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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.

Colorado land fraud trials will begin in Denver December 16.

The grand lodge of Elks will hold the next convention at Dallas', Texas.

Emperor Francis Joseph has just celebrated the 60th anniversary of his reign.

Jewelry manufacturers expect a decrease in Christmas gifts of their wares. Many orders are being canceled.

The Chinese government has just paid $10,000 damages for the killing of an American missionary in 1905.

From January 1 to October 31 this year 51 permits were issued in New York for buildings more than 10 stories high.

The executive committee of the National Educational association has decided on Cleveland as the place for the 1908 convention, June 29 to July 3.

President Roosevelt s Thanksgiving turkey this year weighed 28 pounds and was sent by Horace Vose, of Westerly, R. I., who has sent the presdient one each Thanksgiving for many years.

The Union Pacific is said to be selling its Atchison stock.

Campbell-Bannerman is expected to resign as premier of Great Britain.

Rebellion is rampant in the army and navy of Portugal and martial law prevails.

Bryan and Roosevelt have discussed the money question and agree with each other.

Leading financiers agree that the scare is over and that prosperity will return quickly.

The Popoulist party is arranging for a national convention to select a presidential candidate.

Officers of the United States Steel corporation say the company likes competition and will not crush rivals.

Santos Dumont has just completed another airship and preliminary trials indicate that it will excel anything yet constructed.

The Portland clearing house is recalling its certificates and putting out a new issue which is smaller and more convenient to handle.

Pacific Coast hop growers may form a combine

Whalers are returning home empty from Alaska waters.

The temperance movement is growing rapidly in Germany.

The labor supply now exceeds the demand in nearly all lines.

Railroad surveyors are busy in the Cowlitz pass, Washingtoa.

Reactionaries open fire on Roosevelt and may force him to run against his will.

The issue of government certificates of indebtedness is already an assured success.

Captain James H. Holmes, one of the last of the followers of John Brown, is dead.

The Merchants' Independent Steamship company of Los Angeles will establish a line to Portland.

It is reported that the Kickapoo Indians of Oklahoma have been robbed of at least $250,000 worth of land.

Hundreds of miners are being gathered together to be shipped from Sound ports to Alaska in an effort to break the miners' strike there.

A Norwegian bark was wrecked on the coast of Tasmania, five men drowned, and the captain and six men are lost in the woods on shore.

Two prominent mining men were found murdered at Goldfield, Nev. They had been dead at least a week, their skulls having been fractured, presumably with drills.

A daughter of Theodore P. Shonts is to marry a French duke.

One of the closed New York banks has reopened for business.

Roosevelt has forbidden Southern Federal officials to work for his re-election.

The new issue of canal bonds and certificates is likely to be oversubscribed

Many sawmills in Colorado are closing down on account of the money stringency.

J. J. Hill has appealed to the people of the United States for a cessation of anti-railroad agitation.

Engagements of foreign gold since the money stringency in the United States now total $75,000,000.

The New York Court of Appeals has refused Hearst a recount of the mayorality vote of the 1905 election.

The Tampa, Fla., cigar factories have laid off 1,000 workmen on account of a shortage in the Cuban tobacco crop.

John D. Rockefeller denies the rumor that he is hoarding $100,000,000 in government securities which he refuses to sell or loan.

GREATER SAN FRANCISCO.

Charter Amendments to Provide for Immense Bond Issue.

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—By the special session of the legislature, the city of San Francisco has been enabled to take the necessary steps for rehabilitation on a big scale. The legislature has ratified amendments to the local charter which were adopted by the voters at the last election. The most important of the amendments to the city at the present time is that which admits of the sale of bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. Under the charter the city was empowered to issue bonds carrying interest not in excess of 4 per cent. The local law provides that the bonds may not be sold below par. It was impossible to sell 4 per cent bonds, but now the city will be able to go ahead with 5 per cent securities. Of course it is not expected that they can be floated under present financial conditions,. but by the time the question has been submitted to the voters and the bonds prepared, it is believed that the flurry will have passed.

