

# Washington County News

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

The Russian drama meets November 14.

The New Orleans stock exchange has closed for a week.

Five persons lost their lives in a fire at New Haven, Conn.

A Federal attorney in Texas declares clearing house certificates illegal.

The United States has secured several million dollars more of English gold.

A woman has just died at Trinidad, Col., who for nearly 60 years has passed as a man.

The packing plant of Swift & Co. at Harrisburg, Pa., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$250,000.

The 27th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor is in session at Jamestown, Va.

Root has arranged peace among the Central American republics and the hatchet has been buried.

The 2,200 employees of the shoe factories at Marlborough, Mass., have been put on half time on account of money stringency.

Foreign investors are buying cheap stocks.

Another plot to murder the czar has been thwarted.

Money is moving West under Secretary Cortelyou's threat.

Native laws and customs make death inconvenient for strangers in Egypt.

An Oklahoma bank cashier is missing, also \$50,000 of the institution's cash.

An extra session of the legislature is certain in California to relieve San Francisco.

New York bank statement shows a depleted reserve but imports of gold will replenish it.

Secretary Taft's carriage was hauled through the streets of Manila by enthusiastic Filipinos.

Records show that nearly two-thirds of the bubonic plague cases at San Francisco have proven fatal.

The wood trust at Tacoma has apparently busted, as there has been a big drop in prices and first class cordwood now sells at \$2.75 per cord.

Secretary Taft has left Manila for Vladivostok.

New York bankers say they are sending money West as fast as possible.

Forgers of clearing house certificates at El Paso, Tex., have been caught.

The Santa Fe railroad is to be tried on another indictment at Los Angeles.

A threat to dynamite Great Northern trains in Montana has led to placing of guards on many.

San Francisco has appealed to the government for money with which to fight the plague.

Keswick, a small California town near Redding, has been almost completely destroyed by fire.

The national convention of the W. C. T. U. is enthusiastic over the prohibition gains in the South.

Advices from Unalaksa say a peak 300 feet above the sea has disappeared. The peak was raised by a submarine earthquake several years ago and its disappearance is attributed to the same cause.

Taft has decided to complete his tour of the world as originally planned.

Gold imports from foreign countries will continue in payment for crops.

One of the Vanderbilts has offered the Y. M. C. A. of Newport, R. I., \$100,000.

The United States District court at Los Angeles has imposed a fine of \$330,000 on the Santa Fe railroad for granting rebates.

A number of small banks at various places in the Southwest have failed.

Three large factories at Bridgeport, Conn., have closed on account of money stringency.

Four European countries have raised the discount rate to stop gold exports to America.

Roosevelt has promised to investigate the paper trust and recommend a repeal of paper tariff.

Estrada Palma, former president of Cuba, says American rule is better than independence with anarchy.

The total foreign gold engagements for New York is now close to \$36,000,000.

The Denver mint is coining gold bullion into money at the rate of nearly a million dollars a day.

The first shipment of foreign gold has reached New York. The consignment contained \$7,100,000.

The Oregon commission to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition has selected a site for the state building.

### GETTING FLEET READY.

Ships Will Be Prepared to Sail On Scheduled Time.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Every detail of the preparations for the sailing of the battleship fleet to the Pacific ocean is now well in hand, and by December 16, the date on which the vessels will pass out of Hampton Roads, in review before President Roosevelt, members of the cabinet and high officials of the navy, arrangements for the comfort of the men en route will have been attended to. At all of the navy yards the work of making necessary repairs is being pushed and these will be completed by December 1. Provisions are being stored aboard the vessels, and their coal bunkers are being filled to their capacity. Four anchors will be carried by each vessel so as to be ready for any emergency.

The cost of provisioning the fleet is estimated at about \$375,000, contemplating the feeding of a force of 15,000 men for 100 days. Only this week contracts were awarded for head cheese, sausage and venal.

Advantage will be taken of the two ocean cruises to make several tests with the provisions aboard—their preservation, packing and handling.

Incidentally to the visit of the fleet to the Pacific coast the Navy department is making arrangements to obtain a place for small arms firing there, so as to give the men an opportunity for practice in that capacity.

### AGUINALDO IS HOPEFUL.

Confident of Benefits From Taft's Visit to Islands.

