

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.

Senator La Follette is going to start a newspaper.

The Canadian Pacific is importing strikebreakers from Europe.

King Peter, of Serbia, is accused of conspiracy against Montenegro.

A severe hail and thunder storm has hurt the Kentucky tobacco crop.

Prohibition is to be the main issue of the Democratic state convention.

Forest fires have broken out again in Canada and more towns are threatened with destruction.

Extravagant living since the war with Russia has caused corruption in the Japanese army.

King Edward and Emperor William met at Cronberg, Germany, and conferred on a naval program.

Two masked men near Chico, Cal., held up 16 men as they came along at different times and secured \$700.

The five people arrested at Detroit on instruction from Helena are wanted for safekeeping, burglary and forgery.

The Turkish minister to the United States has been recalled and will be replaced by a reform movement man.

Holland seeks to know the American policy in Venezuela.

Hearst's Independent league is said to be short of money.

Thaw's creditors may oust his receiver and name a trustee.

New York sheriff is accused of winking at race track gambling.

President Falliere's daughter has married the private secretary of the president.

President Roosevelt has started an investigation for the improvement of rural life.

Depositors of a defunct San Francisco bank will sue the directors for \$5,250,000.

Holland is to send a second warship for foreign duty and it is assumed Venezuela is the point.

Turkey has recalled her minister to the United States, whose father is a fugitive in this country.

The Canadian Pacific has placed guards at all its shops and denies that it is importing strike breakers.

New Zealand wants her home government to dissolve the Anglo-Japanese alliance and form a union with the United States.

The Wright airship has made a successful flight in France.

English churches are starting an agitation for church union.

The Baldwin airship has been accepted by the government.

Japanese are declining to go to work for the Canadian Pacific as strike breakers.

The battleship fleet has arrived at Auckland, and a warm reception was tendered it.

The Crystal Palace, one of London's famous institutions, will be closed on account of financial troubles.

A hurricane destroyed a factory in Hungary, burying 100 persons. A number were killed or injured.

A Pittsburg doctor has just effected a cure of lockjaw and claims to have discovered the secret of the malady.

In an address at Warsaw, Ind., a preacher advocated tattooing all married women on the chin as a remedy for the divorce evil.

The business world of France is demanding a revision of their tariff laws. They say the loopholes in the present law are too wide.

The first act of violence in the Canadian Pacific strike has been recorded. A policeman on duty was brutally assaulted, but it is not known if strikers did it.

More Turkish ministers have been dismissed and arrested.

A heavy rainstorm at Boston flooded the streets, doing much damage.

A Philadelphia woman provided in her will for the care of her cats and parrots.

Much timber is being destroyed and mining camps threatened by forest fires in Montana.

Thaw has filed a bankruptcy petition, claiming the doctors' fees and cost of his trials have left him without anything.

New Zealand is making extensive preparations for the reception of the battleship fleet.

Roosevelt has assumed all responsibility for the discharge of the negro troops at Brownsville.

London is cleaning house and has just succeeded in convicting 10 municipal officers of grafting.

A San Francisco man lived 48 hours after breaking his neck and was conscious a part of the time.

FIRES IN IDAHO.

Kootenai Falls Prey to Flames and Sand Point is Threatened.

Spokane, Aug. 12.—A Sand Point, Idaho, special to the Spokesman Review says:

With the wind blowing a gale and the adjacent town of Kootenai wiped out, it seems that no power can save Sand Point. At 6 o'clock last evening a small forest fire north of Kootenai was blown into the town and the town of 300 inhabitants was burned to the ground.

The Humbird Lumber company has a \$200,000 mill at Kootenai, which burned to the ground, and which was only partly insured. At present the fire is within 2,000 feet of the Panhandle smelter, which seems doomed.

The homeless people of the little hamlet of Kootenai have been brought here, and are being cared for by citizens. All of them lost their belongings.

Over 500 volunteers are fighting the approach of the flames. Sand Point has a population of about 10,000. An appeal has just been sent to the Spokane fire department for aid.

It was impossible at midnight to learn the extent of the damage by fire at Sand Point. The telegraph wires are down and connection is lost with the regular telephone line, but the operator of the Independent Telephone office at Sand Point, states that Sand Point is in no immediate danger. The town of Kootenai was burned, but the big mill of the Humbird company was saved.

Reports are conflicting regarding the smelter at Ponderay, near Sand Point, one report declaring that it was burned while the other states that the forest fire was near but the smelter was still safe.

THOUSANDS PERISH.

South China Scene of Desolation Following Typhoon.

