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.

Montenegro has adopted a new con-

Poland is again the scene of rioting and troops cannot be spared to suppress the trouble.

Denver has not yet disposed of all its election fraud cases incident to the preidential election.

laws to dismiss the Annapolis hazers.

A Des Moines, Iowa, baby show broke up in a row because the first prize was given to the baby of a

plans to bring 1,000 families of laborers from the Azores or some other European source. Governor LaFollette, of Wisconsin.

has resigned to accept a seat in the United States senate. The resignation takes effect the first of January. Thorough reorganization of the man-

agement and methods of the Mutual Life Insurance company is demanded by its 30,000 British policy holders.

Admiral Rojestvensky has returned home. He has not yet entirely re-covered from the wounds he received during the battle of the Sea of Japan.

A bomb hurled through a window of the Allied Iron association in New York wrecked the room used for telephone purposes. The concern is non-union and this is given as the reason of the outrage.

trader.

Martial law has again been proclaimed throughout Poland.

Japan is angry because China delays the new Manchurian treaty.

Insurance, investigators are now at work on the small companies.

A British fleet is to maneuver off the coast of Morocco while the conference

France, Germany and Russia are said to be backing China in her move A San Francisco woman has secured

married his keeper. The chief sanitary officer of the Pan-

almost exterminated. The Chicago brick trust has pleaded

guilty to illegal combinations and the members have been fined.

warship will be sent there A Russian troop train was wrecked by rebels and half its occupants sur-

rendered to save their lives. Three Chicago banks, all of them controlled by John R. Walsh, have by wreckers. The spikes securing one suspended. Depositors are fully pro- rail had been removed. Three other

The sugar brought into the United States during the year about to end will exceed \$150,000,000 in value. About \$50,000,000 of this comes from

our island possessions. King Edward plans to make Germany powerless by surrounding her

France and Germany in the Moroccan Calls for assistance were sent to fire conference.

Germany has assured the sultan that she will assist Turkey in resisting further demands by the powers.

Contributions to the relief fund for Russian sufferers has reached a total of tentiary. The women were removed \$1,172,639 in the United States.

General MacKenzie strongly recommends an appropriation for continuing work at the mouth of the Columbia.

valued at \$20,000 according to the amount of duty she paid on them.

The plan of the Russian rebels is to bankrupt the government by stopping taxes and refusing to take paper money.

A defiant manifesto of Russian revo-Intionists has been met by the government arresting the leaders and publish-

Castro nas withdrawn his insult to

A massacre of Christians is feared in Egypt.

The Montana legislature will be call

rate regulation law. Thomas Lawson, of "trenzied finance" fame, has given a \$1,000,000 is stationed in the neighborhood of the mortgage on his property and admits Jewish market.

he may go bankrupt. A ton of gelignite at the Central Star mine, Rossland, B. C., exploded, wrecking the mine buildings and shak ing the entire country. One man was killed and several score injured.

cal union January 1. today. GENERAL STRIKE.

Russian Leaders Openly Defy Government by Manifesto.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20 .- A call for a general political strike throughout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was issued tonight. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of and the Council of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow. A response received from the railroad men of Moscow is unanimous for a strike.

The leaders have declared their ability to stop every train in Russia. The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law, and Minister of the Interior Durnovo attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the Railway union and of the workmen's council, but the dispatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

The members of the St. Petersburg Council of Workmen had been notified by the General Railway union and the Moscow Council of Workmen that in principle they were ready for a strike, Secretary Bonaparte has found that but that they hesitated on practical he has not the power under the present grounds. The St. Petersburg leaders, however, felt that their prestige would suffer severely unless they could answer the government's determined offensive with a counter stroke, while many who were committed to full revolution seeretly decided that the ground would be Hawaiian planters have completed swept from under their feet should the government promulgate a law granting universal suffrage.

WITTE ONLY TITULAR RULER.