Manila, Nov. 12.—A feature of the visit of Secretary of War Taft to Manila was the presence of Aguinaldo at several of the functions, for the first time since his capture. Discussing the visit of Mr. Taft to Manila with a representative of the Associated Press, he said: "It is my belief that the benefits to follow the visit, to the people of the Philippines, will be greater than they can reckon at the present time. I am at present unable to form an opinion, offhand, of the advantages, but I am confident that it has done good. The inauguration of the assembly has gone a long way to cement the friendship of the Philippines with the people of the United States. It is the fulfillment of a solemn promise, which many expected would not be fulfilled. The secretary of war did not bring independence for many people in his pocket, but he brought the means of attaining it. He told us how we can get it. The Filipinos are thankful for the information, and pleased at what the secretary has done, especially in the interests of education and agriculture."

### EXCAVATION OF HERCULANEUM

Money Will Be Appropriated to Carry On the Work.

Rome, Nov. 12.—The proposal to continue the work of excavation at Herculanum has become so popular at a result of the efforts made by Charles Waldstein, professor of fine arts in Kings College, Cambridge, England, that the Italian government is about to take the matter actively in hand. Signor Rava, minister of public instruction, upon whom the work actually depends, has prepared a bill to be presented to parliament which provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of removing the houses forming the modern town of Resina, which is located over Herculanum and an appropriation of \$5,000 for the actual excavation work. This latter sum does not include the salaries of officials. In the meanwhile a special commission under the presidency of Professor de Petra, of the University of Naples, has undertaken preliminary studies for the commencement of the work.

Professor Waldstein is about to bring out a large volume showing what has been done up to the present and setting forth what he considers necessary to insure the completion of the work. He will maintain that if carried out according to modern methods the excavation of Herculanum will call for an expenditure of \$200,000.

### State Has Wartime Claim.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12.—The claim of the state of Georgia against the Federal government for the use and occupation of the Western and Atlantic railway immediately after the Civil war, aggregating \$600,756, will be pressed at the approaching session of congress. Bills providing for this will be presented by Senator Clay and Representative Livingston. The claim is based on the use and occupation by the United States army officers of the state's road from May 11, 1863, to September 25, 1863.

### Texas Probes Mill Trust.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 12.—An anti-trust suit has been filed by the attorney general in the Twenty-sixth District court against 120 Texas milling companies alleged to be in conspiracy in restraint of trade. The state alleges that the defendant companies have violated both the 1899 and 1903 acts and asks for penalties against each defendant in the sum of \$75,000 for the alleged violation of the act of 1899, and \$56,250 for violation of the act of 1903.

### Lives Lost in Italy.

Rome, Nov. 12.—The rain storms and floods throughout Italy continue. Railroad tracks are being carried away in several places, and reports are being received of the destruction of houses and the destroying of cattle. Several human lives have also been lost.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### ELLIS APPEALS FOR SETTLERS

Asks Secretary of Interior to Permit Land Proofs Without Payment.

Pendleton.—As an emergency request on behalf of several hundred entrymen in Eastern Oregon, who have advertised to prove up on their claims, whose time has expired and who must now present proof and make payment at the land office in this district within the next few weeks, Congressman W. R. Garfield, secretary of the interior, asking him to permit the advertised proofs to be made without payment and to allow 60 days for the making of payments.

Owing to the recent financial conditions and the continued holidays, it will be impossible for many of the entrymen to make their payments at this time, and it is feared that an endless amount of litigation, red tape, loss of time and in many instances loss of land rights, will result if the government insists on payments at once.

### KENO IRRIGATION BANAL.

Work Progressing Rapidly in City Limits of Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls.—Work on the Keno canal is now well within the city limits and the hills where the government force is at work presents the appearance of a very animated anthill. A large force with shovels and with teams is at work and good progress is being made. It is expected that a great part of the heavier work will be completed before winter sets in. The Keno canal is on the west side of the river and will reach a part of the farming lands not touched by the main irrigation canal now in operation.

### O. A. C. Registrar Busy.

Corvallis.—The registration at Oregon Agricultural college has already reached 887, not counting the specials in music and dairying. This is an unprecedented enrollment for this time of the year, and demonstrates plainly, in the opinion of those informed, that the registration will easily reach 1,000 or 1,100 before the close of the school year. Everything is moving along smoothly at the college and President Kerr is giving complete satisfaction as head of this great institution.

### Linn Apples to Cuba.

Albany.—A box of the best apples exhibited at the recent Linn county apple fair has left this city for Cuba, where it will be enjoyed by the officers of the Eleventh United States infantry. It was sent by County Commissioner T. J. Butler to his son, Clifford M. Butler, who is a second lieutenant in the Eleventh infantry, now serving in Cuba. Lieutenant Butler was appointed to the United States military academy at West Point from this city and graduated in the class of 1903.

