

WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings of the Past Week in Brief and Comprehensive Form.

The epidemic of yellow fever in Texas continues to spread.

Alexander J. Dowle, the Zionist leader, indorses Roosevelt.

During October there was coined at the various mints of the United States \$3,672,120.

The case of W. H. Machen, charged with postal fraud, has been set for November 23.

T. A. Wood, of Portland, has been discharged from practice before the pension bureau.

Congressman Jones, of Washington, will introduce a bill giving Alaska a temporary government.

The sea dredge Chinook has arrived at the mouth of the Columbia river and will commence work at once.

The German mail steamer Duisberg has been wrecked near Lisbon, Spain. Most of the passengers were saved.

A reward of \$5,000 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the persons who wrecked the Santa Fe train at Ashshapa creek last week.

A petition signed by a large number of Filipinos has been received at the navy department asking for the establishment of a gun factory near Cavite, P. I.

In the state elections just held the democrats elected the mayor of Greater New York, and governors in Kentucky, Rhode Island and Maryland. The republicans carried Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Iowa and Nebraska.

A blaze at the vatican, Rome, destroyed \$50,000 worth of property.

China is trying to interest the United States in her behalf in the Manchurian trouble.

Nearly 3,000 men are idle at Lorain, Ohio, because of the shut-down of the large steel plant there.

Postmaster General Payne will ask for about \$15,000,000 more than the last congressional appropriation.

A conflict with Russia is regarded by Japan as sure, sooner or later, and she will not yield one point in the present controversy.

Rear Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, recommends an appropriation of \$140,000 for the Puget Sound navy yard.

Senator Mitchell will oppose the policy of leaders in congress for economy with a vengeance, and will work for a liberal river and harbor bill.

The Cuban congress has convened, and President Palma in his message praised Roosevelt and stated that the prospects of reciprocity with America are bright.

The Oregon supreme court holds that no tax levy can be made next January.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mineworkers, is quite ill at Scranton, Pa.

The Bilbao, Spain, strikers have returned to work and their demands will receive consideration.

Wyoming will most likely secure the chairmanships of the irrigation committees in the coming congress.

Governor Dole has been appointed district judge for Hawaii. Secretary Carter succeeds him as governor.

There is now only one county seat town in Montana which has no railroad communication with the outside.

The Toronto board of trade has passed resolutions declaring consideration of annexation with the United States impossible.

An extremely brilliant specimen of the aurora borealis crippled telegraphic service throughout the United States, particularly in the East.

A West Virginia mob stoned Dowieites for words deemed insulting.

One arrest has been made in connection with the train wreck in Colorado.

Sam Parks, the noted walking delegate, has been found guilty of extortion.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up a switch engine with dynamite in the Denver yards.

A Santa Fe passenger train ran into an open switch at Hutchinson, Kan. Three lives were lost.

Japan may yet block the plan to give Russia a free hand in Manchuria for a similar concession in Corea.

The United States will demand \$40,000 from Spain to reimburse school funds taken after American occupation.

It is probable that Governor Dole, of Hawaii, will be appointed United States district judge, to succeed Morris M. Estee, deceased.

Three men were killed in a collision on the Southern Pacific west of Ogden.

Rival candidates for governor in Louisiana engaged in a fist fight.

ASKFOR EXTRA SESSION.

Montanans Want Legislature to Remedy Existing State of Affairs.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 5.—A Helena dispatch to the Miner says that petitions from all sections of the state are pouring into the governor's office asking that an extra session of the legislature be called to remedy the state of affairs existing in Montana as a result of the suspension of the Amalgamated mines and smelters. Governor Toole as yet has made no announcement as to his determination in the matter.

A move is on foot to have a memorial presented to the legislature, in the event it is convened in extra session asking that body to submit to the voters of Montana an amendment to the constitution providing that eight hours constitute a workday for miners and smelting men.

Notwithstanding Mayor Mullin's order, every gambling house in the city was open all night. The four big establishments were notified to close at midnight, but they paid no attention to the order. Long after 12 o'clock and until an early hour this morning the houses did a rushing business.

