

## 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.

Philadelphia is facing a street car strike.

The first woman jury in Colorado has decided against a woman.

Secretary Taft says self government is succeeding very well in the Philippines.

New York bank statements show a complete recovery from the financial stringency.

Goldfield mine owners are trying to prevail on the president to allow the troops to remain.

Work is progressing slowly at the Darr mine, Jacobs Creek, Pa. Only 13 bodies have been recovered.

The Hamilton Powder works at Nantaimo, B. C., blew up, shaking the surrounding country badly, but no one was hurt.

In an address at Chicago Attorney General Bonaparte said all the rich law breakers seemed to think the law exempted them and they should be immune from prosecution.

A Hawaiian official has written an angry letter to the Japanese consul, saying among other things that the mikado's subjects are nuisances wherever they go. The governor has extorted an apology.

The rush of aliens to Europe has subsided.

The De Beers company will reduce the output of diamonds.

Quiet has again been restored in Teheran, the Persian capital.

The premier of Hungary has challenged a man to a duel because he was accused of being dishonest.

The Kansas City grand jury is very busy returning indictments, principally for violation of the Sunday closing law.

The mint at Philadelphia has been ordered to cease coining silver and coin only double eagles. About \$1,000,000 gold a day will be coined.

The explosion at the Darr mine, Jacobs Creek, Pa., killed every miner at work in the tunnel. Only six bodies have been taken out and there are at least 180 dead.

Immigrants afflicted with contagious diseases are coming into New York faster than the local authorities can care for them. One day recently 99 immigrants suffering from contagious diseases were turned over to the local authorities by the Federal health inspectors.

Smallpox has broken out near Pe Ell, Wash.

An assay office has been established at Albany, Oregon.

James Hamilton Lewis is a candidate for governor of Illinois.

Goldfield mineowners say efforts at compromise come too late.

Legal holidays are over in California. December 21 was the last.

The battleship fleet is well off the Florida coast and all is well on board.

Japanese are anxious for Admiral Evans to visit them with his battleship fleet.

The first train has passed under the Hudson river at New York through the McAdoo tunnel.

The total loss to vessel property on the great lakes amounted to \$743,000 for the season of 1907.

The Illinois Supreme court has declared unconstitutional the law forbidding speculation in theater tickets.

The Searchlight Bank & Trust company, of Searchlight, Nevada, has been looted by the president of the corporation.

Friction between Cortelyou and Roosevelt may result in the resignation of the former.

Michigan electric road managers say they cannot operate at a profit for less than 2 cents a mile.

An Atlantic liner arrived at New York a few days ago with only seven first class passengers.

A New York man has had his name changed from Crooke to Croobe, because his sweetheart would not accept such a name.

The Supreme court of Illinois holds that the anti-cigarette law does not prohibit the sale of cigarettes made from pure tobacco.

George Rex Clarke, blind six years, has just graduated from the University of Chicago with an A. B. degree.

More than 100 all steel passenger cars will be in use on the Pennsylvania railroad between Pittsburgh and New York shortly after January 1.

The regulation requiring soldiers to stand at salute while the "Star Spangled Banner" is being played is modified so as to permit the men to stand erect and to salute only at the last note of the music.

## PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS.

Captain Greene Selected to Pilot Big Fleet Safely Through.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The man who is to pilot the United States battleship fleet through the Straits of Magellan is in Los Angeles on his way to Washington, from whence he will proceed to Rio de Janeiro, there to join the fleet on January 1.

The man selected by the Navy department for this important service is Captain E. F. Greene, of the United States army transport service. He is 58 years of age and has made in all 17 trips through the straits. He has been a sailor since he was 14 years of age, when he joined the Confederate navy. His first trip was made in 1869 and the last a year ago, when he brought the lighthouse tender Junita to the Pacific coast. Captain Greene will assume charge as pilot of the fleet at Punta Arenas about February 1, according to schedule. There will be assigned to him by Admiral Evans one of the fleet of the torpedo craft with which he will lead the way through the straits. The actual passage will require about 48 hours. Captain Greene anticipates no danger in taking the squadron safely through.

## WILL CHECK EMIGRATION.

Japan Gives Canada Assurance—Diver Stream to Corea.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Negotiations between Canadian Minister of Labor Rudolph Lemieux and the Japanese government, which have been delayed by a hitch over details, will be concluded within the next few days. It is understood that Minister Lemieux has finally agreed to accept Japan's verbal assurance that she will undertake the self imposed task of limiting emigration to Canada. The exact method of limitation will be left entirely in the hands of the Japanese government. The assurance is identical with that given the United States.

