. Onions—Oregon yellow Danvers, \$1.25 per sack. Potatoes—Fancy, 75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90, crates, \$2.15. Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32@32 1/2c. Poultry—Average old hens, 10c; young roosters, 9@10c; springs, 10c; dressed chickens, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 17@18c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 14@15c. Hops—Oregon 1905, choice, 8@11c; olds, nominal, 7 1/2@10c. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c; lower grades down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c per pound. Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 4@4 1/2c. Veal—Dressed, fancy, 6 1/2@7c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7 1/2c. Pork—Dressed, 6@7 1/2c per pound.

THEIR USEFULNESS GONE.

Administration Would Like to See Oregon's Congressmen Resign.

Washington, Nov. 6.—It can be stated on reliable authority that the Roosevelt administration is in sympathy with the movement now on foot in Oregon to induce Senator Mitchell and Representatives Hermann and Williamson to resign their seats in congress.

Officials of the administration share the belief universally held in Washington that Oregon should not be denied representation in congress; it is acknowledged that Mitchell, Hermann and Williamson will never again be able to render their state effective services; they certainly cannot do so under prevailing conditions. It being apparent that not one of these men could possibly be in position to perform active duty as a member of the Fifty-ninth congress, the administration thinks it is incumbent upon them all to resign.

For obvious reasons, no member of the administration can be quoted on this matter, but, if the president's views and those of his various cabinet officers could be printed, the people of Oregon would have no doubt as to the position of the administration. So far the administration has done nothing to force Mitchell, Hermann or Williamson out of congress, though some officials of the department of Justice have been urging the attorney general to ask for an advancement of the Mitchell case on the docket of the United States Supreme court. If this is done, and the Supreme court sustains the findings of the lower court, Mitchell will be deprived of his seat some time this winter and Governor Chamberlain will have an opportunity to appoint his successor to serve until March 4, 1907.

WORK PLEASES TAFT.

Secretary Sees Great Improvement at Panama.

Panama, Nov. 6.—Secretary of War Taft held a long conference this morning with Chief Engineer Stevens. Today Secretary Taft and Mr. Stevens will go over the works at Empire City and Culebra cut and afterwards will go by boat from Mindi to Colon, examining at the same time the harbor improvements at Cristobal.

Secretary Taft informs the Associated Press that he was very much pleased with the situation here, which he says has greatly changed for the better since his last trip. He thought from what he had already seen that the work on the canal was progressing satisfactorily and was now efficiently organized. He said he was happy to notice that the spirit of the men on the canal had improved, and that the condition of five or six months ago did not exist.

The secretary said the sanitary conditions are excellent and believed that by continuing the present methods yellow fever could be controlled. He thought the efficiency of the laborers was not as high as it should be, but he said that he contemplated making no change until the men had been given a fair trial. The department of Commissioners, where the men could get proper food, he added, would raise their efficiency.

EFFECT IN FATHERLAND.

People in Berlin Fear Russian Revolution Will Touch Germany.

Berlin, Nov. 6.—Many people in Berlin are saying that Russia's successful revolution may have far reaching results for the fatherland. Germany, they say, will be completely isolated among nations when the Russian democracy comes off victorious, if the kaiser resists the craving for greater political liberty. The situation is deemed all the more serious because pan-Slavist ideas leading to war over the Austrian and Balkan questions may get the upper hand in Russia, when the democracy has complete power. The czar's government has hitherto been able to keep them down.

German Socialists cherish no illusion to the effect that the rulers of Germany will change their methods as a result of the events in Russia. Herr Bebel is preparing for a hard fight with a view to defending the fatherland's main democratic institutions, the general franchise for the reichstag.

Consul Ordered to Scene.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The State department, after a conference with the naval officials here and communication by cable with Consul General Lay, at Canton, China, has arranged that that official shall accompany the viceroy of Canton on a Chinese gunboat to Lienchow, about 300 miles up the West river, to investigate the massacre of the five Presbyterian missionaries at that place. One or two American naval officers now in China will accompany Mr. Lay to assist in the investigation.

Odessa Like Military Camp.

Odessa, Nov. 6.—The pillaging here has been largely stopped, thanks to the intervention of the troops and the local militia, formed largely of students, but the streets are unsafe for all, except sanitary officers and Sisters of Charity. The city presents the aspect of a military camp. The student militia is pursuing the rioters, who are defending themselves with revolvers. The students are taking their captives to the university.