Hongkong, Aug. 12.—In a report issued today from the headquarters of the government relief station it is stated that advices from Southern China give details of appalling conditions among the victims of the recent typhoon, which laid waste an immense territory along the coast and killed thousands of natives.

The report says that more than 1,500,000 refugees are at the point of death from exposure and starvation, and that many thousands have succumbed since the disaster.

The tales of hardship and destitution are pitiful in the extreme. Scores of refugees in all quarters are without shelter of any kind, forced to spend days and nights huddled together like stormbound sheep. In some districts there is only sufficient food to supply one meal a day. More terrible are the conditions in other localities, where there is absolutely no food, and the people are dying by the hundreds. The dead are piled in heaps, no burial being possible.

MEXICANS USE TORTURE.

Tear Out Americans' Nails to Secure Names of Confederates.

Pittsburg, Aug. 12.—Police officials here have received news of the torturing of William Moffatt and Edward Maloney, who were arrested recently in Mexico City on a charge of robbing a bank messenger. Moffatt and Maloney, the police here say, were well known to them before leaving for Mexico.

Two companions escaped the officers when the Pittsburgers were arrested and the Mexican police demanded their names. Refusing to betray their companions, the men allege that they were strapped by the wrists to the bars of their cells, while the officials with forceps tore the nails from their hands. Unable to bear the agony, the men gave the names of their companions.

"I suppose," said Captain of Detectives Edwin T. McGough today, "if it were not for the record of the men, their torture would mean international complications."

Allege Yankee Roads Allied.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 12.—Reports received here today that railroad lines in the United States, particularly the New York Central line, are furnishing strikebreakers to the Canadian Pacific and supplying equipment which the Canadian road is unable to repair in its crippled machine shops, have greatly agitated the strikers. The officials of the union declared today that if this report is found to be true, sympathetic strikes will be declared on all roads furnishing men and equipment to the Canadian Pacific.

Up Goes Price of Apples.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—The fifth annual convention of the American Applegrowers' association opened here today with more than 100 apple growers from Central and Western states attending. Of importance to the public is the prediction of officers and delegates to the convention that apples this year will sell from \$2.50 to \$3 a barrel on the trees and that before the season ends they will be selling at \$7 with \$10 a barrel for choice ones.

Tornado in North Dakota.

Mandan, N. D., Aug. 12.—A tornado struck Mandan last evening and caused damage to the extent of \$50,000. One boy was picked up by the wind and carried three blocks. The roof of the Inter-Ocean hotel was loosened and crashed into the dining-room. The dollar hotel was unroofed. Houses were tipped over and many windows shattered, but no fatalities occurred.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAY LOSE WATER.

North Powder Company Has Prior Right Over Farmers.

Baker City.—That the ranchers in some portions of the North Powder country are to suffer the loss of water at this important time of the year is evident if the order goes into effect that was made by the North Powder M. & M. company, which owns and operates the flouring mill at that station.

The company has prior water rights, but in the past has had a surplus of water. It was decided to divide the water with ranchers who would put land in cultivation, the division to continue until any time it was found necessary to have the whole supply for milling purposes. Crops have been planted and the desert soil responded admirably to the tiller's efforts.

Now, however, the water supply is short, and the milling company was forced to order all water belonging to their water right to be turned into the canal that feeds the mill supply.

The hardship that will be worked on those who have spent their time and work in cultivating lands that were watered by the mill's surplus will probably be hard. According to the opinion of many, however, there was nothing else for the mill to do in order to protect its business.

THE STATE FAIR.

Thousands of Dollars Being Spent to Make It Successful.

Salem.—For the state fair in 1907 the Southern Pacific railroad handled 215 carloads of stock and exhibits. This year, while the fair is yet more than six weeks away, 219 cars have been ordered for hauling exhibits and stock. Many favorable conditions are working together harmoniously for a great fair at Salem next month.

Several thousand dollars have been expended in enlarging the permanent exhibit building. The grand stand has been enlarged so that it will accommodate one-third more people. Men have been at work on the grounds for some weeks preparing them for the fair. The shrubbery and grass is being cared for and skeletons for decoration purposes are being erected. All preparations are starting early.

A feature that will greatly assist to make the state fair this year of more worth and value will be the co-operation of the Portland Country club, which is offering attractive purses for the livestock exhibitions and races.

Indians Are Contented.

Pendleton.—During the past 12 months the sum of \$125,000 has been paid to the 1,000 Indians of the Umatilla reservation. This amount has been paid in sums varying from \$10 per capita per month to \$500 each. Every man, woman and child has received in the neighborhood of \$125 each. All of this vast sum has been spent directly in the channels of trade in Pendleton and is one of the chief sources of business for the merchants of the city. But little dissatisfaction is found among the Indians, and the reservation is now in better condition than for years.