It is stated that the hitch arose over the desire of the Canadian government to secure a definite promise in writing outlining the undertakings. This was positively declined by Japan because it would entail a sacrifice of treaty rights. Minister Lemieux also desired to secure from the Japanese government a note giving the exact number of laborers that the government proposed to allow to emigrate to Canada. This was also refused.

## Rioting in India.

Calcutta, India, Dec. 24.—In consequence of the sentence of three months' imprisonment, pronounced against Bipin Chandra, the Nationalist chief, for having refused to testify in court against a Hindu newspaper, grave disorders of a seditious nature took place in the streets here. An immense crowd raised a great tumult in front of the hall of tribunals, attacking the police and stoning the windows. A party of Hindu students assaulted various British officers and sergeants, blockading the principal streets.

## Favors Giving Tithes.

New York, Dec. 24.—Joseph H. Choate in an address at the annual meeting of the State Charities Aid association advocated adherence to the old Mosaic law that one-tenth of all property be given to charity. He said he did not believe many of the rich women and men who composed his audience had lived up to the law and that if all the people of the country had done so there would not have been any financial troubles like those through which the country has just passed.

## Will Cut Oil Rates.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—The state railway commission has decided to cut oil rates in Nebraska 30 per cent. This action was forced by alleged discrimination by the railroads in favor of the Standard Oil company. The railroads view the proposed reduction with great disfavor, and declare that they will lose money on every gallon of oil they move at the new rate. They are already outlining a fight to maintain the present toll.

## For State Line Stations.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 24.—The railroad commission of Oklahoma has ordered the Santa Fe to establish stations at all points on the state line crossed by the company. The action was taken because of a decision on the part of the commission that the Santa Fe had failed to sell interstate tickets at the 2-cent rate.

## Chile to Welcome Fleet.

Valparaiso, Dec. 24.—The house of W. R. Grace & Co., of this city, has received a telegram from New York certifying that the American fleet, now on its voyage to the Pacific, will enter the ports of Chile. Preparations are being made here to give them an agreeable welcome, in which the government will join.

## Goldfield to Be Troopless.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Roosevelt has ordered the troops withdrawn from Goldfield Monday, December 30. No statement as to the reason for withdrawal is offered but at the War department it is assumed by many that General Funston has found that it was not necessary to send the soldiers there.

## British Squadron in Pacific.

London, Dec. 24.—According to the Standard, the Admiralty has decided to establish next May a Pacific and North American squadron, the base of which will be at Esquimalt, B. C.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### HELP FOR STUDENTS.

University Establishes Loan Fund Instead of Making Gifts.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The University of Oregon is planning a loan fund of at least \$5,000, based on the belief that a loan is better than an outright gift in the form of a scholarship. Some subscriptions have already been made to the fund, and a number of prominent men of the state have agreed to guarantee amounts up to \$500. President Campbell is using his best efforts to raise the entire \$5,000 this year if possible.

In almost every high school graduating class there are some who do not have the means for a college education, but who would take advantage of any fair opportunity offered them to secure one. The treasure of the loan fund, who is to be the high school inspector and will thus have an opportunity to know personally the members of the classes, will work in conjunction with the city superintendents and high school principals. He will make loans to such students as need them each year at a low rate of interest, with the agreement that they are to repay the principal as soon as they are able after leaving college. A small amount of life insurance will be taken out on each at the expense of the fund. It is the plan to have ten men guarantee the fund against loss to the amount of \$500 each. The university has had a small loan fund of about \$300 for the past four years. During this time, 25 students have been enabled to complete their college course who otherwise could not have done so. Only one loan has been lost.

### Many Make Own Way.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—A canvass of the students of the University of Oregon just made shows that between 60 and 70 per cent of the men in the university this year are either wholly or partially making their own way through college. The greater part of the earnings is done, of course, during the summer. The canvass shows that, since the vacation is comparatively short, the men get employment in the harvest fields, mills, mines and labor of various kinds paying good wages. It shows also that the engineering students find no trouble in getting work in their line. The engineering department has a large number of graduates in the employ of the Southern Pacific, O. R. & N., Northern Pacific and the government reclamation service, and the majority of the engineering students are engaged before the session closes in June. A number of students are partly earning their own way during the session. The university maintains an employment bureau under the direction of the registrar, but it has not been able this fall to supply all calls made on it for students to work.

