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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.

Kansas banks remain open but pay all demands by check.

The Western Union has opened a number of its branch offices in Chicago.

Oklahoma has proclaimed a public holiday that runs on banks may be prevented.

A tight money market has suspended work on the new Dupont Powder works at Tacoma.

Secretary Taft has had another close call in the Philippines. This time an automobile ran away with him.

Many Seattle people condemn the mayor for asking Federal aid in preventing a spread of bubonic plague.

The steamer Finland from New York for Dover, England, struck near that port and is supposed to be badly damaged.

The national president of the W. C. T. U. predicts that prohibition will rule throughout the South within five years.

Conditions have greatly improved in New York, but throughout the Middle West there is a stringency amounting almost to a panic.

Taft is visiting the principal towns of the Philippines.

Rumor again has it that Harriman is to be deposed as king of the railroads.

A man has just been arrested in England who threatened to kill King Edward.

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, says Bryan will be elected our next president.

There has been a marked slump in the consumption of liquors in Kansas the past year.

Seattle has appealed to Governor Mead for funds with which to fight the bubonic plague.

Militia has been called out to quell disturbances growing out of the car strike at Yonkers, N. Y.

Letters of the late Queen Victoria covering 24 years of her life have just been published in book form.

The Pettibone trial for complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg has been postponed until November 18.

The North Bank railroad from Pasco to Vancouver, Wash., will be in operation by January 1, and the bridges across the Columbia and Willamette by the middle of the summer.

A few more small banks in New York have closed, but the big ones stand firm.

There have been 48 cases of bubonic plague at San Francisco which proved fatal.

An armed man held up a freight train near Los Angeles and robbed the train crew.

The Commercial Telegraphers' union has decided to ask terms of the telegraph companies.

The Vancouver, B. C., city council has appealed to the government to exclude all Asiatics.

The Japanese at Vancouver, B. C., are making exorbitant claims for damages sustained during the riots.

There are rumors that the Ute Indians on the Cheyenne river reservation are about ready for an outbreak.

Representative Burton is likely to remain chairman of the rivers and harbors committee during the next session of congress.

Thirty-three suits against the Southern Pacific have been filed at the request of the attorney general for violation of the 28-hour law.

Kansas City is working for the Republican national convention.

More than 20 persons were injured in a street car collision at Chicago.

It is said Roosevelt will try for Platt's seat in the senate if a president to his liking is elected.

There have been four deaths in Seattle in which the symptoms were very similar to bubonic plague.

Harriman may distribute the stocks of other roads held by the Union Pacific among the stockholders of the latter road.

The trans-Atlantic liner Lusitania has crossed from New York to Queens-town in 4 days, 22 hours and 46 minutes.

A big prairie fire has swept the Sioux Indian reservation near Valentine, Neb.

The Alton and Burlington roads intend to cut the passenger schedule from Chicago to Kansas City and Denver. Other roads are expected to follow suit.

United Railroads employes and the police clashed again in San Francisco with the result that a conductor was shot and an officer beaten and three arrests made.

PACKAGES IN RURAL MAIL.

Postmaster General to Make Recommendations in Report.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29.—Postmaster General von L. Meyer, at a dinner at the Union League club last night, made an address in which he called attention to recommendations which he proposes making in his annual report for the consideration of the next congress. On the question of parcels post he said:

"I shall recommend the same rate, 12 cents a pound, and the same limit of weight for parcels, whether intended for points in this country or abroad, which means a reduction of four cents a pound and increase in the maximum weight to eleven pounds."

Taking up the rural parcels post question he said: "I shall recommend a parcels post system on the rural delivery routes, a special rate to be charged on packages for delivery from the distributing offices of the rural route, or if mailed by a patron of any rural route for delivery to a patron on the same route or at the distributing office of said route. The rate would be five cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound, up to eleven pounds. This would be a great boon for the farmers."

