

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.

Burns and Ruef clashed in court and almost came to blows.

The miners' federation may defeat the Nevada constabulary law.

Colorado stockmen in their convention upheld the government's forestry policy.

Walsh, the convicted Chicago bank wrecker, says he merely made investments.

A New York grand jury is making a searching investigation into banking frauds.

Evelyn Thaw will again tell her story to the jury despite the efforts of Jerome.

The Sovereign bank of Canada, which has failed, was largely a Morgan institution.

The government may decide to run steamers on the Pacific coast to defeat the monopoly of the Pacific Mail.

Judge McPherson holds the Missouri law against the transfer of railroad suits to the Federal court invalid.

Louis Glass, convicted San Francisco briber, who is ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved. He is 63 years old.

Senator Borah opposes the Aldrich currency bill.

New York banks have a surplus over the legal reserve.

There is a great deal of revolutionary agitation in India.

The three miners entombed at Ely, Nev., December 4, have been released.

Boyertown, Pa., has buried all of its dead. The total fatalities numbered 173.

The United States has found it necessary to interfere in the Haytian revolution.

German scientists have succeeded in manufacturing rubies of remarkable beauty.

Attorney General Young, of Minnesota, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

California shippers are determined that the Southern Pacific rebate investigation shall not be a farce.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road intends to have its line finished into the Northwest in time to handle a part of the 1908 crop.

John R. Walsh, president of the Chicago National bank, has been found guilty on 54 counts of misapplication of the bank's funds. The minimum penalty is imprisonment for 270 years and the maximum penalty 540 years.

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Four Scranton, Pa., girls were burned in factory fire.

The United States torpedo flotilla has arrived at Rio Janeiro.

The Japanese premier considers the emigration problem settled.

Montana mineowners have united to build a smelter and fight the trust.

Hayton rebels have captured two towns and the president threatens bombardment.

Pope Pius has the gout, but the alarming rumors about his health are not justified.

An effort is being made to keep Evelyn Thaw from telling her story at the second trial of Thaw.

Colonel Goethals thinks about \$32,403,863 will be needed to carry on the canal work this year.

The president has decided to let the Federal troops remain at Goldfield until some action has been taken by the Nevada legislature.

The largest savings bank in Dallas, Texas, has suspended.

The temperature has reached 6 degrees below zero at St. Paul.

Japan denies that there is any secret about the location of her fleet.

A majority of the house committee is opposed to the Seattle fair appropriation.

The National Woolgrowers' association is opposed to Roosevelt's land policy.

The Kentucky legislature remains deadlocked on the senatorial election. Governor Beckham still leads.

The New York Federal court is inquiring into Harriman's stock deals and has ordered him to answer questions.

The British Columbia legislature will try to impeach Lieutenant Governor Dunsmuir, for having disallowed Japanese legislation.

United States secret service men have discovered a plot in Mexico where Japanese intended to print passports allowing them to come into this country.

Taft says he will not resign from the cabinet.

Much evidence of Thaw's insanity is being given at his second trial.

PLOT IS REVEALED.

Anarchist Conspiracy in Rio Janeiro to Blow Up Fleet.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 21.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchist plot here having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, while centering in Rio Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes.

An individual named Jean Fedher, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot. Fedher is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo and the police, who know him, have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him. One of the detectives who was well acquainted with Fedher, having served on the police force at Petropolis for some time, returned from that place today. After having made investigation there and had a long conference with the chief of police at Rio Janeiro, the latter gave it to be understood later that the Sao Paulo police are on the track of the arch-conspirator and expect to arrest him soon.

MAKE GOOD PROGRESS.

But Philippine Delegates Say It Is Too Soon for Home Rule.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Speaking of conditions in the Philippines, Benito Legarda, delegate to congress, who, with his colleague, Pablo Ocampo, has arrived here en route to Washington, said today that his people had made great progress under American rule, and especially along educational lines, and added:

"It is useless to talk of independence now. I want independence, of course, but how can we have it? That is the question. I do not care to risk the property I own in another civil war or to anarchy that might follow an attempt on the part of my countrymen to govern themselves at present."

It is asserted that his fellow delegate would work in harmony while in the house of representatives, his only aim being to improve the economic conditions of the islands, worse now than it has been for 30 years. Both delegates want to secure, if possible, the reduction of the United States duties on Philippine sugar and tobacco. Both are greatly interested in the Japanese question.

Legarda is a member of the Progressive party, while Ocampo is affiliated with the National party.