### Wheat Trade Stagnant.

Pendleton.—Business is dull in the local wheat market, the price being down, and the farmers are unwilling to part with the holdings at a figure that is 10 cents lower than what they could have secured early in the fall. Until recently the local quotation on club has been 67c, but another drop of a cent has occurred. However, wheat is said to be worth 68c in Pendleton, and at least one buyer is offering that figure. Others declare they are out of the market for the time being.

### Grain Instead of Hops.

Aurora.—During the past two weeks this section has been well soaked with the usual winter rains and the farmers are well pleased with the outlook. The ground is in good condition, and much work has been done for the winter grains. An unusually large acreage of grain has been sown this fall, many of the hopgrowers thinking it better to put in small grain than to depend entirely on hops for financial returns on their properties.

### To Attend Scientists Meet.

Corvallis.—A. L. Knisely, Federal chemist for Oregon, expects to start East immediately after Christmas, to attend the midwinter meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical society at Chicago. He also expects to visit the Chicago, New York and Washington pure food laboratories before coming back to Portland, which will be his headquarters.

### Present for University.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The Alumni association has just presented to the University of Oregon a painting of President Johnson, the first president of the university. The work was done in Eugene by R. LeBarre Goodwin, of New York, at a cost of \$500.

### Tax Roll Turned Over.

Astoria.—The 1906 delinquent tax roll has been turned over to the county clerk by Sheriff Pomeroy. The collections on this roll were the largest ever made in the history of the county, and indicate a healthy condition of finances in Clatsop county.

### Land Claimants Anxious.

Pendleton.—In the Umatilla land fraud cases, which will soon begin, about 200 entries will be involved in the La Grande district. Great uneasiness is being shown as to the outcome of these cases.

### New Notaries Public.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has named the following notaries public: Thomas Conner, Tillamook; J. L. Campbell, Glendale; Virgil H. Massey, R. F. D. No. 8, Salem.

### INCREASE IN TILLABLE ACRES.

Umatilla County Shows Big Gain in Five Years.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county's rapid development is shown in the recent summary of the taxable property in the county, recently furnished the secretary of state by Assessor Strain. This summary, compared with the one made five years ago, shows the number of tillable acres as increased by 90,000. The total number of acres of arable land in the county at present is 46,000. The number of acres classified as non-tillable is given at 588,144.

The figures for the latter do not, of course, include the forest reserves and other government land not subject to taxation. The amount of non-tillable land in the county is constantly increasing, also, by reason of the fact that so much government land is being taken up and deeded to settlers.

The increase in the number of tillable acres is due in large measure to the different irrigation projects which are being completed. This is not the only source of increase, however, as thousands of acres of land in the western and southwestern parts of the county are now plowed up and growing wheat that a few years ago were considered worthless for anything more valuable than range for stock. Much of it was given over entirely to sagebrush and jackrabbits. The Pilot Rock and Birch creek countries have experienced the greatest development in this line.

### SPECIAL SHORT COURSES.

Oregon Agricultural College Plans to Aid Farmer With Little Time.

The Oregon Agricultural college will give winter short courses, beginning January 7, 1908, as follows:

1. General Agriculture; two weeks.
2. Dairying; six weeks.
3. Horticulture; six weeks.
4. Mechanic Arts; six weeks.
5. Household Science; six weeks.

Many young men as well as many mature farmers who are so situated that they cannot take a four years' course of study desire to acquaint themselves more fully with the most recent developments in agriculture. There are others who feel the need of a more practical knowledge of farm mechanics and the use of tools. It is to meet the needs of these classes that these courses will be given. The course in Household Science will be of value to the women of the home who desire to more thoroughly acquaint themselves with the principles of good cooking and of general home management. The subjects to be discussed will be of interest and importance to every farmer and homemaker and it is hoped that a large number will take advantage of this opportunity.

A circular containing further information will be sent on application to the Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

### Heat and Light for Agency.

Pendleton.—Supervising Engineer Pringle of the Indian department, who has been at the Umatilla agency examining the facilities for heating and lighting the buildings of the agency, will recommend, it is understood, the erection of a one-story brick structure, 40x70 feet, in which a complete electric lighting and heating plant will be installed. It is desired that the building shall be completed for the opening of school next year.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c; red, 80c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, 28c; gray, 28c.  
Barley—Feed, 32c; brewing, 38c; rolled, 30c.  
Corn—Whole, 32c; cracked, 33c.  
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, 16c; Eastern Oregon timothy, 12c@13c; clover, 15c; cheat, 15c; grain hay, 15c@16c; alfalfa, 15c; vetch, 14c.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c@37c per pound.  
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2c@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6 1/2c@6c.  
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6c@6 1/2c; packers, 6c@6 1/2c.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 10c per pound; mixed chickens, 10c; spring chickens, 10c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12c@13c; turkeys, live, 15c; dressed, choice, 18c@19c; geese, live, 8c@9c; ducks, 12c@13c; pigeons, 11c@12c; squabs, 12c@13c.  
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35c per dozen.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, 75c@81c per crate; pears, 1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, 99.50@1.12 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, 1c per sack; beans, 7c@8c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@1c per dozen; celery, 3c@3.50 per crate; onions, 15c@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 11c per pound; peppers, 8c@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1 1/4c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1c@1 1/4c per pound; tomatoes, 1c 50c per box.