Regarding postal savings banks, the postmaster general said:

"As an evidence that it is not the desire of the government to compete with the private savings banks in obtaining deposits of the people, I shall advocate a rate of interest of 2 per cent per annum, or 1 per cent semi-annually and a limit of \$500, not more than \$250 to be deposited in any one year. My own belief is that far from its being a detriment to the established banks, it would be in the end an advantage. Now, in order to get this money back into the channels of trade, I purpose to ask congress for authority to place the savings in the National banks."

DEVELOPS A NEW GRAPE.

California Scientist Believes He Has Variety Surpassing the Tokay.

Stockton, Cal., Oct. 29.—An entirely new kind of grape is being developed at the government experimental station near Lodi, and Professor H. C. Husmann is of the opinion that it will result in a grape that will excel the famous Flame Tokay, which has given Lodi so much fame. The new variety is somewhat similar to the Tokay in texture and color, but is impervious to the rain, is much firmer and can be shipped longer distances without damage. It appears to be a cross between a Tokay and Farrera and is of an improved flavor. If properly developed it is expected to become a most profitable variety.

Professor Husmann is due to arrive in Lodi this week and he intends to set out about 30 varieties of grapes, five different kinds of each variety, for experimental purposes. Already 130 varieties of grapes are being grown at the station, and it is believed that the vineyard will receive great benefits from the experiments being made at the station. Additional apparatus is to be installed at the plant in the way of thermometers and records of temperatures will be made so as to make comparisons with grape growing points in France, Spain, Italy and South Africa.

IMPROVE MARE ISLAND.

Works of Extension Planned to Cost Several Million Dollars.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—Representative Joseph R. Knowland visited Mare Island navy yard today and had an extended conference with Commandant Phelps and Civil Engineer Rockwell. Plans and estimates were given Knowland for the improvements desired at Mare Island, which call for the expenditure of several million dollars to make this station the finest naval establishment in the world. The spur dikes, which were designed by H. H. Rosseau, now of the Panama Canal commission, and have proved such a success in deepening the channel to the yard, will be greatly extended at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. The stone quay wall, to which vessels under repair are tied, will also be extended about a mile southward toward the magazine. At present the quay wall is so crowded that many of the ships have to lie in midstream or at a point below the lighthouse.

Prison Official Killed.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—General Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons of the ministry of the interior, was shot and killed today. The general was the first responsible official connected with the Russian prison. A young woman who has not been identified, presented herself at the weekly reception of General Maximoffsky and remained quietly in the crowded anteroom until it was her turn to enter the general's private office. When she was in his presence the woman fired seven shots.

Utes Said to Issue Defy.

Pierre, S. D., Oct. 29.—Parties from the Cheyenne river agency report that troops are now marching toward the Ute camp and expect to reach it tonight or tomorrow. The Utes are well armed and say they will fight if any effort is made to compel them to send their children to school or to work. A special from Sturgis, S. D., where Fort Meade is located, says that late reports indicate that the Sioux Indian police already have the Utes under control.

Increase Railway Rates.

Mexico City, Oct. 29.—It was authoritatively stated today that a general increase in the railway rates of the country would go into effect in the near future.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GOVERNOR AIDS.

Chamberlain Notifies War Department of Act of Legislature.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has sent letters to the secretary of war at Washington, D. C., saying:

"The legislature of this state at its last session passed a bill appropriating \$300,000 to be paid to the United States for the purpose of assisting the United States in acquiring by condemnation or construction of a boat canal and locks around the falls of the Willamette river at Oregon City, Oregon. The present and only canal and locks around these falls is owned by a private corporation which has the power and does impose a tax of 50 cents per ton on every ton of freight that passes from the upper to the lower river or from the lower to the upper river. This tax as the state grows is an annually increasing burden and the people for a number of years past have been strenuously demanding government ownership and control of the locks at the falls of the Willamette to the end the river may be opened to free navigation its entire length. The delegation from Oregon to the congress of the United States intend to bring this matter to the attention of congress and urge upon that body the importance to our people of an open waterway through the heart of the Willamette valley, and I am taking the liberty of enclosing you herewith a copy of the act of the Oregon legislature bearing upon the subject in order that your department may be fully advised in the premises."