Enlarge Salem Hatchery.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—According to reports received here, the state salmon hatchery up the McKenzie river will not be abandoned, but extended, and arrangements will be made this fall so that trout as well as salmon can be hatched. The citizens of Eugene will provide the money for the importation of trout eggs from the East. It was rumored some time ago that the hatchery would be abandoned, but it is evident from a letter of the state fish commissioner that great improvements will be made in the establishment.

Eugene Company to Irrigate.

Eugene.—The Bingham Land company of this city intends to irrigate 300 acres of farming land which it owns in the McKenzie valley about 20 miles east of Eugene. The company has filed notice of appropriation with the county clerk of 200 miners' inches of the waters of Forest creek for irrigation and power purposes. The ditch to convey the water to the land will be four feet wide at the bottom and three feet deep.

County Teachers Win.

La Grande.—The Union county teachers' institute will be held some time in November at Baker City, jointly with the Baker county institute. This institute will be held in connection with the Eastern Oregon teachers' association meeting. There will be a large gathering of teachers at Baker from all parts of Eastern Oregon.

Realizes Good Prices on Horses.

Drewsey.—I. M. Davis, one of the principal business men of this place, is home after an absence of several weeks in Pendleton and other railroad points. Mr. Davis took a number of horses over the mountains. He says they stood the trip remarkably well. He realized from \$100 to \$150 for single drivers.

Reporter of Supreme Court.

Salem.—Frank A. Turner, a Salem attorney, has been appointed Supreme court reporter to succeed Judge R. G. Morrow, who resigned. Judge Morrow had been reporter for the Oregon Supreme court 16 years and had issued more reports than all his eight predecessors combined.

BIG APPLE CROP.

Over 1,000 Cars of Shipping Stock Will be Produced This Year.

Portland.—Oregon will have over 1,000 cars of fine apples to ship this year, as compared with about 600 cars last year. Crop prospects on the whole are favorable, though some sections of the state are doing better than others. Hood River will have its banner crop, though it was feared earlier in the season that some damage had been done. The shipments from Hood River valley will be between 400 and 500 cars, against 200 cars in 1907. The Grand Ronde valley is preparing to send out 300 cars, double the number shipped last year, while Medford growers expect to dispatch about 200 cars, as they did last season. In the other apple sections of the state the conditions are reported as good or a little better than they were last season, though it is known that some varieties, Baldwins especially, will run lighter than last year in the Willamette valley, and it is also said the valley Newtowns and Spitzenbergs will not produce the crop they did a year ago. Prices that will be realized on shipping stock will be governed by conditions in the Eastern states, where the yields are reported to be comparatively light.

Knights of Grip Win.

Salem.—William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, has advised the committee of the Travelers' Protective association, having the matter in hand, that if the traveling men would withdraw their complaint before the railroad commission, 2,000-mile books would be immediately issued, good on all the Harman lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, for the flat rate of \$50. This is what the traveling men have been fighting for for two years past, and they are jubilant over the successful outcome of the matter.

Display Douglas Fruits.

Roseburg.—The contract for the horticultural exhibit building to be erected on the depot grounds, was awarded to Contractor F. F. Patterson. Construction work will begin in a few days. The building is to be mainly of plate glass, making an excellent display pavilion. Booster Zuercher has already started on a collecting tour for native exhibits of fruits and vegetables, so that the tourist may see what is raised in Douglas county.

Enlarge College Campus.

Salem.—State Superintendent Ackerman has returned from Corvallis, and states that options have been secured on land in the vicinity of the Agricultural college that will add about 15 acres to the campus of the Oregon Agricultural college. It is expected that at the meeting of the board of regents at Portland on August 13 orders will be given to buy the land on which options have been secured.

Record by Land Board.

Salem.—Loans amounting to \$40,500 were made by the land board at its monthly meeting held last week. This is the largest sum that has been loaned out by the land board in a great many years. The loans were uniform at 6 per cent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Club, 89c per bushel; forty-fold, 93c; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 93c; valley, 89c.

Barley.—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$25.00; brewing, \$26.

Oats.—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.

Hay.—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Fruits.—Cherries, 30¢ per pound; peaches, 65¢ per box; prunes, \$1.25 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.50 per box; plums, 40¢ per box; grapes, \$1.25 per 1.50 per crate; apricots, \$1; blackberries, \$1.10 per 1.15. Potatoes.—90¢ @ \$1 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 5¢ per pound.

Melons.—Cantaloupes, \$2.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crated, 1¢ per pound additional; casabas, \$2.50 per dozen.