Governor Whom He Removed Gets Higher Office.

Boston, Dec. 20 .- A communication to Russian revolutionist branches in Boston Las been received by mail from Russia. It is issued by authority of the League of Leagues, and in part reads as follows:

Our suspicion of an inner and secret overnment superseding that of Count Witte has been confirmed. A case has just happened that proved the truth of our assertions. The governor of Odessa, Meidgard, who organized massacres in that city and province, was dismissed by Witte for the hand he took in the work; he has now been appointed gov- of electors, April 19. Balfour declares himself as a free ernor of Nijni Novgorod. Count Witte, on being asked how he could give a new and even greater and higher appointment to such a notorious villain, replied that the appointment was made not only without his consent, but even without his knowledge.

The comunication relates that in several of the provinces the czar's manifesto of emancipation was withheld by the manifesto been made public, the letter says, wholesale massacres would have been prevented.

WRECKERS DRAW SPIKES.

a divorce from her insane husband and Smash in Kansas Causes Two Deaths and Two Fatal Injuries.

Reading, Kan., Dec. 20.—Santa Fe ama canal says yellow fever has been train No. 17, west bound, was wrecked at Badger creek, five miles west of Reading, at 3 o'clock this morning. One express car turned over and caught fire. Express Messenger E. E. Derrick, of Kansas City, was killed out-Chinese boycotters have attacked for- right, and Engineer Henry Davis, of eigners at Shanghai,. An American Topeka, was so badly injured that he submitted an elaborate report dealing passengers in the smoker were slightly injured.

It is believed the train was ditched passenger trains, including Superintendent Fox's special, had passed over the same tracks a short time before No. 17 was wrecked.

Great Fire on Blackwell's Island. New York, Dec. 20 .- Fire broke out in the women's wing of the city workhouse on Blackwell's island, situated in the East river off Seventy-ninth street, There is danger of friction between shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. headquarters in this city and several engine companies were sent over by ferry. A fireboat also was sent. Hundreds of women are confined in the institution, which is only about a quarter of a mile removed from the city peni-

More Rioting in Shanghai.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The State department was informed by cable from Miss Roosevelt's Oriental gifts are Shanghai today that there had been some further disturbances there and a few casualties. The naval forces which were landed from the warships and the volunteer guard of various nationalities, however, control the situation. The Chinese authorities are also endeavoring to suppress the disturbances and at the hour of report the city was Tucker. Mr. Fitch will go to Alberta.

Only Guns Prevent Bloodshed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20 .- A big lovalist demonstration had been planned for today, and was abandoned at the request of the prefect of police, who believed that it might provoke bloodshed. ed in extra session to pass a railroad Batteries of machine guns are stationed

> Cuba Will Kill Off Mosquitoes. has authorized an additional expendi- a railroad into the town. ture of \$200,000 for sanitary purposes in Havana. Although yellow fever is

disappearing, the extermination of New York's employing printers are mosquitoes will be continued. One ing of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers' preparing for war on the Typographinew case of yellow fever was reported association will be held in La Grande anuary 3-5.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GUIDE TO ELECTIONS.

System by Secretary Dunbar. Salem-The adoption of the direct primary law has given Oregon such a complicated system of elections that not even the accomplished politician can carry in his mind all the details of the proceedings leading up to the general election of state, district and county officers. One of the most difficult things to ascertain and remember is the dates upon which the various steps in the nomination and election of officers must be taken. In fact, the ordinary citizen cannot figure out the dates it he has the statute before him, for the language varies and different methods of computing time must be adopted.

The following list contains all the dates of interest to the voter and the candidate for offices as figured out by Secretary of State Dunbar:

Registration-Registration books opened by county elerks Tuesday, January 2.

Registration books closed for primary lection April 10, 5 p. m.

