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.

France is not quite ready to whip

The United Mineworkers of America has voted for an increase in wages.

in the trial of the packing trust at Chi-

Serious anti-Jewish rioting occurred in Besearabia during the celebration of Red Sunday.

to New Zealand has been made from Tehama, California. The Chinese commissioners in the

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United States to learn our ways are making many friends. The prosecuting attorney of Missouri | see Secretary Root. is actively engaged in taking testimony

against the Standard Oil company. Burton has renewed his pledge to do all in his power to secure an appropriation for the mouth of the Columbia.

Physicains in attendance apon Gen eral Joseph Wheeler say his attack of pneumonia is slight and they expect to their instructions may provide for. have him out soon

A competitive examination will be held at Whitman college, Walla Walla,, February 10, for aspirants for appointment as midshipmen.

A bomb was thrown into a crowd of police at Odessa, Russia, injuing two officers. Two bomb factories have been discovered and many arrests followed.

Fresh trouble has appeared in the Balkan states.

Rockefeller has given \$1,450,000 to Chicago university. A bill to revive the canteen has been

introduced in congress. Taft denies that the Phliippine com-

been charged. The government has abandoned the Harney irrigation project and will let the private company go ahead with the

Representative French, of Idaho, has introduced a bill appropriating \$10,000 for experimental dry farming in semiarid regions.

The Brazilian warship Aquidaban blew up, killing all the officers and crew excepting 50. The dead will number 300. The members of the Montana Press

association will leave Butte February 10 on an excursion to Los Angeles and bulk of it is said to be out of condition, Santharn California points. The mild weather throughout the

East has been followed by a blizzard.

In some sections a drop of 30 degrees

No importation in 12 hours has been recorded. French and German delegates at the

Moroccan conference have openly disagreed. The debate may be the beginning of fresh controversies between the two countries.

King Edward is ill.

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Six men have been killed by snowslides in Utah.

The Moroccan conference has so far dodged the dangerous points. Few invitations will be issued to the

Longworth-Roosevelt wedding.

Beet sugar men have planned a fight on the Philippine bill in the senate.

Several midshipmen at the Newport navy yard have been attacked with

spotted fever. Jacob Riis has stirred up some senators by declaring it possible that Roosevelt may run again.

The Liberal victory in the recent British elections assures Irish home rule and radical labor laws.

A soldier from Fort Lawton was sentenced to one minute's imprisonment by the Seattle municipal judge.

France is acting cautiously in the Venezuelan affair, not wishing to gain the ill will of the United States.

Two French scientists will go as far south as possible by boat and then endeavor to reach the pole by balloon.

Canal zone medical authorities have imposed a six days quarantine on Colombian and Venezuelan ports, as the zone is now free from disease.

Judge Hunt, of the Montana United States court, says cutting of govern-ment timber must stop. He has just fined a man \$200 and says each succeeding conviction will bring a heavier

Senator Depew's health has broken

Heyburn's pure food bill is likely to be come a law.

It is said the United States will offer to sell the Philippine islands to Japan.

Secretary Taft is investigating affairs in the Philippines for a possible graft by officials thers.

Chief Engineer Stevens, of the canal, has been elected vice president of the Panama railroad.

GIVEN FREE HAND.

France Assures United States She Respects Monroe Doctrine.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- Convinced of the sincerity of the assurances received from France regarding her loyalty to the Monroe doctrine and all that it involves, the Washington government has given the Paris government a free hand in the execution of the program for the solution of the Venezuelan problem. The conference on this phase of the question occurred some time ago, and M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, has final assurances that the Caracas will not be interrupted at in Portland. Washington as in any violative of the Monrore doctrine.

The first move in the execution of any time, but on this point the French | winter. The government has opened its case government is observing the strictest not unlikely that M. Taigny will also fit both farming and mining interests.

> The whereabouts of the French ships remain a mystery so far as the officials of the State department and French embassy are concerned, it is said. It is assumed, however, that they are daily in touch with the ministry of marine at Paris, and are awaiting an opportunity to take such action as

> Great interest is felt in diplomatic circles here about the exact nature of a sentence found objectionable in the note of President Castro to M. Taigny.

EUROPEAN CROPS IN DANGER.

Weather is Unseasonably Warm and Excessively Humid.

crop report for December shows that office. He resigned. over large areas of Europe the prevailing characteristics were unseasonably warm weather and excessive humidity Crops lightly sown have germinated finely and entered on the winter in strong, healthy condition. Late sowing missioners speculate in land, as has of crops, in Europe, however, were unusually extensive, and some anxiety is felt concerning them.

