

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.

A Chicago man believes he has solved the perpetual motion problem.

A Chinese Y. M. C. A. is to be established in New York. Plans for a building are being prepared.

There is talk in Russia of double tracking the Siberian railroad, which will cost nearly \$50,000,000.

The emperor of Germany will go yachting in the Mediterranean in March and King Edward, of England, in April.

The paraffin works and two oil tanks of the Standard Oil company near Baltimore, injuring one man badly. Loss, \$150,000.

San Francisco police have just arrested two men who are believed to have been perpetrating many of the hold-ups and robberies.

A New York policeman has just undergone an operation which proved successful. His intestines were pierced six times by a bullet.

The Illinois Central railroad has been fined for shipping beer and whisky into Herrin, Ill., after that place had become anti-saloon.

An interurban electric car left the tracks near Salem, O., and plunged down a 30-foot embankment. Fifteen passengers were injured, none fatally.

British goods are being boycotted in India.

The Union Pacific has greatly reduced working forces.

All Germany is celebrating the Kaiser's birthday.

Cheyenne secured the next meeting of the Dry Farming congress.

The Chinese tong war in San Francisco has claimed another victim.

The torpedo flotilla has arrived at Buenos Ayres. Its stay will be short at the Argentine capital.

Several warships now at Magdalena bay will soon return to the Mars Island navy yard for extensive repairs.

Rockefeller has ordered 300 Italian workmen discharged and their places filled by Americans who are out of work.

The Nevada special police bill may yet be killed in the house on account of friction between members and Goldfield mineowners.

The Dominion government will loan \$1,000,000 to the farmers of Alberta and Saskatchewan province, whose crops were failures last year.

A severe snow storm is general throughout the East.

The leader of the Portuguese rebels has escaped from prison.

Several of the Russian imperial family are sick with the grip.

Ecuador has stopped a threatened revolution by arresting the plotters.

Harry Orchard has written to a friend saying he is glad he confessed.

Walter Wellman says Wall Street is humble and admits defeat by Roosevelt.

The senatorial deadlock continues in Kentucky. Beckham has 49 votes out of 102.

Fire at Portland, Me., destroyed all city records and property valued at \$1,000,000.

A plan is being perfected at Chicago to raise \$100,000 for the relief of unemployed.

The Thaw trial has been delayed because of a storm which prevented the arrival of witnesses.

Anthracite coal interests are considering the maintenance of present prices throughout the year instead of making a reduction for the five months beginning with April.

Three men were killed in a serious fire at Boston.

The United Mineworkers of America has endorsed woman suffrage.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has cut the pay of all high salaried officials.

The Seattle exposition appropriation will have a hard time getting through the house.

Suffrage debates in the German reichstag caused violent scenes and threat of duel.

The battleship Mississippi has been accepted by the government. It was built at Philadelphia.

Cheyenne wants the next meeting of the Dry Farming congress.

Edward MacDowell, one of America's foremost composers, is dead.

Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, who is to marry Count Szechenyi, has already received presents to the value of \$1,000,000.

United States secret service men have discovered that several Americans are taking an important part in the latest Haytien revolution.

CLEAN UP TOWN.

San Francisco Making Preparations for Battleship Fleet.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—San Francisco will make extraordinary preparations during the next three months to "tidy up" before the arrival of the fleet.

Work on the downtown streets will be pressed in order that the gateway of the city may take on the appearance of freshness rather than dilapidation. While the supervisors are busily engaged on this problem, the special committee, of which James D. Phelan is chairman, intrusted with arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors, has already organized and mapped out its plans in a general way.

A unique feature of the celebration will be a floral parade, the first San Francisco has undertaken. The parade will be under the auspices of the Native Sons and Native Daughters. It will resemble in general scheme the pageants made famous by Los Angeles and Pasadena. San Francisco has lost the rural atmosphere which the cities in the southern part of the state which have retained, and a floral parade will entail an amount of preparation that has seldom been attempted here before.

NEW SYSTEM OF SURVEYS.

Bill to Give Commissioner Authority to Employ Men.

Washington, Jan. 28.—In his annual report Land Commissioner Ballinger recommended the abolition of the present system of making public land surveys under the contract system and urged congress to authorize the employment by the government of competent surveyors, whose sole duty shall be the surveying and resurveying of public lands.

There are some surveyors on government work who have produced satisfactory results, but the chief criticism of the old contract system is that it wastes a great deal of time, and requires two or three years from the time of application to get a given tract surveyed and the survey accepted.

WAR ON RATS.

San Francisco Determined to Exterminate Disease Spreaders.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Reports by the plague experts show that the disease has been almost entirely eliminated from the city, but the battle against the rats is to be pressed with new vigor.