### Begin Seeding at Athens.

Athens.—Seeding in this section has begun in earnest since the rain began. Up to that time a great many farmers were afraid to begin seeding lest there should not be enough moisture in the ground to sustain the growth of the wheat. But now they feel assured, and there will be thousands of acres of land seeded during the next few weeks. The large farmers have from four to six drills running daily, and each drill plants from 20 to 25 acres a day.

### Digging Potatoes at Weston.

Weston.—Potato digging is in active progress in the mountain district tributary to Weston. The acreage is larger than that of any previous year and the yield is good, averaging about 100 sacks to the acre, which is considered exceptionally good for unirrigated ground. B. F. Barklow and Henry Ransen, the largest growers on the mountain, will have about 8,000 sacks from 80 acres. Most of the crops will be held for next spring's market.

### Lumber Mills Shut Down.

Pendleton.—Many lumber mills in Eastern Oregon are closing down on account of the money stringency. The Meacham Lumber company shut down and 40 men are out of work. Several small mills in Union and Baker counties are closed. The largest mill shut down was the Oregon Lumber mill at South Baker. This employed 200 men. Many Blue Mountain mills are closed. He Umatilla county mills are still running.

### Albany Gets New Industry.

Albany.—Albany is to have a furniture factory and the deserted buildings of the old organ and carriage factory in the southeastern part of the city are to be utilized for that industry. The Albany Furniture Manufacturing company is being formed by John McNeil, of Albany, who owns the factory buildings; J. M. Gilkinson, who recently came to Oregon, and H. P. Hanson, a furniture manufacturer of Tacoma.

### Klamath Opening in a Year.

Klamath Falls.—Hiram D. White, allotting agent of the Indian service, is now at the Klamath reservation engaged in the last allotment of lands. The work will occupy perhaps a year. It is thought the opening of lands for settlement may take place soon after.

### Much Fruit at Milton.

Milton.—The fruit men of this vicinity estimate the fruit crop at 300 cars in the district about here. In addition to this there has been an immense quantity of fruit shipped by package express.

### WESTON STUDENTS WORK.

President French Hopes to Make Normal Self Supporting.

Weston.—The Weston normal will become a self supporting institution if the ambitions of President Robert C. French are realized. It may offer young men and women an opportunity to secure an education on their own resources. With this plan in view, President French has just purchased 65 acres of excellent timber land 10 miles from Weston, where boys may work at wood cutting during vacation, the product to be sold for the benefit of the school.

It is the hope of President French to develop the industrial side of life, and he believes the opportunity to work should be offered every young man and woman attending school. Even now many young men and women are working their way through school.

### Krag-Jorgensen for O. A. C.

Corvallis.—The Oregon Agricultural college cadets have just received from the government about 400 of the latest improved Krag-Jorgensen rifles. These guns will in part take the place of the old guns now in use, which will be returned to some arsenal. There has just been formed a third cadet battalion. The new companies are I, K and L, and three more captains and other necessary officers will be selected from the students.

### Enlarging the Cannery.

Brownsville.—The Brownsville cannery is building a large addition to its plant. It will be about 100x160 feet and will give capacity to handle the fruit output of the whole neighborhood. Apples are still coming in by the wagon load. Another carload of the prepared fruit was shipped last week. The railroad company will put in a switch. The fruit now has to be hauled about 200 yards to the nearest sidetrack.

### Apples for President.

Freewater.—The Freewater Commercial club will send a fine box of apples to President Roosevelt. These apples have been donated by D. C. Conrad, whose Spokane Beauty variety took the prize at the Walla Walla fair, and caused much favorable comment. They will be sent to Washington, D. C., in a few days.

### Competing Beet Harvest.

La Grande.—Superintendent Sebbelov, of the Amalgamated Sugar company, reports that the beet harvest is now about one-half completed. With reasonable conditions there will be no trouble in finishing the work in Grand Ronde valley. Indications seem to confirm earlier estimates as to the output this year, which is placed at 20,000 tons.

### Winter Supplies for Lake.

Klamath Falls.—Lake county people are now laying in their winter supplies and every day teams come into Klamath Falls or go out heavily loaded. Much of the flour is hauled from the Merrill mill. Next year it is expected that Lakeview will have its own flour mill.