> In Great Britain the winter wheat area has been extended. The acreage, however, is still believed to be diminished, as compared with last year. The growing crops have an improved ap-

In France the wheat area is the aver-

In Germany weather conditions were unfavorable and there was no marked improvement. In Roumania the area under wheat

is 25 per cent short of last year. The 1905 crop is now estimated at from 50,-000,000 to 55,000,000 bushels. The hence no important export movement to north of Europe points is expected

the condition of winter sown cereals in Russia are reaching the outside world.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

Colorado Propounds Searching Questions to Insurance Companies.

Denver, Jan. 23 .- All of the 222 insurance companies doing business in this state have been asked, through their head officials, to make oath to replies to a list of questions compiled by the Colorado Insurance department. Some of the questions asked are whether money has ever been contrib uted to campagin funds, particularly during the last six years, and if so, whether or not it is proposed to continue the practice, and also if the item 'legal expenses' in the report of 1905 included contribution to funds for campaign purposes or to influence legisla-tion.

Short Shrift for Rebels.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.-Dispatches from Libau and Mitau show that Gov-Flor General Sollogub continues to punish with merciless severity revolutionists in Courland caught with arms in hand or convicted of participation in incendiarism or murder. Twenty-one more persons have been tried by drumhead court martial and shot near Liban. The troops are now advancing on Fraunberg, which has become a revolationary beadquarters. Two leaders of an uprising among school teachers have been executed near Mitau.

Baltimore, Jan. 23.—At a meeting of Hebrews held last night in celebration of the anniversary of "Red Sunday," Jacob Pauken, of New York, aroused

Arms to Overthrow the Czar.

the large audience to great enthusiasm by his appeal for funds with which to purchase arms for the peasants and working classes in Russia. "The revolution has begun," said Pauken, "and will never stop. It would be accomplishing more now, but the people have

Drydock Dewey Spoken. Washington, Jan. 23 .- The drydock

Berlin fears further Socialist riots Dewey, on the way to the Philippines, and troops are being held in readiness. has again been heard from. The commandant of the coaling station at San Juan, P. R, reports that the Dewey was spoken Friday night by the cruiser Maryland. The Dewey was in latitude 27.52 north and longitude 48.29 west.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

100 STAMPS AT GOLD COIN.

tinue Operations.

Baker City-Dr. T. H. White, one of the three owners of the Gold Coin mine, has just returned from Portland, where he arranged for the addition of 100 stamps to their ten-stamp mill aldards, asking \$2.852 damages, because ready in operation, and purchased a efforts of France to obtain diplomatic new hoist to be shipped to the mine at cut sawlogs on his property. The Stod treatment for her charge d'affaires at once. The machinery will all be made

Since the favorable decision in the injunction case by the Circuit court, given the other day, the mine will be the French program may be expected at in full operation the balance of the

Managing Owner James A. Panting, secrecy. M. Taigny, the retiring French of the Gold Hill mine, in the Durkee charge, who, it is believed, is now at camp, 26 miles southeast of Baker City, Curacoa, will come to this country on is here and reports that he has had a his way home, and on his arrival at full force of men at work retimbering New York he will find an invitation some of the tunnels and stopes, and the difference to the other. They ask from the French ambassador at Wash- that he has cut the main ledge ten feet that Hewitt be forced to comply, as A shipment of 1,000,000 salmon eggs ington to spend several days here in wider on the lower levels. In doing they have been under expense in buildconference with M. Jusserand, on whom this work he struck another stream of ing the railroad spur. the burden of an important phase of water in the mine, which will give him the Venezuelan negotiation naturally a sufficient supply to irrigate another falls, that he may have the benefit of 100 acres of the home ranch. He says the facts about the situation. It is the recent heavy snow storm will bene-

> No Longer Superintendent. Salem - David E. Baxter, who was schools in November by the county The county superintendent Mr. Baxter to fill the vacancy. torney General Crawford held that the term, and that Baxter would hold office circuit, and that the company will use until 1908. Recently it was discovered that plant for power for the mines and up as to Baxter's eligibility to hold the nish power for this city. office. This time the attorney general held that unless Baxter could show a certificate as required by law, the office was vacant. The court notified Baxter

Many Men at Opp Mine.

Grants Pass-At the Opp mine, near Jacksonville, about 60 men are at work mine and the timbers used in the mine are cut by the sawmill. This is the first sawmill in this part of the state to be operated by electricity. All the main tunnels and drifts at the Opp mine are lighted by electricity.

"Short Gulch" in Operation.