All this is to be done as a precautionary measure. The theory held by Dr. Rupert Blue, the Federal expert in charge of the situation, is that the contagion is carried from the rat to the human being by the flea.

Troops Repel Tribesmen.

Tangier, Jan. 28.—Advises received here state that the Zenatia and Ouled Ali tribes attacked the French troops January 23, but were repulsed with severe loss.

Lisbon Officials Afraid.

Lisbon, Jan. 28.—Although the government apparently is master of the situation, much nervousness is manifested in official circles following the plot to overthrow the monarchy and establish Portugal as a republic.

Record Crop of Oranges.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The orange crop of California is now in full season and in quantity and quality promises to break all records.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FARMERS PLAN WAREHOUSE

Exporters' Terms Unsatisfactory to Weston Wheatgrowers.

Weston—Farmers of the Downing neighborhood, near Weston, which is a region of 50-bushel wheat and \$100-an-acre land, are planning to build their own warehouse at Downing station.

May Trade Territory.

Albany—The residents of northern Benton county are agitating for a change in the boundaries of Linn and Benton.

Cheap Salt for Oregon Sheepmen

Pendleton—Oregon woolgrowers have purchased 50,000 shares of stock in the salt plant owned by the Idaho growers.

Linn Stock Doing Well.

Albany—Reports from all parts of the county are that cattle and sheep are wintering to better advantage than for many years.

Burns Land Office Business.

Burns—The land office in this city for the quarter ending December 31 shows an increase over the same period in 1906.

Portland Retires Certificates.

Portland—It is stated by the committee of Portland bankers having in charge the banking operations of the Portland banks during the recent depression, that all of the \$1,000,000 of clearing house certificates issued during that time have been redeemed.

Weyerhaeusers Buy Timber.

Oregon City—The Northern Pacific railroad has sold to the Weyerhaeuser Land company 19,280 acres of land in Clackamas county.

Pruning Trees.

Freewater—Howard Evans, county fruit inspector of Umatilla county, says the trees in this vicinity are being pruned just as rapidly as men can do the work.

Elgin Livestock Shipments.

Elgin—During the past week a great many hog shipments have been made from the Wallows and Elgin country.

Warning to Druggists.

Salem—G. W. Blakeley, of the state board of pharmacy, is making a tour of Western Oregon, gathering evidence as to violation of the pharmacy law.

HAS SEEDLESS PEAR.

Has Borne Fruit for 20 Years Unknown to Scientists.

Pendleton.—Not suspecting that a seedless pear was anything out of the ordinary, R. L. Oliver, a prominent fruit raiser two miles west of this city, has been growing pears of that nature for two decades.

SCHOOL FOR CONVICTS.

Prison Reformers Will Ask Permit to Try Scheme.

Salem—The superintendent of the state prison, the governor of Oregon, Chaplain St. Pierre and Portland friends of prison reform have agreed on a plan for the construction of an assembly hall and night school building that is to be added to the penitentiary by consent of the next legislature.

It is to be located as an addition to the east wing of the prison, and will be built of brick made by the convicts.

Meeting of Fruitgrowers.

Albany—An educational meeting for fruitgrowers will be held here Tuesday, January 28, under the direction of the Linn County Horticultural society.

New Bank Building in Burns.

Burns—The Harney County National bank took advantage of Sunday to move into its new stone building, which is now undergoing the finishing touches on the interior.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 12@12 1/2c per pound; mixed chickens, 11 1/2@12c; spring chickens, 12@13c; roosters, 8@10c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 13c; dressed, choice, 16@17c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 16@17c; pigeons, 75c@81c; squabs, \$1.50@2.

Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 9@9 1/2c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@5 1/2c.

Pork—Block 75 to 150 pounds, 6@7c; packers, 5@6c.

Fruits—Apples, \$1.25@2 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, 1@1 1/2c per dozen; cauliflower, \$1.75@2 per dozen; celery, \$3@3.50 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per dozen; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2c per pound.

Onions—\$2.50 per hundred. Potatoes—40@75c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$3.25@3.50 per hundred.

Wheat—Club, 84c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 84c; red, 82c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$28; gray, \$28 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$27 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30.

WILL BREAK MONOPOLY.

Bonaparte Starts Suit Against Harriman Roads.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Attorney General Bonaparte directed that a bill in equity be filed to set aside the control by the Union Pacific Railway company and its subsidiary corporations of the Southern Pacific and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroads; also to have declared illegal the ownership by the Union Pacific or the Oregon Short Line of stock in the Santa Fe, the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, all of said lines being competitors of the Union Pacific.