It is proposed to issue 5 per cent bonds to the extent of $28,000,000 for public improvements. Of this sum $6,000,000 will be devoted to the reconstruction of the city hall. One million dollars will be devoted to the reconstruction of the shattered hall of justice. It was completely wrecked by the fire and during the Schmitz administration no effort was made to restore it. One million dollars is to be spent for a new county hospital. Another million will be used for a public library. Several million (the amount has not yet been accurately estimated) will be devoted to the erection of new school houses; several hundred thousand will be used for the purchase of lands for park purposes; $5,000,000 will be employed for the reconstruction of sewers and streets, and $6,000,000 will be devoted to the purposes of an auxiliary water system from the ocean for fire fighting.

FORCING LID ON CHICAGO.

Law and Order Leaguers Gathering Evidence for Grand Jury.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Some two hundred volunteer detectives from the subsidiary organizations of the Chicago Law and Order league visited saloons in Chicago Sunday in an endeavor to obtain evidence that the Sunday closing law of Illinois was being violated. The action is in furtherance of a campaign inauguratd by the league after the successful election struggle for local option waged in 17 counties of the state earlier in the month.

The evidence collected, it is announced, will be presented to the grand jury of Cook county. Leaders in the movement for a "dry Sunday" in Chicago hope that the inquisitorial body will find the facts sufficient for the voting of true bills against numerous saloon keepers in each of the 35 wards of the city under the state law which carries penalties of a $200 fine and a jail sentence for each proven violation.

Mayor Busse has thus far refused to heed the pleadings of the organizations that the saloons be closed and in this attitude he has been upheld by the Saloonkeepers' association, the Restaurantkeepers' association and the United Societies for Self Government.

WOMEN STARTED MUTINY.

Induce Russian Sailors to Seize Ship and Revolt.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26. — The steamer Kumeric brought advices that the recent mutinies at Vladivostok were caused by four girls, who went on board the destroyer Sukurni, and instigated the bluejackets of the destroyer to seize the officers of the vessel and escape to Japan.

They agreed, but decided to shell the city from the roadstead before leaving. A red flag was hoisted and the destroyer opened fire on the admirality office and the governor's residence, and then exchanged shots with the cruiser Mandjur. The engineroom of the destroyer was struck by a shell from the forts, and the vessel was run ashore to prevent sinking. The four girls who instigated the mutiny were all killed, as well as a number of the bluejackets, the remainder being arrested.

Panama Claims Unsettled.

Panama, Nov. 26.—Richard R. Rogers, general counsel for the Panama Canal commission, who was sent here to arrange claims made against the United States by several Panamans and foreigners whose property has been occupied for canal purposes and whose claims were left undecided by the joint commission, sailed from here today for the United States without having accomplished anything. It is rumored here that Mr. Rogers will tender his resignation on his arrival in the United States.

Cleveland Very Sick Man.

New York, Nov. 26.—According to a report received tonight ex-President Grover Cleveland is again seriously ill at his home in Princeton. He is said to have suffered a relapse of the old intestinal trouble which affected him last June. The present attack, it is said, developed on Thursday last, and although severe, it is said, Mr. Cleveland showed considerable improvement on Friday. Details of his condition could not be learned at his home tonight.

Brings Suit Against Japan.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26.—News was received from Tokio that John Hartley, a Britisher who went to Japan in 1864, has brought suit against the Japanese government for 1,000,000 yen damages for having impounded opium imported by him in 1875, while allowing Dutch firms and other foreigners to impor the drug.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GIVE SPECIAL SHORT COURSES

Agriculture, Horticulture, Dairying and Other Subjects at Corvallis.