KEEPING RESULTS SECRET.

Part of Lemieux's Party Returns From Japan.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Hon. Joseph Pope, Canadian secretary of state, and Madame B. Lemieux, wife of the Canadian postmaster general, returned on the ship Mongolia from Japan, where Lemieux went to straighten out the difficulties between the two countries, which arose over the question of Japanese immigration to Canada, and the consequent riots at Vancouver and in other Canadian cities. Lemieux returned on a preceding steamer.

The secretary of state, and the postmaster general were sent to Japan several months ago with instructions to reach some agreement with the Japanese government, whereby the immigration of coolies to Canada would be restricted. What success attended the mission is very carefully guarded by Pope. Madame Lemieux had not been made a confidante by the government officials. The party will leave here to-day for Ottawa.

Greeks Murder Women.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 21.—News has reached here of a terrible tragedy which occurred at the village of Dragosh, near Monastir, a town in Macedonia, several days ago. While a festival was in progress and the villagers were dancing upon the lawns in the public park, a large band of Greeks suddenly swooped down upon them and after driving them into their houses, set fire to the buildings and burned them to death. The victims included women and children and numbered, it is said, between 25 and 45.

Would Impeach Governor.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 21.—While the legislators are gathered at Victoria talking of taking the scalp of Lieutenant Governor Dunsmuir on the Japanese question, some of the astute politicians of the country are endeavoring to figure out by just what method it is proposed to carry out the impeachment. Particular difficulty is being met with in finding in Canadian history a precedent for the official beheading of the governor.

Ruef Has Nothing to Say.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The case which was begun against Abraham Ruef yesterday before Judge Lawlor is the one in which indictments were brought against him for the alleged bribery of supervisors in connection with a franchise of an overhead trolley system for the United Railroads. Ruef refused to make any statement tonight regarding the change in the attitude of the prosecutors toward him and their decision not to give him immunity.

Glass Taken to Hospital.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Louis Glass, former vice president and general manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, who was recently convicted of bribery and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, was transferred from the county jail tonight to the Lane hospital, he being quite ill with pneumonia.

Better Lights in Pullmans.

Salem—Many complaints having been made that poor lights are provided on Pullman cars on the O. R. & N., the railroad commission has secured a promise that suitable lights will be provided.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GATHER HOP DATA.

Pacific Coast Hop-growers' Association Wants Oregon Acreage.

Salem—The board of directors for Oregon of the Pacific Coast Hop-growers' union met here last week and formulated a plan for ascertaining the names of all the hop growers in the state, the acreage of hops owned by each, the names of growers who have signed the constitution and bylaws of the union and the acreage of each.

It is expected that this information will be at hand and complete soon and then for the first time it will be known definitely how many acres of hops are grown in Oregon. This information is necessary in order to ascertain the proportion of acreage represented in the union and also the names of growers who are needed as members but who have not joined.

The work of gathering the statistics was designated to the secretary, Joseph Baumgartner, and arrangements were made to raise a fund of \$1,000 to pay the immediate expenses of the organization work in Oregon. While no particular effort will be made to learn the acreage of hops that will be plowed up this season, it is probable that a pretty fair idea of the extent of the plowing up will be gained.

Suspected Sheep in Benton.

Monroe—United States Inspector H. Silverwood, of the bureau of animal industry, is in this section looking after several bands of sheep that were reported to be infected. The Federal government is working with state and county officials to enforce the dipping laws and clean up all bands of sheep which give the slightest indication of being infected. Mr. Silverwood imparts information regarding the construction of dipping vats, the method of dipping which will secure the best results, as well as the handling and care of livestock. It is more than likely that quite a lot of dip will be brought here before many days.

Columbia College Self Supporting.

Milton—Columbia college, of this place, has almost succeeded in raising a \$10,000 endowment fund, Rev. H. S. Shangle, financial agent of the college and also pastor of the Methodist church South in Milton, fully expecting to have the whole amount raised before the next meeting of the Columbia river conference. This is the only school of the M. E. South denomination in the Pacific Northwest and pupils gather here from long distances. There are over 150 students at present and for the first time in its history the school is self supporting.

Lebanon Mills Reopen.

Albany—After being closed for three weeks, the Lebanon paper mill has resumed work and 50 men temporarily idle are again in employment. The recent flood piled so many logs in the Santiam canal that the mill could not get a supply of fuel wood for the regular consumption of 30 cords daily. Though this was the cause of the shutdown, some feared it might be due to the financial stringency, but the prompt resumption of work has restored confidence.