More Shortage Complaints.

Salem—Car shortage complaints con-

O. R. & N. REPORTS.

Net Income of Road Nearly Six Millions—Accidents of September.

Salem—The O. R. & N. has filed its report. It shows the following: Total cost of construction and equipment to June 30, 1907, \$54,523,984.2; cost per mile, \$621,295.92; gross earnings from operation the past year, \$12,942,815.49; operating expenses, \$6,969,972,815.93; income from other sources, \$1,204,362.13; total income, \$7,177,356.25; deduction, rents, taxes, interest, etc., \$1,383,572.04; net income, \$5,793,784.20; dividend 4 per cent on preferred stock, \$440,000; surplus for the year, \$535,378.20; total surplus entry general balance sheet, \$28,930,400.03.

The following is a summary of the results of accidents within the state for the month of September prepared by the railroad commission from the reports of the various lines: Collisions of passenger trains, 1; freight trains, estimated damage to property of the railroad companies, \$5,150; killed passengers, none, trainmen, none, other employees, 5, other persons, 2; injured passengers, none, trainmen, 2, other employees, 6, other persons, 5. Total, 7 killed and 13 injured.

New Game Warden.

Salem—Robert O. Stevenson, of Forest Grove, has been appointed state game and forestry warden by Governor Chamberlain. Mr. Stevenson will succeed John W. Baker, of Cottage Grove, whose term of office has expired. The appointment of Mr. Stevenson makes the first change in Governor Chamberlain's official family. The appointment is for four years, during which time Mr. Stevenson will make his headquarters at Forest Grove. The new appointee is a well known citizen of Forest Grove and is a native son, having been born and raised in Yamhill county. In politics he is a Democrat, and his appointment was made on the recommendation of a large number of prominent Democrats throughout the Willamette valley.

Big Lumber Company Admitted.

Salem—The Miami Lumber company of San Francisco has filed papers with the secretary of state for permission to do business in this state. This is a 500,000 concern. The Oregon agent is W. L. Ducey, of Hobsonville, Tillamook county. The Loose Card Book company, to have its place of business at Portland, was also incorporated with capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are T. W. Thomas, C. H. Thomas and W. B. Palmer.

Record Price in Barley.

Weston—A record price of \$25 per m has just been paid for barley at Weston, where a great deal of this cereal is grown, and where the acreage annually increasing. This was bid by S. A. Barns, of the Pacific coast Elevator company, who purchased 18,000 bushels from five Weston growers who formed a pool.

New Aaylum Superintendent.

Salem—In accordance with an understanding, which has existed for one time, the board of trustees of the state insane asylum have elected Dr. R. L. Steiner to succeed Dr. J. F. Calhoun as superintendent of that institution.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 87c; red, 85c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$29.50.
Barley—Feed, \$28.50 per ton; brewing, \$30; rolled, \$30@31.
Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$32.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23; clover, \$13; cheat, \$13; grain hay, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$13@14.
Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; water-melons, 1c per pound; pears, \$1@1.75 per box; grapes, 75c@1.75 per crate; quinces, 50c@41 per box; huckleberries, 7c@8c per pound; cranberries, \$10@10.50 per barrel.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 25c@41 per dozen; celery, 50c@41 per dozen; corn, 85c@41 per sack; cucumbers, \$1 per sack; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@17c per pound; radishes, 2c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/4c per pound; tomatoes, 25@50c per box.
Onions—\$2@2.50 per sack.
Potatoes—80c@41 per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound.
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@8 1/2c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7 1/2c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@7c.
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7 1/2c@8c; packers, 7@7 1/2c.
Poultry—Average old hens, 12 1/2c@13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12@12 1/2c; spring chickens, 12@12 1/2c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, old, 16c; young, 18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14c; pigeons, \$1@1.50, squabs, \$2@3.
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35c per dozen.
Hops—1907, 7 1/2@10c per pound; olds, 4@4 1/2c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

President Set Apart November 28 as Day of Thanksgiving.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The president's annual Thanksgiving proclamation, issued Saturday, selecting Thursday, November 28, for the people to assemble to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of the manifold blessings of the past year, triumphantly declares that nowhere in the world is there such an opportunity for a free people to develop to the fullest extent all powers of body, mind and character.