Corvallis—Arrangements are being perfected at the Oregon Agricultural college for a two weeks' winter course in general agriculture; a six weeks' course in horticulture, in dairying, in domestic science and arts and in mechanical arts. The plan is to make this work as practical as possible so as to be of the greatest value to the persons who arrange to take these courses and who are unable to continue in the college through the year for the regular work.

The two weeks' course in general agricultural lectures, demonstrations and practicums by members of the agricultural faculty. Arrangements have also been made for lectures by such as: E. T. Judd, Salem; J. R. Shepard, Salem; W. K. Newell, Gaston; Fred Groner, Hillsboro; A. H. Carson, Grants Pass; H. M. Williamson, Portland; M. O. Lownsdale, Lafayette; C. A. Lea, Portland; E. H. Shepard, Hood River, and others. Those who take the six weeks' courses given in horticulture, dairying, domestic science and arts, and in mechanic arts will be permitted to take such other work in entomology as they may desire. It is expected that Mrs. Clara H. Waldo and Mrs. Austin Buxton will be at the college to give special lectures to those taking the course in domestic science and arts.

Barley for Great Britain.

Portland—A big movement of Oregon barley to the British isles is under way. This use it is said more barley is being exported than in a number of years previously. Then lots ranging from 7,000 to 27,000 sacks, and aggregating approximately 100,000 sacks, have been certified from the Portland chamber of commerce this month for export on two vessels, the Lyra and the Woodford. The barley movement is regarded as a favorable sign in the general situation, and it is said there is a good prospect for a general revival of the grain export trade during November

Ax Threatens Infested Trees.

Klamath Falls—O. A. Stearns, fruit inspector, called a meeting of the fruit growers of this section last week and although the attendance was not large considerable interest was taken in the fight against the various fruit pests. Many orchard owners here pay no attention to their trees, neither grafting, spraying nor otherwise fighting pests, and Mr. Stearns has announced his intention of using the ax on those trees affected by the aphis and whose owners have been repeatedly warned.

Notaries Public Named.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following nontaries public: Albert E. Greiner, Holdman, Umatilla county; W. S. Worden, Klamath Falls, Klamath county; H. B. Hendricks, Grants Pass, Josephine county; O. D. Thomlinson, North Powder, Union county; C. Milton Mattoon, 81½ Fifth St., Portland; H. S. McCutchan, 622 Worcester building, Portland; John A. Jeffrey, 33½ Washington St., Portland; Robert Aistrop, 170½ Third St., Portland.

Open Umatilla Tracts.

Pendleton—It is estimated that 125 "farm units" will be opened for settlement on the Umatilla irrigation project some time this winter, but as to the methods to be pursued in opening the reclamation officials have no information. It is thought filings will be received at the commissioner's office in Hermiston, and first come first served. Most of the land to be opened is already deeded land, and will be sold at private sale in small tracts.

Mileage Books are Printed.

Salem—General Passenger Agent McMurray, of the Harriman lines, has notified the State Railroad commission that the new mileage books have been printed and shipped from the East, and will be here in a few days. These are the 2½ cent mileage books agreed upon at a joint meeting of the railroad commissioners, a committee of the T. P. A. and the railroad officials, and will take the place of the scrip books now in use.

One Survey Completed.

Klamath Falls,—Engineer Journey, surveying a line of railroad from Klamath Falls to Lakeview, has finished the survey, and the actual distance between the two places was found to be 100 miles and 283 feet. The line intersects the north and south line through Lakevjew. It is now expected that the surveying party will go back over the ground and make the line permanent.

Change in Stock Inspectors.

Pendleton—Dr. R. S. King, of the Federal stock inspection service, who has been here some time, has left the service and will be at Helena in future. Dr. H. L. McDonald, who has been at Montpelier, Idaho, will take Dr. King's place here. All of the men under Dr. McClure are now engaged in range inspection throughout the state. This work will require a large part of the winter.

Mulkey Will Resign.