Little Snow in Mountains.

Albany—Less snow is reported in the mountains of this part of the state this year than for a great many years. This winter only the highest peaks and ridges are covered, while the valleys, even though far up in the mountains, are free from snow. Reports from the upper valley and headwaters of the South Santiam river are to the effect that there is no snow at all now on the ridges and in canyons where the snow is usually seven or eight feet deep in January.

Large Timber Land Sale.

Oregon City—The transfer of 1,850 acres of timbered lands on the Upper Molalla river in Clackamas county has just been made public, through a deed filed in the office of County Recorder Ramsey. The price stated in the deed is \$81,000 or about \$44 per acre. The purchaser is the Molalla Lumber company, a West Virginia corporation, which purchased the property from the Cornwell Lumber company, of Saginaw, Mich.

Corporations Are Dissolved.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation dissolving 300 corporations which have failed to pay their license taxes for 1907. In the list are many concerns which in all probability will wish to continue business and which have neglected to pay the license fee. These concerns can secure restoration of their corporate powers by paying up delinquencies within 30 days. The complete list will be published in a few days.

Change in Blue Mountain Reserve.

Washington—The president has just signed a proclamation which eliminates 131,643 acres of the Blue Mountain forest reserve, as recommended by the forest service. The greater part of the area eliminated consists of open grass lands. The boundary has also been changed to exclude some heavily timbered land, title to which has passed from the government.

Better Lights in Pullmans.

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Sets Out Walnut Trees.

Rickreall—J. B. Stump, one of the leading farmers residing in this county, has planted 175 acres of his large farm near Monmouth to English walnuts, and will make his walnut grove a commercial proposition. The trees are planted with a space of 60 feet between rows one way and of 40 feet the other way. In the space between the rows of walnut trees Royal Anne cherries are planted and as these latter will bear quickly the land set to walnuts will soon be made profitable while awaiting the first crop from the walnut trees. Experiments made here in past years with walnuts have been so satisfactory that Mr. Stump's venture is not looked upon as an experiment.

Filing on Harney Lands.

Burns—The business of the United States land office in this city for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, makes an excellent showing for this country, the total entries and proofs for the period covering 51,200.69 acres and the payments, fees and commissions amounting to \$56,944.64. The month of December brought in \$29,000 of this sum. When it is considered that the financial panic held business in suspense a good part of the quarter, it will be seen that the movement for settlement of Harney county and contiguous country is a determined one and cannot be stopped.

Welcome to New Industry.

Oregon City—Nothing in recent years has brought so much satisfaction to the people of Oregon City as the announcement that a new paper mill is to be constructed at Oregon City on the East side of Willamette Falls, fronting the basin, with the installation of two machines of the largest capacity at the outset. Not less than 300 men will be furnished employment, and this means that from 400 to 600 people will be added to the population of Oregon City within a year, and that there will be a corresponding increase in the industry and business of the town.

Roat Will Go Under the Hammer.

Albany—The real property of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company situated in Linn county is to be sold for delinquent taxes. A majority of the stock is now owned by the Hawaiian interests. Sheriff Smith has begun the advertisement of the property for public sale February 17. The property advertised includes the roadbed and right of way of the company in this county, the roundhouse and machine shop at this city and some tracts of real estate adjoining Albany.

Wants New Library.

The Dalles—Renewed interest in the Carnegie library to be built here has come since the forwarding of the architect's plan to Andrew Carnegie's secretary for approval. The edifice will be erected in the city park and will cost \$10,000. The city council has voted to meet the maintenance expenses and appropriate \$1,000 annually. In fact this was necessary to meet the conditions as presented by the steel magnate and library builder.

Mines to Resume in Spring.

Baker City—The annual meeting of the Highland Gold Mines company consumed a two-days' session. It was decided to resume work in the mines in the spring, money having been pledged by the Eastern and Southern interests.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 85c; Bluestem, 87c; value, 85c; red, 83c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28; gray, \$27.50@28.

Barley—Feed, \$27.50 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30.

Corn—Whole, \$32.50; cracked, \$32.50.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@22; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14.

Fruits—Apples, \$1.25@1.75 per box; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1 per sack; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, \$2@2.25 per dozen; celery, \$3.25@3.50 per crate; onions, 15@20 per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1.5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1.5c per pound; tomatoes, 2c per box.

Onions—\$1.55@2.15 per hundred.

Potatoes—50@75c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$3.