Registration books opened after primary election, April 25. Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m. Iniative petitions-

Number of signers required to initiate laws or amendments, 7,489. Last day for filing initiative petiions, February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets opposing measures, February 5. Direct primary election-

County clerks give notice of primary election not later than March 21. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district officers, March 30. Last day for filing petitions for

unty offices, April 4. Date of primary election, April 30. Canvassing votes of primary election for state offices, May 5.

General election-Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly

Last day for filing nominating peti tions for state offices, May 4.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county offices by assembly of electors, May 4. Last day for filing nominating peti-

tions for county offices, May 19. General election, June 4. It should be explained that petitions for nominations for district offices, such order of the secret government. Had as circuit judge, district attorney, joint senator and joint representative must be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and not with county clerks.

ORGANIZE SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

State Library Commission Passes ar Important Resolution.

Salem - The State Library commission, composed of Governor Chamberlain, W. B. Avers, President Campbell, of the State University; Miss Isom, librarian of the Portland library, and State Superintendent of Schools Acker- tunnel. man, met in bi-monthy session last week, and Miss Marvin, the secretary, were probably fatally injured. Two methods to be employed in the organ- Farmers' bank of Weston, the Fletcher ranged between \$4,000,000 and \$5,ization of local ilbraries.

With regard to school libraries, the next June. A rule was adopted by the years on Weston mountain. Included estimates. commission prohibiting schools from purchasing dictionaries, sets of supplementary readers and general encyclopedias with money belonging to their library funds.

Miss Marvin reports that several cities in the state would soon employ trained librarians to look after their li-

Buys Chittim Trees.

Eugene-Realizing that the supply of chittim bark (Cascara Segrada) will be exhausted in this part of the state within a few years, Dr. L. W. Brown recently contracted for 1,000 sprouts of the chittim tree, which he will set out on his farm southwest of this city. The sprouts, when planted, grow very rapidly, and it will not be very many years until they are large enough to peel the bark from. The last load of the young trees on the contract has been delivered and in the early spring he wili plant them.

Weston Property Transfers.

Weston-J. B. Hart has purchased 82% acres of alfalfa and wheat land in the Walla Walla valley near the state line from R. O. Fitch for \$5,000. The 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c per place is located about two miles from sack; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; the ranch recently purchased by Trajan crates, \$2.15. Frank King, a prominent farmer formerly of Helix, has purchased the Weaver property in this city and will soon become a resident of Weston. He has been making extensive imrovements

Surveying Weed Road.

caused in Klamath Falls recently by at several points of vantage throughout the arrival of Engineer D. D. Griffiths ducks, 14@15c. the city, and infantry and Cossacks are with a crew of a dozen railroad engineverywhebe. A specially heavy guard eers and surveyors and the announce 1114c; prime, 814@914c; medium, 8c; ment went forth that they were the ad- olds, 5@7c. vance guard of the California Northeastern Railroad company, successor to the Weed Railroad company, which is choice, 30c per pound. Havana, Dec 20 .- President Palma to receive a bonus of \$100,000 to build

> Fruit Men Meet at La Grande. La Grande - The next annual meet

SERVICE IMPROVED.

Peasants, the General Railway union Explaination of Complicated Primary Southern Pacific Arranges New West Side Time Card.

> Portland-Requests for better freight service on the Southern Pacific between Portland and Corvallis have been fruit- The president made it plain to Mr. ful, for the company has arranged a Shonts that the literary bureau in supplementary timecard which will charge of Secretary Bishop must be at give that territory a daily freight in fine his service purely to administraeach direction instead of a tri-weekly tive matters. He also discussed the

tion of the new train, the St. Joseph- other moderate sum. Lafayette cut-off is opened, and this oned entirely.

passenger time schedule will be that any of the administration senators have residents of Dayton and Newberg can entered a denial of the declaration. ride into McMinnville, the county seat, and return home the same day, as the Shonts much advice regarding the con-

line between Lafayette and Whiteson, once for that place. and but two spurs, so it is figured no particular harm will result if that por-

some time a strong effort has been Dayton, Forest Grove and Hillsboro to secure a better service, but this could Allison and Hale. not be satisfactorily arranged until the cut-off was completed, which cost \$43,

Good Library at Asylum.