Salem—It is learned here on what is known to be reliable authority, that B. F. Mulkey intends to resign the presidency of Ashland Normal school about the first of the year and enter the real estate business in Medford. Several men are preparing to seek his position at Ashland. President Mulkey has made his plans known to his friends in this part of the state.

RESTORE WORN LAND.

Government Experimenting on Tract Near Albany

Albany—The work of laying the tile drainage system on the Experimental Farm one mile south of Albany was begun last week by representatives of the Federal Government, who are co-operating with local persons in the establishment of an experimental farm on a piece of worn-out grain land that has been selected for purposes of investigation. The purpose of the work just started is to test various methods of soil-treatment, and to determine how this type of land, which at the present time is producing very little, may be brought into a state of greater productiveness and made to yield a greater revenue. There are thousands of acres of this kind of land in the south end of the Willamette Valley, and the results obtained, if successful, will have a far-reaching effect in improving present-agricultural conditions in the whole Willamette Valley.

Lane Fruit Association.

Eugene—At a meeting of a number of Lane county fruitgrowers it was decided to incorporate the Lane County Fruit & Vegetable Growers' association, with a capital stock of $5,000, the amount having been raised by subscription among the farmers. The objects and purposes for which the association has been formed are to encourage, promote and engage in the business of fruit and vegetable raising and farming; to buy, sell, ship and deal in any and all kinds of fruits, berries, vegetables and farm products and any articles manufactured therefrom.

One Bad Spot.

Rock Creek—The fruit crop in this section is now all picked and packed ready for shipment, but owing to financial conditions which have prevailed the past few weeks, shippers are slow to act. The entire apple crop this season was a partial failure. Most of the growers did not harvest more than a third of a crop. The Locust Grove orchard, however, succeeded in marketing about half a crop, mostly winter varieties. The product of the orchard was sold to a Los Angeles firm. The price ranged from $2 to $2.50 per box.

Look for Lower Prices.

Pendleton—Restaurant and hotel proprietors of Pendleton report that they are looking for a decrease in the price of edibles during the winter. Meat has reached an enormously high figure, according to their reports. Mutton that has been 12½c per pound has dropped 2c within the last few days. Hogs were selling for 7c per pound on foot, and now they are selling for 6c. This difference will surely affect the retail price.

Elections Valid Despite Holidays.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he advised city officials that there is no doubt whatever of the validity of a city election held while the bank holidays are continuing. He also holds that proceedings leading up to the election, such as notices and registrations, are valid, notwithstanding the holidays.

Cove Apples Moving.

Cove—W. Chenault shipped $600 worth of big red Oregon apples East, at $1.50 a box. J. M. Gasset shipped 2,000 boxes, also last week, at $1 a box.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c; red, 80c.

Oats — No. white, $29.50; gray, $29.50.

Barley—Feed, $28.50; 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; vetch, $14.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32½c per pound.

Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6½c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6½ @7c; packers, 6½@7c.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12@12½c per pound; mixed chickens, 10@11c; spring chickens, 11@12½c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 9@10c; ducks, 12½@13c; pigeons, $1.50; squabs, $2@3.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 37½ @40c per dozen.

Fruits — Apples, 75c@$2 per box; peaches, 75c@$1 per crate; pears, $1.25 @1.75 per box; grapes, $1@1.25 per crate; quinces, 50c@$1 per box; cranberries, $9.50@12 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25 per sack; beans, 7@9c per pound; cabbage, 1@1¼c per pound; cauliflower, 90c@$1 per dozen; celery, 70@90c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@ 17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1¼c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1¼c per pound; tomatoes, $1.25@1.35 per box.

Onions—$1.75@2 per box.

Potatoes—50@75 per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2¼@ 2½c per pound.

Hops—1907, 5@7c per pound; olds, 2½@3½c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 18@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 39@30c per pound.

NEW BOXER OUTBREAK.