Onions—1.75@1.85 per hundred.  
Potatoes—50c@65c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2.75@3.00 per hundred.

Hops—1907, 5c@7c per pound; old, 1c@2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13c@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18c@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29c@30c per pound.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

Secretary Cortelyou Makes Report to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Cortelyou has reported to congress the receipts from customs from Oregon during the past fiscal year to be \$1,140,612, of which there was collected in Portland \$1,123,291; Astoria, \$17,319 and Yaquina, \$1,355.

The total for Washington, all ports, was \$1,622,033. From internal revenue the collections were in Oregon, \$378,428; Washington, \$1,046,238, and California, \$5,836,796.

The immense lead of New York state in both items is shown: Customs receipts, \$223,127,065; internal revenue, \$32,353,797.

The reports of receipts from sales of public lands gives Oregon \$1,621,287, of which there was collected at Portland, \$163,796; The Dalles, \$344,276; Roseburg, \$415,004; La Grande, \$435,208; Burns, \$91,952; Lakeview, \$171,048. In Washington the receipts were \$660,714; California, \$367,270. Total receipts from land sales in the country were \$7,878,811.

The territorial government of Alaska cost \$51,472 in salaries, and \$4,919 in expenses.

The fine custom house at Portland cost in improvements only \$770.42, and the Baker City postoffice only \$50, and the Salem public building \$5,628.

During the year the government expended \$2,201 on its exhibit which was at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and \$1,382 on the exposition government buildings.

On harbor improvements the disbursements were: Entrance to Coos bay, Oregon, \$2,600; dredge for Oregon and Washington harbors, \$1,000; Grays harbor, Washington, \$10,000; Grays harbor and Chehalis river, \$3,990.

River improvements cost: Columbia and lower Willamette, below Portland, \$72,668; Columbia, at Cascades, \$270; Columbia, between Wenatchee and Bridgeport, \$1,000; Columbia, Washington, \$12,500; gauging waters of the Columbia, \$773,636; upper Columbia and Snake rivers, \$18,000; Coos river, \$500; Coquille river, \$4,400; Tillamook, \$3,980; Willamette and Yamhill, \$23,000.

The surveyor general's office at Portland cost in salaries, \$8,750; at Seattle, \$9,750.

Crater lake cost the government \$2,999.

Oregon's five per cent of the public land sales amounted to \$22,489, Washington's, \$20,011.

Pacific Northwest Indians cost, for support: Umatillas, Cayuses and Walla Wallas, \$2,713; Yakimas, \$3,391; Nez Percés, \$987; Warm Springs, Oregon, \$3,397; Klamath Indians, \$5,203, besides administration expenses at all reservations.

To maintain the Columbia river light vessel, \$74,496 was the expense.

The summary of the nation's expenses shows the cost of the war department for the year was \$123,290,500; navy department, \$95,306,894; treasury department, \$72,174,930; state department, \$2,066,394; executive department, proper, \$26,407; interior department, \$165,048,667; postoffice department, \$10,097,771; agricultural department, \$9,551,714; commerce and labor, \$9,328,831; judicial department, \$7,517,396.

It is an interesting fact that although the department of commerce and labor has been organized only a few years, its expenses equal those of the department of agriculture.

The grand total of the governmental department expense was \$762,488,753, which did not include many millions of appropriations and some items which bring the actual outlay close to \$1,000,000,000.

### Lumber Case Ended.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Taking of testimony in the lumbermen's case before the Interstate Commerce commission has been concluded.

Final arguments will be made before the commission on March 4 and a decision is anticipated shortly thereafter. In the meantime lumbermen of the Pacific Northwest named as complainants in the case will be entitled to ship under the protection of the injunction issued by the Federal courts at Portland and Seattle.

### More Islands Than Thought.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Uncle Sam is richer by 1,400 islands than he thought he was. When the United States purchased the Philippines the charts showed 1,200 islands in the archipelago. The charts used in making the treaty were known to be far from perfect, but it was thought they were sufficiently accurate for all purposes of the treaty. Accurate maps were brought to San Francisco today from the islands, which show that in the group are 2,600 islands. Many of them are small.