Salem-The lack of a supply of good books for the prisoners at the state penitentiary formed the subject of comment | April 1 at the outside. in the report of Secretary Cornelia Marvin to the Oregon Library commission. of other state institutions, and Miss tion of the entire canal situation. He Marvin is leading a movement to pro- will be opposed by the Republicans, Union and Washington canal, better vide the state's charges with good readlarge library was found, but it is used insane asylum has a large library of unusually good books without great use, while across the way, at the prison, there is nothing to be used and a great demand.

Weverhauser Road for Lumber.

Klamath Falls-Following the definite announcement that the Klamath Lake railroad interests have been purchased by the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company it is announced that the Weyerhaeuser people do not contemplate to use the road as an outlet for the part of the country. They will remodel the roadbed, cutting out the switchbottom to Pokegama, by driving a long American occupation.

Bank Takes Over Sawmill.

with the bank, retiring. with the property are 1,000 acres of fine timber, which will be cut into and sugar. Hemp imports for the first lumber.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 72c; bluestem, 74c; red, 68c; valley, 73c per bushel. Oats-No. 1 white feed, \$27; gray, \$26.50 per ton.

Barley-Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; rewing, \$22.50@23; rolled, \$23@23.50. Rye-\$1.50 per cental. Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy,

\$14 50@15.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$8.50@ 9.50; grain hay, \$8@9.

Fruits-Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box.

Vegetables — Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@11/2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen: celery, 45 @75c per dozen; chcumbers, 50@60c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; pumpkins, % @lc per pound; sprouts, 7c per pound; suash, 34@1c per pound; turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack, carrots, 65 @75c per sack; beets, 85c@\$1 per sack.

Onions-Oregon, \$1@1.25 per sack. Potatoes-Fancy graded Burbanks,

Butter-Fancy creamery, 271/2030c per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 32@33c per

Poultry - Average old hens, 11 16@ 12c per pound; young roosters, 10@11c; springs, 11@111/c; broilers, 121/6 4c; dressed chickens, 12@12 c; tur-Klamath Falls-Some excitement was keys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18 @ 21c; geese, live, 9@10c;

> Hops - Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@ Wool-Eastern Oregon, average best,

16@21c; valley, 24@26c; mohair, Beef - Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers,

Veal-Dressed, 316@8c per pound.

MADE PLAIN TO MR. SHONTS.

Panama Canal Affairs Discussed at White House Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19. - President Roosevelt tonight took up the matter of Russian Troops Fight Insurgents the Isthmian canal scandals as developed by debate in the senate during the past three days. He is determined to prevent further criticism of the character put forward by Senators Tillman, Culberson and others. Senators Allison and Hale, both members of the appropriations committee, were present once discontinued, and Mr. Bishop conadvisability of reducing his salary from Simultaneously with the inaugura- \$10,000 now paid to \$5,000, or some

It was also made apparent to Chairmeans the eight and one-half miles of man Shonts that if he still has an offitrack between Lafayette and Whiteson, cial connection with the Clover Leaf on the Yamhill division, will not be railroad, it must be severed immediused to any extent and may be aband- ately. Senator Tillman declared that Mr. Shonts is still active president of The principal advantage in the new the system, and neither Mr. Shonts nor

The president further gave Mr. trains will be operated via Dayton and duct of affairs on the isthmus. It is prescribed in the president's order that There are no stations on the Yamhill the canal commission must leave at

The bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for the canal work, passed by the sention of the road is torn up. The deter- ate on Saturday, provides that mination of the Southern Pacific to within 90 days the secretary of the place a daily freight train on the route treasury must furnish estimates to the pleases shippers, both in Portland and senate and house appropriations comalong the West Side division. For mittees of all salaries paid those employed on canal work, except laborers made by the shippers of McMinnville, and unskilled workmen. This feature of the bill was discussed with Senators It is believed that many reforms will

be instituted in the administration of the canal before another appropriation is requested from congess. This work of reform must begin at once, as Secretary Taft says the \$11,000,000 new be ing obtained will last no longer than

In the meantime Senator Tillman will begin a strong agitation after the Second Adverse Report by Board of What is true of the prison is true also holiday recess for a thorough investigacritcism.

TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES.

Great Increase Shown Over Last Year by Department of Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 19. - Estimates this same project as too expensive. made by the bureau of statistics of the department of Commerce and Labor, port of the previous boards, places the based on the returns for ten months ending with October, are that the ag- blacklist, and means that, when anothgregate commerce between the United er river and harbor bill is passed, there building to this city, but will only aim States and the Philippines for the cal- will be no provision for it. In fact, endar year 1905, will amount to about the only way an appropriation can be large timber interest they hold in this \$20,000,000, against about \$15,000 in secured will be to first secure a report 1896, \$1,000,000 in 1900, \$4.000,000 of some board of army engineers favorin 1898 and a little more than \$4,000,- ing the project, but such report is not back in getting from the Klamath river | 000 in 1897, the year prior to the likely to ever be secured.

Prior to 1899, the exports from the United States to the Philippines, the bureau reports show, had never ex- Projects Under Way Will Water I,-Weston-The largest sawmill plant ceeded \$250,000, while in the present died soon after being taken out of the with the work of the commission from in Umatilla county, 12 miles east of year they will aggregate nearly \$6,000,wreck. Two other express messengers its organization to date, and with the Weston, was recently taken over by the 000. Imports from the islands, which company, which had become involved 000,000 per annum prior to 1899, were W. H. in 1902, \$10,000,000; in 1903, \$12,commission decided to ask for bids for Fletcher, manager of the company, has 000,000, and in 1905 will be about all school libraries to be submitted been in the sawmill business for 16 \$14,000,000, according to the bureau

The imports in 1905 are chiefly hemp ten months of 1905 amounted to \$10,-

376,528, and sagar \$2,212,249.

Dowie Gives Up Scepter. Dowie, head of the Christian Catholic penses, amounted to \$5,462,169. church, has given up his rule and will that date the reclamation fund had spring, in hopes of regaining his health. for the fiscal years 1906-1908 would City today by Overseer John C. Speich- purposes up to the end of 1908 will be Saturday Presiude Dowie made \$37,028,571. it known that he would transfer all authority over to the church, unreservedly, to a triumvirate and leave for the south as soon as possible.

Conference at White House. mission has been the subject of discus- by friends. sion in congress, was among matters talk-

ed of, but no statement was made. General Strike is Improbable.

of the Daily Telegraph at St. Peters- not willing to return to St. Petersburg. burg, in commenting on recent events They smashed all the windows in the in Russia, says he is still optimistic station and wrecked the contents. The and is convinced of the impossibility station master urged the Cossacks to of an organized general strike, because leave in peace, stating that otherwise a public opinion and the peasantry are wholesale destruction of the town will strongly averse to it. He insists that probably occur. Reports from Tashkthe military outbreak at Moscow is in end and Astrakahn state that mutinies A no way an indication of general disaf- are in progress there. fection in the army.

Furs Go Up in Smoke.

DEFEND THEIR LIVES

in Many Provinces.

SMALL DETACHMENTS DEFEATED

Rebels Have Military Organization and Are Well Armed-Barbarities Inflicted on the Dead.

Mitau, Province of Courland, Dec. 19.—The troops, in order to avoid annihilation at the hands of the insurgents, have been forced to abandon the country districts and to concentate at Riga, Mitau and Libau, where they actually are standing on the defensive, unable to make head against the insurgents. Several detachments have been defeated.