Prairie Fire Burns Stock.

Bonesteel, S. D., Nov. 6.—Reports have reached this place from Gregory that a prairie fire, driven by a terrific wind from the northwest, has been raging all day in Tripp county, west of this place. An area of over 50 miles has been burned, and a great deal of hay and stock has been destroyed.

ELECTION RESULTS

McClellan and Jerome Carry New York by Small Plurality.

REFORM SWEEPS PHILADELPHIA

Contest in Ohio Close—Republicans Carry Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Jersey.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Election returns received by the Associated Press up to 2 o'clock this morning show that the Democrats have carried the mayoralty campaign in New York City, the state ticket in Pennsylvania, the state ticket in Virginia and the city ticket in Louisville, while the Republicans made a clean sweep in Massachusetts and in Chicago and Cook county, and have carried their tickets in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Nebraska and Maryland.

In New York Hearst has a plurality in the Borough of Brooklyn of almost 16,000, with 14 election districts missing. The returns indicate McClellan's re-election by several thousand plurality. Hearst has charged fraud in the voting. Bird S. Coler was elected borough president of Brooklyn on the Municipal Ownership ticket. The New York election shows that municipal ownership will be a considerable factor in the city's politics.

In Ohio the result is still doubtful, though the returns up to a late hour indicated the election of Pattison, the Democratic candidate for governor. The suffrage amendment in Maryland was defeated overwhelmingly. Massachusetts elected a Republican governor by a majority approximating that of Douglas, the present Democratic governor. Following is a summary of the returns:

New York—Mayor, George B. McClellan, Democrat, re-elected by small plurality; William Travers Jerome, independent, district attorney, re-elected; Bird S. Coler, Municipal Ownership, elected borough president of Brooklyn.

Ohio—Both Democratic and Republican leaders claim election. Pattison, Democrat, carried Cincinnati, Cleveland, city and county, and the Democrats made gains in Toledo and Akron.

Maryland—The constitutional amendment, whose purpose was to disfranchise negro voters, was defeated. Republicans elected the state comptroller and city officials. Political complexion of the legislature uncertain.

Massachusetts—The Republicans elected Curtis Guild, Jr., Republican, governor by 29,435 plurality, and E. S. Draper, Republican, lieutenant governor by 3,942.

Chicago—Republicans made a clean sweep in Chicago and Cook county. Robert R. McCormick, Republican, elected president of the board of sanitary trustees.

Rhode Island—Clean Republican sweep.

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia overwhelmingly carried by the City party (reform ticket). Berry, Democrat, elected state treasurer by upward of 75,000 plurality.

Virginia—The Democratic plurality is about 20,000, and Swanson is elected governor. Negroes generally remained away from the polls. The next legislature on joint ballot will have 23 Republicans, instead of 16, as at present.

Salt Lake City—The American party (anti-Mormon) defeated the Mormon Democratic and Republican candidates for mayor.

New Jersey—Republican gains in legislature sufficient to preclude any Democratic success to United States Senator Dryden. Reformers elect Everett Colby, Independent Republican, to state senate in Essex county.

Nebraska—Republicans elected state supreme judge.

San Francisco—Union Labor candidate for mayor probably elected by 15,000 majority.

Indianapolis—Republican mayor elected.

Soft Coal Operators to Organize.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Owners of soft coal mines have decided to hold a national convention in Chicago, and it is expected to result in the formation of a national federation of coal mine operators. The meeting will be held November 22, at the call of the commissioners and secretaries of the Mine Owners' association, which are scattered throughout the United States. This follows an announcement by officials of the Coal Mineworkers' union that a demand for a wage increase will be made in January.

Russia Becoming Pacified.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 8.—The following official communication is published this morning: As the divers regions of Russia are becoming pacified it is evident that the acute crisis precipitated by the shock of the new system in collision with expiring tendencies, approaches an end. The tragic and deplorable events of the past week in many parts of the empire may be regarded as the spontaneous reaction of the conservative elements.

Cossacks Killed in Ambush.

Kutais, Caucasus, Nov. 8.—Cossacks who were escorting M. Lazarenko, a county official, and M. Pekarski, a justice of the peace, were ambushed in the Ozogetti district by revolutionaries, who were fighting the troops sent to the district to restore order. Two entire companies, consisting of 107 and 120 men respectively, were wiped out.