"During the past year we have been free from famine, from pestilence, from war," it declares. "Our natural resources are at least as great as those of any nation. Much has been given us from on high and much will rightly be expected of us in return. Into our care the 10 talents have been entrusted, and we are to be pardoned neither if we squander and waste them, nor yet if we hide them in a napkin.

"We should earnestly pray that the spirit of righteousness may grow greater in the hearts of all and that our souls may be inclined even more toward the virtues that tell of gentleness, for loving kindness and forbearance one with another, for without these qualities neither nation nor individual can rise to the level of greatness."

FIXES SAILING DATE.

All Plans Complete for Fleet to Sail for Pacific December 16.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary Metcalf today announced that it was definitely settled that the Atlantic fleet will leave Hampton Roads on December 16 for its cruise to the Pacific coast. This announcement followed a conference held at the White House, to which the president summoned Secretary Metcalf, Rear Admiral Evans, who will command the fleet on its cruise to the Pacific, and Rear Admiral Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation of the Navy department. The conference was called to continue more in detail the cabinet meeting discussion of naval affairs. The discussion related particularly to details of the Atlantic fleet's cruise to the Pacific.

It is understood that matters were in such shape that the president was thoroughly informed on all important items in the itinerary. Admiral Evans, who has been confined to his apartments on account of an indisposition, looked and declared himself to be much improved in health. The bureau of insular affairs today received a cablegram from Governor General Smith, of the Philippines, asking that the Atlantic fleet be permitted to visit Manila during the week beginning February 10, in order to attend to pre-Lenten festivities.

The fact that the fleet will not have arrived in Pacific waters by that time precludes this.

Mr. Metcalf stated that the question of allowing newspaper correspondents to accompany the fleet was discussed and the conclusion reached not to allow newspaper men aboard, but that officers of the fleet would be designated to send such news as might be thought desirable to make public.

TWO-CENT FARE PROFITABLE.

Two Roads in Missouri Make Money Under New Law.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 28.—Having found the two-cent fare profitable, two of the railroads operating in Missouri have decided to give the new law another month's trial.

Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general of Missouri, said this morning that he had information from a reliable source that two of the railroads operating in Missouri had found the 2-cent fare to be profitable.

"The auditors of two of the railroads say the 2-cent rate has proved profitable, while others take a different view of it," said Mr. Hadley.

"The fact that the railroads can't agree on the proposition caused them to decide to give it another month's trial before going into court again. I shall not take any further steps in the matter unless the railroads make a move. I shall be satisfied if they decide to continue the 2-cent rate indefinitely."

Senator Owen for Suffrage.

Muskogee, I. T., Oct. 28.—The advocates of women suffrage will find a powerful ally in Robert L. Owen, senator elect from Oklahoma. Senator Owen has long held strong ideas relative to the rights of women to the ballot. Last fall when the constitutional convention was in session in Guthrie, he openly espoused the cause and assisted in every way he could to get a favorable clause in the constitution. Colonel Owen is also a "white ribboner," and never touches liquor in any form.

Indicted for Grafting.

Indianapolis, Oct. 28.—The Marion county grand jury has returned indictments against Henry Marshall, of Lafayette, president of the Western Construction company, and formerly speaker of the Indiana house of representatives. George W. Baxter, cashier of the company, was indicted also. The company has contracts with the city of Indianapolis for repairing asphalt streets. Harry Brunnagh, agent of the company, has been brought back.

Considers Suez Route.