The garrison of Tacum (Uniucknin), consisting of a squadron of dragoons and a company of infantry, not being able to depart in time, was set upon at night and lost its commander, Lieutenant Colonel John Mueller, and 30 men. The insurgents, evading the sentinels, penetrated the town and laid wire entanglements in front of the houses in which the wounded soldiers were quartered. They then set fire to the houses and the troops rushed out and were shot down from the roofs or cut up in the narrow streets.

The soldiers retreated in confusion, leaving their dead. The latter were horribly mutilated, by the insurgents, who gouged out their eyes and cut of their ears and hands.

The insurgents, who are formed in bands, have a regular military organization and are well armed with military rifles and bayonets.

DEATHBLOW TO SEATTLE DITCH

Army Engineers.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- The Lake but supported by the Democrats. Even known as the "Seattle ditch," is dead, ing matter. At the insane asylum a some of the Republicans favor an in- so far as this and several subsequent quiry, and Mr. Tillman threatens to congresses are concerned. Chairman by comparatively few patients. Miss cause much trouble unless matters are Burton, of the house committee on riv-Marvin remarks upon the fact that the put on such a basis as to prevent just ers and harbors, today received the report of a special board of army engineers, which examined this project last summer, and the report is decidedly adverse, and carries such weight that congress will not think of building this famous artificial waterway. Several years ago another board turned down

The new report, coupled with the re-'Seattle ditch'' on the congressional

TWO NEW IRRIGATION WORKS.

303,000 Acres of Land.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- A bulletin issued by the geological survey says the approval of by the secretary of the Interior of the Rio Grande reclamation project in Texas and New Mexico and the Carlsbad project in New Mexico will bring the number of reclamation projects up to 24. Of these 11 are under way. They provide for the reclamation of 1,303,600 acres of arid

lands, at a cost of \$37,028,571. On June 30, 1905, the total cost of construction and engineering work performed by the reclamation service, to-Chicago, Dec. 19 .- John Alexander gether with the administration exsoon leave for one of the islands of the reached a total of \$28,028,571. It was Caribbean sea, there to remain until estimated at that time that the receipts Announcement of the abdication of the amount to \$9,000,000, and that the leader of Zion City was made at Zion sum of money available for reclamation

Insurgents Hold Ground.

Dorpat, Dec. 19 .- The southern part of Livonia and the greater part of Courland are completely in possession of the insurgents. The military is still much Washington, Dec. 19 .- Senators Alli- too feeble to cope with the situation. son and Hale, who are members of the The region between Riga and Wenden ommittee on appropriations, and is a wilderness. The buildings on all Chairman Shonts and Secretary Bishop, estates have been plundered and burnof the Isthmian Canal commission, ed. The heavens to the south of Dorwere in conference with the president pat tonight reflect the glare of fires. at the white house tonight. It is pre- A number of German barons and their sumed that the case of Secretary Bish- families are held prisoners by the inop, whose duties as agent for the com- surgents and their safety is feared for

Cossacks Wreck Station.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19 .- A dispatca received from the station master at London, Dec 19 .- The correspondent Archredy states that the Cossacks are

> Great Importation of Gems. New York, Dec. 19 .- Imports of dia-

New York, Dec. 19 .- Two hundred monds and other precious stones have thousand dollars' worth of furs were reached the remarkable total of \$77,destroyed by fre today in the establish- 000,000 at this port for the present ment of Max Paiseeki & Co., wholesale year. Not only has the annual increase Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6@6% per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@ furriers and manufacturers of automobile garments, 37-39 East Twenty-first street. Other tenants in the building Pork—Dressed, 6% @7c per pound.

Will suffer heavy damages from water.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6@6% per pound furriers and manufacturers of automobile garments, 37-39 East Twenty-first street up, but the banner year of 1904, with \$66,092,275 worth of gems, has been beaten by nearly \$11,000,000.