Aged Chinese Empress Alone Holds Back Fanatic Hordes.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—Another Boxer outbreak of the sort which occurred in China in 1899, when many lives were lost, is threatened for the near future, according to advices received here on the auxiliary collier Justin, arriving from Manila and Guam, and the United States is preparing to rush troops to China at a moment's notice. A steamer fully loaded with provisions and ammunition is lying in the harbor at Manila and, should a report be received from China to the effect that the Boxers are again on the rampage, troops from the Philippines will be immediately hurried to the scene of the outbreak.

Those arriving on the Justin state that from reports received from China, it is pointed out that this trouble is likely to occur in the vicinity of Pekin, where the former fighting resulted from an attack upon the missionaries.

It is stated that trouble would have resulted long before now, except for the interference of the dowager empress. To her alone, it is stated by men arriving on the collier, is due the fact that the Boxers have remained quiet for the past many months. At the present time the empress is seriously ill, and it is said that her death is expected in the near future.

Once the empress has passed away, the Boxers will lose little time in renewing their attacks upon the missionaries, and it is known that they have made up their minds to drive the teachers of religion out of China for all time.

JURY DISAGREES.

Unable to Reach Conclusion in Adams Murder Trial.

Spokane, Nov. 25.—A special from Rathdrum, Idaho, to the Spokesman-Review says:

The jury in the Steve Adams murder case was discharged at 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, being unable to agree on a verdict, after being out since 8:30 o'clock Saturday night.

The jury stood eight for acquital and four for conviction. Jurymen J. F. House, Charles Dittemore, D. W. Garwood and S. A. Varnum were the four men who believed Steve Adams guilty of the murder of Fred Tyler in the Marble creek district of Shoshone county, Idaho, in August, 1904.

Five ballots were taken, all with the same result. The jury was ready to report at 3 o'clock, but the court conferred with attorneys for both sides and it was agreed to keep the jury out a little longer.

Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for Adams, tried to obtain concessions of bail for Adams and of immunity from arrest by Colorado authorities until the Tyler case is disposed of. No promise was given him. Sheriff Bailey, of Shoshone county, is here with a warrant for the arrest of Adams on the charge of murdering Ed Boule, near the same place and at about the same time the Tyler murder occurred.

MIGHT SPOIL YOSEMITE.

Muir and Keith Oppose New Water Supply Source.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—John Muir, the famous naturalist, and William Keith, the noted landscape painter, have protested to President Roosevelt against the plans of the city of San Francisco to establish reservoirs in the Hetch-Hetchy valley, in the Yosemite reservation, for the purposes of a municipal water supply. They base their protest on aesthetic grounds, saying that the projected reservoirs would disfigure the landscape.

It is feared that this opposition will have great weight with the president, as he specially commissioned Mr. Muir to make an investigation and report to him. When the president requested Mr. Muir to investigate, he expected to get expert knowledge on water sources and purity, not thinking of the aesthetic side of the matter. Mr. Muir, however, got his friend, Mr. Keith, to accompany him into the reservation, and the two decided that huge reservoirs would mar the natural wonders.

San Francisco engineers ridicule the idea that the reservoirs would spoil the landscape.

Act Held Constitutional.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 25.—The Supreme court today affirmed the constitutionality of the fellow servant act. S. L. Lewis sued the Northern Pacific and one of its engineers for heavy damages for the loss of his left hand, while in the employ of the railroad company, and a jury gave him judgment for $17,400. This amount was reduced by the District court to $10,000 on the ground that it was excessive. The railroad appealed, attacking the constitutionality of the fellow servant act, under which the action had been brought.

Kaiser to Undergo Operation.

New York, Nov. 25.—A London dispatch to the Sun states the real cause of the kaiser's remaining in England after the termination of his state visit to the British court, is to prepare for an operation which will take place within a few days. According to the dispatch, the operation will be through the ear, affecting the throat. It touches the kaiser's original trouble there which is referred to as hereditary, but it is added, the operation is not serious.

Hearing Claims of Cities.