### Hope to Rescue Miners.

Ely, Nev., Nov. 23.—The three miners entombed in the Alpha mine will, unless further trouble is experienced, probably be released by Christmas day, according to Foreman Gallagher. The 500-foot level was reached last night by the rescue party at work on the cave-in, and now that danger of a further cave-in has been averted, work is being pushed with all possible speed. The men have been imprisoned since December 4.

### Dr. Hanna Is Appointed.

New York, Dec. 23.—According to a special dispatch from Rome to the New York World, Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna, professor of dogmatic theology in St. Bernard's seminary at Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco, in succession to the late George Montgomery.

## ATTACKS CONGRESS

Pettigrew Says It Is Owned by Big Corporations.

CANNON BAD AS THE OTHERS

Railroads Were Aided in Stealing Rich Lands in the West—Sanator Allison Helped.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Ex-Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, whose defeat for re-election was one of the things that most gratified the late Mark Hanna, has come out with a fierce denunciation of congress as a body, in which he personally attacks Speaker Cannon. He declares that Mr. Cannon aided the railroads to steal public lands in the West. When the charges were brought to Mr. Cannon's attention, he said: "When I am attacked by a man of reputation and character I will defend myself."

"Congress is owned, body and soul, by the corporations," is Pettigrew's opening shot. Continuing, he says: "I was a member of the senate for 12 years, and I do not hesitate to say that the railroads control a majority of the members of the senate and they own the house."

"It was in 1898 that I endeavored to have a law passed that would prevent the railroads from stealing the public lands. Finally I secured an amendment to the sundry civil bill which would have operated effectually to prevent the railroads from entering public lands, but Allison and Cannon were both out to their jobs."

"The bill was reported back to the senate about 5 o'clock in the morning the last day of the session and it was passed. I did not know until afterward that Allison and Cannon had interpolated a phrase of a few words, which virtually made nugatory the intentions and purposes of my amendment."

"This phrase was 'or any other claimant or patentee.' Under this wording the railroads were enabled to enter the choice lands of the West and they lost no time in doing it."

"It was the same way with the Union Pacific railroad bills. Huntington jammed through the house a bill to have the government give up its second mortgage, which would have given the road millions of dollars. He had a clear majority in the senate and the bill would have passed that body had not some senators talked it to death."

"It was the same way with the railroad pooling bill. It passed the house and would have gone through the senate had it not been talked to death. The senators opposing these bills could have had \$100,000 apiece to quit talking, and would have been allowed to vote any way they chose, because the railroads had enough votes to pass the measure without us."

### RETURN VIA SUEZ.

Pick of Evans' Ships to Make Long Ocean Trip.

Washington, Dec. 24.—"The program of the return of the battleship fleet is a matter that has been discussed among the officials of the Navy department, but as yet no decision has been reached, and will not be for some time to come," says Secretary of the Navy Mitchell. The secretary's remark was called out by a wireless message from the flagship Connecticut, stating that Admiral Evans had authorized the Associated Press to say it is his personal belief that the Navy department's present intention to have the battleship fleet return by way of the Suez canal next summer or fall. As the president, through Secretary Loeb, previously had spoken to the same effect, it seems clear that Admiral Evans' statement was not suggested by any definite move so far determined upon by those supreme in authority. In naval circles the opinion prevails that at most only a squadron composed of such vessels as the Oregon to the Pacific shall have demonstrated to be "the pick of the fleet," will be sent through the Suez canal, while the remainder will take the shorter route around the Horn.

### Makes New World Record.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24.—A. Toepferwein today completed a ten days' shooting series during which he shot at 72,500 targets and missed nine. This breaks the world's record both as to number of targets shot at and the number missed. Mr. Toepferwein closed the exhibition in whirlwind fashion, shooting at the final 6,500 targets and missing only one. Toepferwein used a .22-caliber automatic rifle and the blocks were two and a half inches thick and were thrown at a distance of 20 feet from the marksman.

### Fruits of Grand Jury.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 24.—Among the 27 persons indicted by the Federal grand jury yesterday, two were made public today with the arrest of O. C. Dallas, chief clerk, and J. D. McLeod, at the head of the survey department in the office of the United States surveyor general in this city. The indictment alleges forgery and conspiracy to defraud the government of the United States. Both are well known citizens of Helena.

### Senator Mallory Dead.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 24.—United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory died at 2:58 yesterday morning, after an illness caused by a general breakdown on November 20, with paralysis of the left side.