The attorney general issued an official statement to this effect, which, after referring to the extended investigation into the relations existing among the various lines of road engaged in transcontinental traffic, says:

"From the evidence so adduced and from independent investigation the department has arrived at the conclusion that the stockholding of the Union Pacific and its subsidiary companies in the corporations mentioned above is in direct violation of the Sherman act."

"The department regards the suit as of first importance as it is sought by means thereof to break up a substantial monopoly of the transportation business of the country between the Missouri river on the east and the entire Pacific coast south of Portland on the west."

Aside from the railway companies above named, the other defendants in the suit are the Farmers Loan & Trust company, of New York, which is the depository of all the stock of the San Pedro road under a contract by which it is required to give proxies to such persons as may be named by Mr. Harriman and Mr. Clark for a period of years.

While naming the individual defendants the statement makes no mention of any intention to prosecute any of these officials personally in any criminal proceedings.

MAYS DISMISSED.

Heney Says He Cannot Convict Him of Conspiracy.

Portland, Jan. 27.—Franklin Pierce Mays, ex-state senator, was the principal witness for the government Saturday in the Hall-Mays conspiracy case in the Federal court.

Before Mays was called into the court room, Heney announced that he wished the indictment dismissed against Mays, who was a co-defendant with Hall and Edwin Mays.

Charles B. Moore, ex-register of the Oregon City land office, will undoubtedly be a witness for the government before the prosecution closes its case either today or tomorrow.

Straits Go After Fleet.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 27.—The police of this city have gathered up six sailors from the American battleships, who had either deserted or failed to return on board before their vessels sailed from here last week.

Spain Cementing English Ties.

London, Jan. 27.—Inquiries among Spanish consular and commercial circles in London make it clear that the proposal of the Spanish minister of commerce to hold an exposition of Spanish arts and industries in London in 1908 is warmly welcomed by the Spanish colony in the metropolis as additional evidence of the desire of King Alfonso to cement yet more closely the entente that already unites the two countries.

Encroaching on Norway.

Stockholm, Jan. 27.—A mining engineer who has just returned here from an exploring expedition in Northern Norway, where the Russian frontier approaches within 15 miles of the North Atlantic at Lyngnesform, says that he saw large bodies of Russian soldiers installed in log barracks, engaged in constructing a railway in Norwegian territory in a wilderness many days journey from the highway.

FULTON HAD POWER

Heney Proves Inaction of Hall in Certain Cases.

SENATOR KNEW FILINGS ILLEGAL

Burke and Goslin Indicted by District Attorney on Perjury Charge, But Never Prosecuted.

Portland, Jan. 28.—Senator Fulton was again dragged into the conspiracy case of John H. Hall and Edwin Mays yesterday by Special Prosecutor Heney.

Burke and Goslin testified that in September, 1899, they induced 20 transient male residents of the North End to file on as many timberland claims for a consideration of \$2 each for their services, with the express understanding that the claims so filed on should be held for a time and relinquished, when Burke and Goslin, representatives of Hammond, procured lien scrip to cover the land included in the relinquishments.

While naming the individual defendants the statement makes no mention of any intention to prosecute any of these officials personally in any criminal proceedings.

RAILROADS ASK FOR TIME.

Want to Test Law Against Owning of Coal Mines.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The opening vice presidents of many of the large railroads of the country were received by President Roosevelt yesterday and presented a request that in execution what is known as the county amendment of the railroad rate bill one case be brought against the roads by the government, this case to be finally disposed of by the Supreme court of the United States.

The president referred the railroad men to the Interstate Commerce commission, where it is understood the question will be fully discussed and a report made to the president as to the legal possibility of carrying out the suggestion made.

POLICE BILL IS PASSED.

Nevada House Acts on Bill Received From Senate.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 28.—The Nevada legislature has passed the police bill, giving this state a measure that provides for a system of policing in quell of riots which it is believed will quell all trouble in the Goldfield section at the present time and place the state in position to handle any future contingencies that may arise.

Several members who were devoted union men have made a fight in opposition to the bill, while the conservative members have made a forcible issue and have won the law.

Cool Heads Save Lives.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 28.—That there were a number of cool heads in the Grand opera house probably saved many lives last night. The Evans cafe, across the alley from the playhouse, was burning, and smoke issued through an open window in the opera house.

Plans to Divide Finland.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—A startling report is current both in St. Petersburg and in Helsinki that the emperor has decided upon the partition of Finland, annexing to Russia the district of Viborg, which was formerly a part of the empire, and sending an army corps to the grand duchy of Finland to overawe any protest.

Mother of Empress Dead.

Tokio, Jan. 28.—It was officially announced Saturday that Lady Shogun Ichijo, mother of the empress, died January 25, at the age of 80 years.