President William Scallon, of the Anaconda mining company, and F. Augustus Heinz, both deny that any negotiations are on for the purchase of the Heinz properties in Butte. This denial followed a report emanating from Boston to the effect that Mr. Heinz had been offered \$15,000,000 for his Butte mines.

PANAMA REVOLT.

Independence of the Isthmus Has Been Proclaimed.

Panama, Nov. 5.—The independence of the Isthmus was proclaimed at 6 p. m. today. A large and enthusiastic crowd of all political parties assembled and marched to the headquarters of the government troops, where General Tovar and General Amaya, who arrived this morning, were imprisoned in the name of the Republic of Panama. The enthusiasm was immense, and at least 3000 of the men in the gathering were armed.

The battalion of Colombian troops at Panama favors the movement, which is also thought to meet with the approval of at least two of the government transports now here.

The seeming inactivity on the part of the government in not preparing some defense when rumors of the uprising became rife are looked upon as showing confidence in the reports made by General Obaldia, the governor of the department of Panama, who issued a manifesto thanking all political parties for the adhesion promised to the government when it was reported a heavy force was marching in the vicinity of Penonome.

The streets of Colon today presented somewhat the same appearance as during the days of the revolution. Several hundred troops, who arrived today from Savanilla on the Colombian gunboat Cartagena, with their wives, are squatted on the street corners. The battalion consists of 450 soldiers, all well supplied with ammunition, under the command of General Lowry, who left for Panama today, but the troops still remain here.

SUBMERGED WRECK.

Found in Twenty-Five Fathoms of Water in Barclay Sound.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 5.—A report has been made to Captain Gaudin, Agent of Marine, that a submerged wreck, seemingly of an iron vessel, has been found lying in 25 fathoms of water off Amplitite Point, Barclay Sound. Fishermen have come in contact with the wreck when trolling and the fact that their lines, when cleared, showed rust and iron stains, indicates the possibility of it being an iron vessel. The vessel is five miles from shore.

Captain Gaudin has communicated with Admiral Blekford, commanding the station, intimating a possibility of the wreck being that of the British warship Condor, which foundered in December two years ago. Wreckage from the Condor was found by searching vessels in that vicinity, but there is nothing to indicate that it is that lost warship, for many wrecks have occurred near by within the past year.

Give Up Indian Hunt.

Douglas, Wyo., Nov. 5.—John Morjon, a member of the Douglas posse, says the Indians who shot Sheriff Miller and a deputy in a bloody battle Saturday have separated, and each party is taking a different trail. The posse was unable to follow the lead, and the pursuit was temporarily abandoned. It is the opinion of many of the officers that the redskins cannot be caught until they return to the reservation, and as fast as they come into the Pine Ridge agency they will be taken into custody.

Russia Sees Peace at Hand.

Paris, Nov. 5.—M. Savinsky, secretary of Count Lamsdorf, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an interview this evening said Russia desires general peace in both the near and far east, and is not anxious for any pretext for a clash with the Mikado's forces, as some of the jingoistic press would try to show. A solution of problems that have been puzzling the two countries, the secretary says, is near at hand.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

HOLD ON TO YOUR PRUNES.

Advice Given to Growers by ex-Commissioner Reynolds.

Salem—“Prunegrowers who have not already sold their fruit should hold it for a price that will give them a fair profit,” says Lloyd T. Reynolds, formerly horticultural commissioner for the second district.

“Dealers are around offering to pay a basis price of 1 1/2 cents. Probably a majority of the prune crop this year will average in the 50-60 to-the-pound size, and at this basis growers would get only 3 cents a pound for their fruit. Since the cost of labor and fuel has advanced, 3 cents a pound is about the actual cost of production. Growers are cutting their own throats when they sell at such figures.

“The condition of the fruit market does not warrant such low prices. France had a very short crop and is buying prunes heavily in this country. The dispatches from New York tell us that the packing houses in this country have had difficulty in filling the orders as fast as they are received. The apple crop of the United States is 1,000,000 barrels short and prices for that fruit will be high. Canned goods have advanced very materially. In every view of the situation I can see no reason why prunegrowers should not receive a fair price, if they will ask for it.