Grants Pass-The recent heavy rains have started all the giants in the placer mines of Southern Oregon, and even the "short gulch" men are at work. This is the first time in two years that they have been able to do any work of value. About a dozen giants are working on the Applegate that were not operated at all last winter. The rain Curtiss Lumber company, at Mill City, has been about half snow in the valley, on the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, and in consequence there has been a has shut down for a few days. It was heavy fall of snow on the higher moun- stated the mills needed overhauling, tains, insuring a long run in the and the deep snow in some portions of

New Industry for Gresham. Packing company has begun work on a to prevail very long. cold storage plant, which will cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000. The company intends to engage in an extensive packing business, and will operate argely in dressed meats of all kinds and the storage of all perishable products. It is the intention of the company to conduct a business aggregating about \$400,000 during the coming year, and it will be prepared for hot weather.

Contract Let for Ties.

Elgin-Another large contract for ties for the Wallowa extension has been let by the O R. & N. Co. to George Edwards, of Spokane. Mr. Edwards is equipping two camps and hiring men to commence work at once. His contract calls for 20,000 ties to be delivered by June. He has the privil. cabbage, 134@2c per pound;

have been filed with the secretary of state for the United Railways company. \$1 per sack. The incorporators are W. D. Larrabee, M. H. French and J. White Eveans, per sack; No. 2, 70@83c. The road is to run from some point in Portland to Peak, in Washington county. The capital stock is \$5,000, divided into 50 shares of \$100.

Oregon Firms Dissolved.

Salem — Governor Chamberlain has sened a proclamation, as required by law, dissolving about 5,000 corporations that have not complied with the provisions of the corporation license tax law. Most of the companies have already gone out of business.

Subscribe Many Acres. Echo-More than 6,000 acres of land, 17 1/c. have been subscribed to the Umatilla Waterusers' association. The executive committee has met and signed the articles of incorporation and the papers have been forwarded to the secretary of

State Loans \$61,200.

Salem-The State Land board has approved 44 farm loans amounting to \$61,200. The money loaned belongs She was traveling four knots an hour. to the state school fund and draws 6 per cent interest.

LAND TRADE IN DISPUTE.

Extensive Preparations Made to Con- Deal Involving 4,000,000 Feet of Lumber in Court.

Baker City-A land trade between Stoddard Bros. and Henry Hewitt is occupying public attention. Hewitt developed. Several senators on the filed an action at law against the Stodhe alleges the defendants in that action dard Brothers have come back with a crossbill in equity, alleging that they traded Hewitt a quarter section of land for a like amount of property in this county.

Under the agreement, they say, they were to build a railroad spur onto the land and cut the timber thereon, and Hewitt was also to cut immediately the timber on the land they traded him. The party securing more than \$1,900,-000 feet of good sawlogs was to put up

Visit Excites Speculation.

authority that George L. Thayer, of Walla Walla, engineer for the Northwestern Gas & Electric company, who has been in this vicinity for the past few days, has been investigating a proappointed county superintendent of ject for a mammoth reservoir at the Rock creek power plant, which at prescourt of Wheeler county, is out of ent furnishes the current for Baker City's lights. This reservoir would be died, and the county court appointed used to furn sh power for the plant during the dry season. Another report states a project is under consideration appointment was for the unexpired to cut Baker City off the Rock creek that Baxter did not hold a first-grade Bourne alone, and will use the plant certificate, and again a question came being installed in South Baker to fur-

Change Site of Bridge. Elgin-The judges of Wallowa and Union counties, with the county com-Washington, Jan. 23. - The foreign to produce his certificate or give up the missioners, are now conferring with comrades, who are awaiting their turn the desert land law, and the comm Chief Engineer Pollard, of the O. A. to face the soldiers. As soon as one N., in the effort to reach a definite cat batch has en dispatched, three other will pay for moving the wagon bridge prisc hers are spot interest of the speculator and large over the Wallowa to its new 'ocation' and shot. Fill have been beard at over the Wallowa to its new location. The company's located line includes about 40 feet of the old site, and when the old bridge collapsed, some with resorted to 1. The military has been the with resorted to 1. The military has some when these laws with the solutions and short. Find the same spot interest of the speculator and large owner as against the bona fide at the without cessation execution, continuing the same spot interest of the speculator and large owner as against the bona fide at the location. The military has been the same spot interest of the speculator and large owner as against the bona fide at the location. by electricity. The company owns 240 acres covered with timber, and all the lumber for building purposes at the lumber for building purpos would change the location

Fruit Pests Must Go.