Vegetables.—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5¢ per pound; cabbage, 2¢ per 2½¢ per pound; corn, 25¢ per 30¢ per pound; cucumbers, \$1 per box; eggplant, 10¢ per pound; lettuce, head, 15¢ per dozen; parsley, 15¢ per dozen; peas, 6¢ per pound; peppers, 8¢ per 10¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; spinach, 2¢ per pound; tomatoes, 50¢ @ \$1 per crate; celery, 90¢ @ \$1 per dozen; artichokes, 75¢ per dozen.

Butter.—Extras, 27¢ per pound; fancy, 25¢; choice, 20¢; store, 18¢.

Eggs.—Oregon extras, 25¢ per dozen; firsts, 23¢ per 24¢; seconds, 21¢ per 22¢; thirds, 19¢ per 20¢; Eastern, 23¢ per 24¢.

Poultry.—Mixed chickens, 11¢ per 1½¢ per pound; fancy hens, 12¢ per 12½¢; roosters, 8¢ per 9¢; spring, 14¢; ducks, old, 8¢ per 9¢; spring, 10¢ per 11¢; geese, old, 18¢ per 19¢; young, 20¢.

Veal.—Extra, 8¢ per 8½¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢ per 7½¢; heavy, 5¢.

Pork.—Fancy, 7¢ per pound; ordinary, 6¢; large, 5¢.

Mutton.—Fancy, 8¢ per pound.

Hops.—1907, prime and choice, 4¢ per 5¢ per pound; olds, 2¢ per 2½¢; contracts, 9¢ per 10.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10¢ per 16½¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15¢ per 15½¢; mohair, choice, 18¢ per 18½¢.

OPEN NEW LANDS.

Vast Area Available in Western Canada in September.

Ottawa, Canada, Aug. 11.—Next month will see radical changes in the land policy of the Canadian government. The Oliver land act, which goes into effect September 1, will throw open to the public 28,000,000 acres of rich, arable land, in the odd numbered sections of Western Canada that are liberally intersected by a network of railroads, are adjacent to commercial markets and swarming with live, hustling townships, with well established police protection, municipal government, schools, churches and institutions essential for agricultural prosperity.

While the "renter" and the man with limited loose cash is being given the opportunity of owning his own farm, unlike the procedure heretofore followed in granting free homesteads, he is not asked to forego the advantages in settled districts and to go into the wilderness to fight the hard fights of the pioneer. Instead of this, the new instrument of the Canadian legislature gives the enterprising man free land situated near flourishing towns, offering all the advantages and conveniences of modern life.

In order to encourage railroad building in the Dominion, the government has given to the railroad companies 32,000,000 acres of land during the last few years, and as a further inducement they have been left absolutely unfettered in the choice of locality and the time of selection, but recently were made to select their lands. The companies have taken full advantage of this generous provision and made a constant practice of leaving their grants in abeyance unless, after closely watching the trend of immigration and settlement, they could make up their minds as to what tracts of land would best serve their interests.

TRIBESMEN HOLD UP SHAH.

Persian Ruler Held Prisoner in His Own Palace.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Special dispatches received here from Teheran give a tragic-comic description of the position of the shah of Persia, who is virtually a prisoner in the hands of wild tribesmen summoned to Teheran to protect the throne against the revolutionists, but have become a greater menace to the monarch than his other foes.

The tribesmen are extravagant in their demands for money, which the shah is unable to grant, and they threaten to destroy the palace and pillage Teheran. The \$250,000 secured from the Russian bank recently as a loan on the crown jewels of Persia already is exhausted. General Liakhoff's Cossacks are unable to make any headway against the tribesmen, who have refused to permit the shah to leave the camp at Bide Shakh for Soltana Bad, where the harem is now staying.

Famine is reported to be imminent in Southern Persia, and this promises to bring about a crisis in political affairs in the autumn.

DISCORD IN TURKS' PALACE.

Former Ministers Blame Each Other for Ill Luck.

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—Discord reigns among the former ministers and palace officials detained at the ministry of war. Men Dough Pasha, ex-minister of the interior, is at loggerheads with Lahsin Pasha, the sultan's former secretary, who reproached him with not having adopted his advice three months ago to solicit the sultan to grant amnesty to political prisoners. The secretary, who is suffering from acute melancholia, replied that it was better to have died than to witness the present state of affairs.

Zeekhi Pasha, who was recently dismissed as inspector of military schools, is also reported to be a prisoner at the ministry of war, half demented and constantly requesting a revolver with which to end his life.

To this request the response was made that he must live and render to the nation an account of his doings. He has contributed \$25,000 toward a fund to purchase two cruisers to be named after the heroes of the revolution.