Rome, Oct. 28.—The United States consuls at Naples, Palermo and Messina have received instructions from Washington to ascertain what amount of coal and provisions the three cities can supply on short notice. The inquiry is believed here to imply that the United States Navy department contemplates sending part of the Atlantic battleship squadron to the Pacific by way of the Suez canal.

OREGON BANKS QUIT

Want Time to Get Money Due From the East.

GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Action of Portland Clearing House Necessitated by Refusal of Eastern Banks to Honor Balances.

Salem, Or., Oct. 29.—By order of a proclamation issued late last night by Governor Chamberlain, Oregon banks will enjoy five business holidays, in which interim it is expected that the situation in the East will become more clarified and the coast banks will be enabled to secure the cash balances due them from New York.

This action was taken at the instance of the Portland clearing house committee, which met last evening to talk on the situation with Governor Chamberlain. The bankers arrived in the city by special car.

Briefly stated, the situation as described to the governor is that Oregon banks have heavy deposits of cash in the East and the Eastern banks refuse upon any conditions to send money West in payment of demands. There has been no run or indication of a run by depositors upon Portland banks.

Believing that in one week they can effect a satisfactory arrangement with country banks and also arrange for the shipment of money due them from the East, the banks asked that the remainder of this week be made a legal holiday. November 2, the last day mentioned in the proclamation, is Saturday. Monday will therefore be the next banking day.

It is understood that the Portland bankers sent telegrams to all banks in the state notifying them of the issuance of the proclamation. The purpose is to prevent calls for money from country banks, induce them to close for the week and bring them together in an arrangement that will satisfy demands before next Monday. That Portland banks are solvent and in fact were never in better condition than they are today, was asserted by the bankers who waited upon the governor.

Governor Chamberlain at first doubted the wisdom of the action requested by the Portland bankers, but when the situation regarding the locking up of funds in the East was explained and the necessity of checking any stringency which might arise as a result of this in the West, Mr. Chamberlain readily complied.

SAYS IT IS ON THE BOOKS.

Witness in Ford Trial Testifies That Bribe Money Is Enticed.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—Such rapid progress was made yesterday by the prosecution in the Ford bribery trial that if the defense, adopting its procedure in the former trial, declines to put in any evidence, the case should be in the hands of the jury within the week.

Twelve witnesses were examined, all but the last one of whom were connected with George Wilkoff, secretary and controller of the United Railroads, testified—to the unexcused surprise and manifest distrust of the prosecution—that the books of the street car corporation do carry as entries the \$200,000 with which Ford and Ruef are alleged to have bribed the supervisors to pass the trolley franchise. The witness was directed to produce the corporation's journal and ledger.

Georgia Negro Lynched.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 29.—Passengers on the Central Georgia train coming from Byron, Ga., brought an account of the lynching of a negro named John Wilkes at that place last night. The negro robbed two small boys of 75 cents. When Marshal Johnson made an effort to arrest him the negro attempted to shoot the officer. Quick work prevented this. At a late hour unknown persons dragged the prisoner from the jail and after carrying him a short distance the body was riddled with bullets. It was then burned upon a log fire.

Ends Land Grant Inquiry.

Portland, Oct. 29.—B. D. Townsend, Special United States Attorney for Oregon, will complete his investigation of the Oregon & California (Southern Pacific) railroad grant in this state in a few days, when he will submit his report to United States Attorney General Bonaparte. Mr. Townsend will not discuss the result of his investigation, which has covered several months and has included a careful research of all the records and documents pertaining to the grant and its terms.

Men Going Back to the Keys.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 29.—It was announced last night that a large majority of the telegraphers who have been on strike in Birmingham since August 11 will resume work today. They will go back to both the Western Union and Postal companies under practically the same conditions they were working under when called out. Local managers of the companies state that the men will be re-employed as individuals as they apply.

Buys Bar Gold in London.

London, Oct. 29.—The United States secured all the bar gold offered today in the market, totaling nearly \$5,000,000. The price paid was \$19.50. This is 3 1/2 cents higher than previous quotations, indicating the keenness of the competition. Both Paris and London bid against the United States.

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