Albany - Last week the orchardists prisals. of Linn county met at the courthouse and listened to the newly appointed great congestion of grain, as it has been two reports on this law, one on 1 company has just finished installing an air compressor and power drills.

fruit inspector explain the evils of the accumulated for some time, and there is no means of transporting it, as the eradicating them. Those present took home with them formulae for the de- campaign of repression against the restruction of every pest that blights Linn county fruit, and the crusade against vermin will begin immediately. The effort to rid Linn county of fruit pests will not stop with orchardists.

Sawmill Closes Down.

Albany- The big sawmills of the the Cascade mountains has interfered reached 63 at 4 p. m. today, breaking somewhat with the logging operations all records since New Year's day of of the company and a shortage is the Gresham - The Gresham Trading & result. This condition is not expected

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 71@72c; bluestem, 74 @75c; red, 68@69c; valley, 73c. Oats-No. 1 white feed, \$27.50@ 28.50; gray, \$27@28 per ton. Barley-Feed, \$23 50@24 per ton; rewing, \$23.50@24; rolled, \$24@25.

Buckwheat-\$2.50 per cental. Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy. \$13 50@14 50 per ton; valley timothy, 9@10; clover, 9@10; cheat, \$8.50@

9.50; grain hay, \$8@9. Fruits - Apples, 75c@\$1 per box: choice, \$1 25@1.50; fancy, \$2@2 50; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranber-

ries, \$13@13.50 per barrel. Vegetables - Beans, 20c per pound; ege of accepting another contract for flower, \$2 per crate; celery, \$3@3.50 per crate; bell peppers, 35c per pound; pumpkins, 34@1c per pound; sprouts. 616@7c per pound; squash, 114@116c Salem - Articles of incorporation per pound; turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@

> Onions - Oregon, No. 1, \$1@1 15 Potatoes - Fancy graded Burbanks. 70@75c per hundred; ordinary, 50@ 60c; sweet potatoes, 2@214c

> Butter-Fancy creamery, 271/2@321/2 per pound. Eggs - Oregon ranch, 2716@28c per

Poultry - Average old hens, 12%@ turkeys, live, 15c; turkeys, dressed,

dium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

Wool- Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c. Beef-Dressed bulls, 2@21/c per

Veal-Dressed, 31/081/c per pound. Mutton — Dressed, fancy, 7%@8c; rdinary, 4@5c; lambe, 7@7%c.

Pork-Dressed, 6@7%c per pound.

CONTROL THE CASH.

Senators Want Hand in the Allotment of Reclamation Funds.

Washington, Jan. 22.— The senate washington, Jan. 22 Repeal of Timber and Stone the proposition to amend the national irrigation law by placing the distribution of the reclamation fund in the hands of congress, instead of the secretary of the interior, as at present. Strong sentiment in favor of the change committee believe it unwise to permit the secretary of the interior to have undisputed control of this fund, now aggregating \$32,000,000. No bill for this purpose was pending, but probably such a bill will be introduced and

passed this session. The discussion today was incident to a debate on Heyburn's townsite bill, which authorizes the withdrawal of land for townsite purposes on government irrigation tracts, and provides that money derived from the sale of town lote shall be turned into the reclamation fund for expenditure on town that is enacted will follow, in a gen improvements. This bill was referred to a sub-committee for report.

The committee also gave attention today to Fulton's bill authorizing the condemnation of land needed as part of gate and report on the injurious Baker City - It is reported on good national irrigation projects. No action was taken, but members expressed the opinion that such a law would be unconstitutional. This bill was drawn particularly with a view to enabling the government to acquire private land under the Malheur irrigation project. It will be acted upon later.

SLAY WORKMEN IN THREES.

How Soldiers Strike Terror-Enraged Reds Plan Reprisals.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—It is believed that workmen employed in the government works are being shot after brief trials by courts martial. It is reported that the victims selected for alaughter are led out three at a time and executed before the eyes of their to the repeal or material amendme batch has en dispatched, three other prischers are ined up in the same and

o become noised about, and they have entirely inflamed the revolutionists, who are planning re- law, is accorded first consideratia

In the south of Russia there is a volutionists to think of the administration of every day affairs.

BUDS SWELL IN CHICAGO.

Warmest Winter Day in History May Injure Growing Things.

Chicago, Jan. 22. - Something has gone wrong with the weather machine. All residents of this city are willing to swear to this fact. The mercury 1876, when it stood at 65 above. Gardeners at the parks and along the boulevards have become greatly worried. The mild rains, light snows and general springlike weather of the any one to withhold the milear se past two weeks have brought the sap the senator, therefore, was as into motion and buds are beginning to step from the cloakroom into the swell. Maple trees are said to be as ber for a moment in order far advanced as they should be on might be seen by some official.