### Lumber Company Shuts Down.

Pendleton.—The Grand Ronde Lumber company, at Perry, has shut down its plant for several weeks. One reason assigned is the high railroad rates, which have caused many coast mills to close.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 88c; valley, 86c; red, 84c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$29.50.  
Barley—Feed, \$28.50 per ton; brewing, \$30; rolled \$30@31.  
Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.  
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$14.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@32 1/2c per pound.  
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 7 1/2@8c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6 1/2c.  
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7@7 1/2c; packers, 6 1/2@7c.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 10c per pound; mixed chickens, 9@10c; spring chickens, 10c; old roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 17c; geese, live, 10c; ducks, 13@13 1/2c; pigeons, \$1@1 50; squabs, \$2@3.  
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35@37 1/2c per dozen.  
Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, \$1 per crate; pears, \$1@1 25 per box; grapes, 75c@81.75 per crate; quinces, 50c@61c per box; cranberries, \$9.50@10 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, 5@60c per dozen; celery, 50c@61c per dozen; corn, 85c@91c per sack; cucumbers, \$1 per sack; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 25@50c per box.  
Onions—\$1.75@2 per sack.  
Potatoes—75c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.  
Hops—1907, 7@9c per pound; olds, 4c 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.

### REPORT BIG STEEL OUTPUT.

Production Probably Will Be Curtailed This Month.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 11.—Reports from the building trades reveal some remarkable conditions. Although for a number of weeks new business has been reduced to a small volume, statistics of production for the past month show that seldom in the history of the trade have such large tonnages been turned out. For example, the American Bridge company, the largest producer of structural material, turned out 60,000 tons last month, but sold only one-third of that amount.

A steel corporation made surprising records at Pittsburgh. The Carnegie company broke records at its various plants. The Illinois Steel company not only broke all its previous records but did so in every individual department in all three works, South Chicago, Milwaukee and Joliet.

Even more surprising than all these was the blast furnace production for October, which, according to the statistics of the Iron Trade Review, reached a new high point in the history of the trade, the production being 2,352,530 tons, compared with the largest output, 2,291,030 tons in May of this year. In other words the production for October was at the rate of about 28,000,000 tons a year.

The statistics for November will doubtless tell a vastly different story. Many sheet and tin plate mills have been closed and the sheet bar mills of the steel corporation at Columbus and Belaire are idle. The corporation now has 21 blast furnaces out of commission and independent concerns are curtailing their product. Hence it may be confidently expected that the output of both pig iron and finished materials would be much smaller this month than for any previous month of the year.

### BRAZIL OUTLET FOR JAPAN.

Negotiations Pending for Immigration of 5,000 Annually.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Barred from the United States, Japanese coolies are turning to Brazil, where, according to the Brazilian Review, they hope to gain ready admission. This newspaper, published in Rio de Janeiro, says:

"It is reported from Yokohama that North America and Australia, being practically closed to the Japanese immigrants, Japan will now turn its attention to Brazil, as a point toward which its surplus population shall be directed, and that negotiations will be opened with the Brazilian government forthwith to arrange for the landing of 5,000 Japanese in that republic every year. From Milan also comes an announcement to the effect that the Japanese government has proposed to the Italian ambassador at Tokio that the Navigazione Generale Italiana shall undertake the transport of these emigrants and for that purpose shall establish a new steamship service from Yokohama to Genoa. From Genoa to Brazil, as is well known, the Navigazione Generale already runs a direct line. There is said to be no doubt that the Italian company will establish the new line, seeing a guarantee for the transport of 5,000 third-class passengers from Yokohama to Genoa every year."

### LADD AIDS DEPOSITORS.

Pledges Full Payment to Savings Accounts at Portland.

Portland, Nov. 11.—By a pledge from W. M. Ladd last Saturday, savings depositors in the failed bank of the Title Guarantee & Trust company are guaranteed full payment of their claims, amounting to \$405,000, and the Marquam block is to be turned over to the bank as an asset for payment of all creditors alike. The Marquam block, owned by the Oregon company, has been held as security for a debt to Ladd & Tilton of \$607,000, by assignment to Ladd & Tilton of the stock of that company as collateral. Ladd & Tilton, therefore, are not to be preferred creditors.

By the terms of the pledge, the receiver is to administer the affairs of the bank, and pay off depositors to the full measure of the assets, and if, in two years, savings depositors shall not have received all their money, Mr. Ladd will make good the deficiency. The wording of Mr. Ladd's offer makes no mention of interest on the deposits during the two years.

### Lives With Gold Leaf in Skull.

Baltimore, Nov. 11.—Richard Swanger, who was unconscious for 11 days from a depressed fracture of the skull, caused by a tree falling upon him, is recovering from a remarkable surgical operation as a result of which he will carry a quantity of gold leaf in his head. The surgeons at Maryland University hospital found a part of the brain covering and a part of the brain itself adhered to the cranium. The brain covering and the gray matter were separated and the gold leaf was placed between the parts.