French Lick, Ind., Nov 25.—The National Democratic committee today heard committees from various cities sent to secure the 1908 convention if possible. Denver is after the convention. Most of the committeemen here seem to favor Chicago.

TURN DOWN HENEY

Oregon Land Fraud Trials Cannot Wait Longer.

BRISTOL TO GO ON WITH CASES

Department of Justice Has Been at Last Goaded to Action by Complaints and Criticisms.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Further postponement of the trial of the Oregon land fraud cases is not to be tolerated. Because of complaints and criticisms the department of Justice has decided to take radical steps, which will force trials at an early date, and it is expected that District Attorney Bristol will soon receive instructions to proceed.

Only recently John Hall, under indictment, wrote the president, asking for trial. His request was transmitted to the attorney general and thence to Mr. Bristol, who replied that he could not proceed, as that was one of F. J. Heney's cases.

The department says that, if Mr. Heney cannot get away from San Francisco long enough to prosecute Hall and Binger Hermann, some one else will be found who can take up this work. In fairness to those under indictment, the department believes these long delayed cases should be tried. It is probable that Mr. Bristol will be instructed to prosecute Hall and Hermann, as well as all others under indictment for land frauds.

BURNED IN REVENGE.

Thirteen Persons Roasted in New York to Gratify Malice.

New York, Nov. 26.—Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early today in a tenement house fire at 108 Eighth street and Second avenue. All the dead were Italians. Six of the 13 were children. The bodies were huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the four-story building, where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames, which rushed up from the lower floors. Some had been enveloped in the flames and burned alive. Others, overcome by smoke, were spared the agonies of death by the flames.

That the fatal fire was the work of incendiaries who sought revenge is the opinion of the police and firemen, who made the first hasty examination. Three weeks ago three Italians were caught in the act of trying to rob a safe in the saloon of Guiseppe Cudano, on the ground floor. The safe contained more than $2,000 which the saloonist's friends had withdrawn from the banks during the money panic. The would-be robbers were arrested and are now awaiting trial.

The fire of today started in Cudano's saloon, and the police believe it may have been the work of friends of the prisoners, who take this means of squaring accounts with the saloonist.

OPEN MORE LAND.

Nearly Million and a Half Acres in Montana to Be Sold

Helena, Mont., Nov. 26.—The members of the commission recently appointed to appraise the remaining government land on the Flathead Indian reservation have perfected an organization. Orders from Washington are to go into the field at once and begin work. The reservation contains approximately 1,425,000 acres, of which 175,000 acres have been allotted to the Indians, leaving 1,250,000 acres to be inspected, classified and apraised. The land will be divided into agricultural land of the first class, agricultural land of the second class, timber land, mineral land and grazing land.

Settlers under the homestead law, who shall reside upon and cultivate the land for five years, shall pay one-third of the appraised value in cash, at the time of entry, and the remainder in five equal installments, one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, with the usual homestead fees.

California Selects Site.

Seattle, Nov. 26.—A site near the Washington and Oregon state grounds will be recommended to Governor Gillett, of California, by the representatives from that state who inspected the exposition grounds yesterday. Under the California law the governor makes the final decision on the site and J. A. Filcher, his special representative, and Nathaniel Ellery, the state engineer, came to look over the grounds. The California men and Director General Nadeau went over the sites yesterday.

A New Source of Heat.

Virginia City, Nev. Nov. 26.—Some engineers of Virginia City, reflecting on the scarcity of fuel every winter in that rigorous climate, have hit upon an odd idea for mitigating the temperature and warming the buildings of that town. One of them has undertaken to struggle with the difficulty by utilizing the superfluous heat of the adjacent mines, which he proposes to tap with an iron tube, and so ventilate the mines while heating the houses.

Government Checks Plague.

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—The plague report issued by the board of health was as follows: One new suspect; none verified; 101 verified to date; 63 deaths; 30 discharged as cured; 8 remaining. The Federal authorities have decided to take over the work of sanitation.