Full Force Restored.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—When the employees in the Southern Pacific shops at West Oakland went to work yesterday they found that they were expected to work nine hours instead of eight per day. Their pay, however, will be on the nine-hour basis. During the last 60 days the railroad company has increased its working force in the Oakland shops until now it is as great as it was before the slump of several months ago. The increase of working hours is necessitated by the large amount of work on hand.

Danish Printers Strike.

Copenhagen, Aug. 11.—Owing to the typographers and other employees in the printing offices here, except a few employed on socialistic papers, having started a strike, the employees have decided to declare a general lockout in all departments of labor tomorrow. If a reconciliation is not reached between the employers and the men, it is expected that the newspapers here will suspend publication for at least a fortnight.

Meet Death in Flames.

New York, Aug. 11.—Six persons were burned to death in a tenement house at 332 East One Hundred and Twelfth street, four children between the ages of 8 and 12, an infant of 2 months and an aged man. Other occupants of the tenement were injured by jumping from windows.

FIGHT HIGH RATES

Texas Brings Suit Against Host of Railway Companies.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY BY ROADS

State Commission Appeals to Interstate Board, Basing Complaint on Valuation of Lines.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The railroad commission of Texas today filed a formal complaint with the Interstate Commerce commission against 67 railroads and other common carriers, alleging a conspiracy on the part of the defendants through the Southwestern Traffic association for the suppression of competition and restraint of trade in the recent action increasing freight rates to common points in Texas. The commission will forward notice of this complaint to all the carriers involved and will give them 15 days to reply, the usual period allowed for answering a complaint being 20 days. The commission will expedite this case as much as possible on account of its widespread importance.

The complaint undertakes to compare the alleged cost of maintenance and operation of the railroads with the actual cost, and the claimed debt which is supposed to justify the increase, with the actual debt. The railroad commission of Texas, it appears, has appraised the cost of construction and operation of the roads as well as the actual debt upon which the rates may be fairly based.

Eight freight schedules, which have recently been filed with the commission, are made the basis of the complaint and all are alleged to have been brought about by an unlawful agreement between the defendant carriers and the Southwestern Traffic association, of which they are members or whose members represent, through power of attorney, those who are not. It declares that the increased rates will fall primarily upon the commodities of daily necessity; that they will seriously disturb trade relations, causing loss to shippers and the consuming public, and that the increased tax, so far as Texas alone is concerned, will amount to \$2,653,000.

SHIP CHINESE HOME.

Large Party Smuggled Over Mexican Border Sent to China.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Eighty-five Chinese for deportation arrived here today and were put aboard the Siberia, which sails tomorrow for the Orient. They were brought here from the Southeast border in a special train by United States Marshals Daniels, of Tucson; Smith, of Albuquerque, and Warden, of the Northern district of Texas.

Nine Chinese from Texas were among the 18 recently discovered in a sealed boxcar. The immigration agent at El Paso became suspicious of the car and, upon having it opened, found the 18 Chinese. They had provided themselves with a cask of water and food sufficient to last for a week or two. The Chinese arriving today entered Mexico through the port of Salina Cruz, direct from the Orient.

SECOND CLOUDBURST.

Bisbee, Ariz., Again Swept by Downpour of Water.

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 11.—For the second time within a week the Bisbee postoffice was put out of commission today by a cloudburst. At about the same hour in the day as before a heavy rain came up and, when a cloud burst over Mule mountain, tons of rock and dirt slid into the postoffice, piling nearly ten feet high. The office was also flooded with mud and silt.

The general delivery section was destroyed. The stamps and money were saved, being carried to a place of safety as soon as the flood grew threatening. A large force of men with a steam shovel is at work on the debris tonight.

Raise Insurance Rates.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 11.—Word was received here this afternoon that the Canadian Fire Underwriters' association today in Toronto considered seriously the situation arising out of the \$3,000,000 losses sustained at the Fernie fire and increased rates were decided upon. Partly for this reason and partly because the association regarded existing rates on grain in elevators in the Western provinces too low, it was decided to increase the rates 33 per cent on that class of insurance.

Main Grove of Big Trees Safe.

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 11.—The big forest fire which has been raging along the south fork of the Stanislaus river for over a week is reported today to have reached the south grove of the famous Calaveras big trees. Reports from the scene of the conflagration are meagre, as telephone lines are out of order. A brief message said today: "The fire is still burning and reached the south grove yesterday afternoon. The main grove is safe."

Chicago Gains 20,700.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—An increase of 20,700 since last year gives 2,425,000 as the population of Chicago, estimated by the Chicago Directory company, whose 1908 issue is now ready for distribution.