### Steals \$1,000,000 Jewels.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—A dispatch to the Record Herald from Cleveland, O., says: Local detectives are searching for \$1,000,000 worth of jewels said to have been stolen from the wife of a Pittsburgh millionaire on a train between New York and Pittsburgh November 1. In her belt jewel bag were diamonds, emeralds, pearls and other costly jewelry. No questions will be asked and thousands of dollars in reward will be paid for the return of the property.

### More Disasters in Italy.

Rome, Italy, Nov. 11.—Storms accompanied by torrential rains have again caused floods in several parts of Italy and a number of vessels have been wrecked in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas.

## NEED STRONGER MEN

Both House and Senate Committees Week.

### MEMBERS CANNOT BE TRUSTED

It Is Feared Their Finance Legislation Would Be Weak and Favor Wall Street.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The recent financial disturbance in New York and the flurry in other parts of the country will result in considerable discussion of finance at the coming session of congress and will produce an unusually large number of bills to amend the banking laws. The subject will be discussed by the president in his message and the congressional record will be loaded with all kinds of talk as to the advisability of changing the currency laws of the nation. But the more conservative men who have viewed the situation in its broadest light believe there will be no financial legislation and in their judgment the task will come to nothing.

If these views prove to be incorrect and financial legislation is undertaken, it will be most unfortunate for the country, because the legislation will be entrusted to two committees which are not properly constituted to handle a subject of this importance. The senate committee is largely composed of men who are incapable of framing safe financial legislation or who would take advantage of the situation to put through legislation in the interest of Wall Street rather than in the interest of the entire community. The house committee is made up almost entirely of men who are incapable of passing judgment upon a subject of such consequence.

The senate committee on finance is constituted as follows: Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island; William B. Allison, of Iowa; Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan; Thomas C. Platt of New York; Henry C. Hensbrough, of North Dakota; Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania; Eugene Hale, of Maine; John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Hernando D. Moore, of Mississippi; Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas; James P. Taffier, of Florida.

The house committee is composed of the following members: Charles N. Fowler, of New Jersey; George W. Prince, of Illinois; William A. Calderhead, of Kansas; Llewellyn Powers, of Maine; Henry McMoran, of Michigan; Capell L. Veenus, of Ohio; Elijah B. Lewis, of Georgia; Arsene P. Pujo, of Louisiana; Carter Glass, of Virginia; Oscar W. Gillespie, of Texas; Olie M. James, of Kentucky; George S. Legare, of South Carolina; George D. McCready, of Pennsylvania; Joseph H. Knowland, of California; George E. Waldo, of New York; Evers A. Hayes, of California; John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts.

### YEAR'S WORK LOST.

Survey of Alaska Boundary Must Be Repeated.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 12.—Valuable photographs and thousands of dollars' worth of official data gained by the international boundary surveyors during a summer's working delimiting the Alaska line, were lost by the upsetting of a canoe in the Bradford river. Five men narrowly escaped with their lives. Officers of the two governments are now devising means of recovering the lost property, which, however, may have been carried many miles in the swift current. J. M. Bates, Canadian boundary surveyor, arrived here with the news on the steamer Princess Mary.

"If the photographic negatives we lost cannot be recovered," said Bates, "the entire survey of the Iscett river section will have to be repeated next summer. We struck a submerged tree and the canoe turned sideways and almost split in two. I became entangled in a line and was swept under water. Three others shared the same adventure. Later we were rescued, but not a vestige of our goods remained. We obtained grappling irons and a water telescope at Juneau, but never got a sight of the outfit."

### Extra Session Probable.

San Francisco, Nov. 12.—Governor Gillett arrived in this city yesterday afternoon, and after a short conference here with bankers and city officials stated that his decision regarding an extra session of the legislature will be given before the end of the present week. The extra session, if called at all, will, according to the governor's statement, be called next week and the call will provide for an amendment to the code making it possible to hold court during the continuance of the special legal holidays.

### Japanese Seal Seals.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 12.—Advices from official Russian sources at Vladivostok report armed raids by Japanese seal poachers on the seal rookeries of the Copper Islands. The commander of the Russian patrol cruiser Mandjar reports that three Japanese sealing schooners appeared off the seal rookeries and with three-inch guns drove off the guard, landed and remained for a week, killing and skinning seals, and got away with several thousand skins.

### Two Dead, 3,000 Homeless.

Iquique, Chile, Nov. 12.—Two lives were lost in the fire that visited this port yesterday and destroyed a large section of the residential quarters. Three thousand people are homeless.