March 1, and many of the more or less clined, but an employe engage! pl March 1, and many of the more or less conversation in the cloakroom as delicate vines are well along toward the conversation in the cloakroom as spring rejuvenation. Now that a cold entrance to the chamber. Theem, wave is predicted for tomorrow, with a suddenly turned the senator so that start drop of nearly 40 degrees, great fears facted the chamber and, the all Jo are expressed lest all vegetation now of the officials previously having started may suffer such a set-back as directed toward this door, he wacar will cause great loss in the floral and from the chamber. It was then 19 shrubbery display of the many miles of park and boulevards in the spring. fied that Senator Burton was in the park and boulevards in the spring.

All States Should Act.

New York, Jan. 22. - A general deision that insurance reforms should be inaugurated immediately by state legislatures throughout the country was arrived at by the insurance commissioners of several states who conferred with the New York legislative committee which investigated the mat-Conferences between this committee and the state commissioners have covered a period of two days. Senator Armstrong, chairman of the tain evidence which he held did New York committee, said that there tirely justify the conclusion rewould probably be no more conferences. the first findings.

Stevens for Lock Canal.

Washington, Jan. 22. — Secretary
Taft called at the white house tonight Chinese mail which arrived he Washington, Jan. 22. - Secretary 135c per pound; springs, 12@13c; and furnished to the president the mi- brought an account of the inmed mixed chickens, 11@12c; broilers, nority report of the board of consulting Tonquin, French Indo-China, rd. 15@16c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; engineers of the Isthmian Canal com- nese regulars, who encountered mission. This report was prepared by force numbering 400 men, of choice, 17@20c; geese, live, 9@11; Chief Engineer Stevens, who, it is geese, dressed, 12@14c; ducks, 16@ stated, is in favor of a lock canal. The ensued, resulting in the defet farsecretary stated that his visit had noth- Chinese, whol ost 300 killed Hops-Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c ing to do with the Venezuelan ques- wounded. The French lost 10 per pound; prime, 814@914c; me- tion, which is entirely in the hands of the foreign legion and 20 Arm the officials of the State department.

Cruiser Denver to Watch Castro.

Wis ington, Jan. 22 .- The protected ruiser Denver, which has been tempo-erally detached from the 66th description of the first state of the stat pound; cows, 31/2 @ 41/2c; country rarily detached from the fifth division army, retired, is seriously in the of the Atlantic fleet, has sailed from residence of his sister, M Culebra for San Juan. The Denver Smith, in Brooklyn. He has will be detained in West Indian waters fined to his bed for three de for the present, awaiting the turn o bronheial affection. There events in Venezuela.

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Desert Acts Probable

ADVICE OF LAND COMMISS

Appraisal and Sale of Timber L by Auction - Permanent Residence on Desert Claims.

Washington, Jan. 23. - The every reason to believe that impor public land legislation will be en during the present session of com but the situation has not yet fally veloped and it is too early to m what modifications will be made in existing land laws. Any legis way, the recommendations of the lic Land commission, appointed years ago by the president to in undesirable features of the present and to recommend such modifica as are required in the interest d

bona fide settler and the general pel The senate committee on publick has already taken up the timbe stone act, and is devoting consider time to its consideration. The pears to be little doubt that th will be repealed, and in its stead act be passed authorizing the a public timber at not less than in praise value. There will be oppar to the repeal, but apparently the votes enough to wipe it off the st books, if it can ever be brought

There will be even more oppos tion clause of the homestead act,

as the most unjust of all public ! laws, since the repeal of the lieu the commission and by the commi of congress The commission 7, 1904, and another on February

BURTON GOT MILEAGE

Senators Stand In with Evasic

Rules to Help Him. Washington, Jan. 23 .- One most remarkable procedeures history of the senate occurred to order to avoid a technicality prevented Senater Burton, of I from drawing his mileage for the d ent session. in order to he p requisition honored, it is necessa I some official of the senate to tak re that he had seen the senator chamber, but since the indictme conviction of the Kansas senal has not appeared in the chambe

There is no disposition on the cl

Ensign Wade Acquitted. TO Washington, Jan. 23 .- Ensigner Wade, charged with responsibilHe the explosion on the gunboat Beton in San Diego harbor, Californ

has been acquitted by the court po This action was taken after a te erationof the case at the instance secretary of the navy, who was tirely satisfied with the origina acquitting the officer of the chart who called the court's attention

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killed.

General Wheeler III his illness may develop into p