“It seems to me to be certain that all the prunes will be wanted and the proper course for the growers is to wait until a living price is offered. I do not advise holding for speculative prices, but for a living price. Oregon prunes this year are of first-class quality and they give satisfaction wherever sold.

LIEU LAND REJECTIONS LARGE

Land Agent West Puts Records in Order and Gathers Figures.

Salem—State Land Agent Oswald West has just completed the classification and filing of the correspondence and papers relating to state lieu land selections in Oregon. Heretofore the records have been in confusion and one seeking information regarding any particular selection, would have difficulty in finding it. Now the records are arranged so that any desired information may be had at a moment's notice. The list shows that the lieu land selections upon mineral base, which have been passed upon by the Federal Land Department within the past year or two aggregate 74,000 acres, of which about 4,000 acres have been clear listed and about 70,000 has either been rejected or is still pending with the outlook poor for its approval.

Pendleton Owns Its First Park.

Pendleton—Pendleton is now the owner of a city park. For years such a move has been agitated, but nothing was done until a week or so ago, when the council bargained for the property in the east part of the city, where the water supply is secured. The money has been paid over and the deeds filed. The land was purchased from Jessie S. Vert, consisting of one entire block, and for which she received \$1500, and four lots from V. Strobbe. The city purchased this property to prevent buildings from being erected there.

Put Up Much Fruit.

Ashland—The Ashland Preserving Company, which has been operating an extensive cannery in this city this present season, will close operations for the year this week. The season has been longer than usual and there have been more people employed than ever before, the average number of operatives being between 40 and 50. Manager Charles Pierce reports that during the four months' run the plant has canned 15 tons of Bartlett pears, 21 tons of peaches, 10 tons of string beans and seven tons of blackberries.

Wood \$7 a Cord.

Pendleton—There is a scarcity of wood in Pendleton. This is due to the lack of cars to bring it from the Blue Mountains, from where Pendleton gets her supply. There seems to be plenty of wood at the belt. Prices are exceptionally high. Fir is selling at \$7 per cord and pine at \$6.50. This price is nearly \$1 higher than last year. Coal is selling at \$8 per ton.

Sale of Great Timber Tract.

Astoria—A deed has been filed for record whereby the Oregon & Montana Lumber Company, of Helena, Mont., sells to Samuel McClure, of Stillwater, Wash., 1566.29 acres of timber land in the Lewis and Clark district. The consideration named is \$1000, but it is supposed a much higher price was paid.

Vacancies in Legislature.

Salem—Not only will a special session of the legislature be necessary to cure the defect in the taxation law, but a special election will be necessary to fill several vacancies in the legislature. The vacancies must be filled before the session is held, according to the language of the constitution.

WILL MANUFACTURE STAVES.

Houlton Will Have a Plant That Will Employ 100 Men.

St. Helens—It is now a settled fact that the Western Coopage Company, composed of Kentucky capitalists, will build a large stave factory at Houlton, on the Northern Pacific railroad, just on the outer edge of the corporate limits of St. Helens. A dozen men are already at work getting camps ready in the woods, where the bolts for the staves will be cut up and split into the usual size.

A factory site has been purchased from W. H. Dolman, at Houlton, which has ample space for switches and side tracks. Options have been secured on several tracts of timber land, and a contract has been entered into with the Oregon Wood Company to float down 800,000 cords of stave bolts annually. Construction work will begin on the factory at once, and the management state that fully one hundred men will be employed in the mill and timber.

This company owns factories in Kentucky, Arkansas, Georgia and at Seattle and Aberdeen, Wash.

MILL IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

Pennsylvania Capitalists Preparing for a Heavy Cut of Vlimber.

Roseburg—The Kelleher-Skelley Lumber Company has just been incorporated here, by W. J. Kelleher, John K. Skelley and W. H. Sykes with a paid up capital of \$50,000. The company has already acquired about 5000 acres of fine timber land on Billy Creek, a few miles west of Yoncalla, in this county.

A sawmill building has already been erected and part of the machinery is now in place. The plant will have a daily capacity of 50,000 feet of lumber to begin with, and will be ready for operation within 30 days. A flume will be put in from the mill to carry the product direct to the Southern Pacific railroad track at Drain, where a lumber yard will also be established.

Looking for Reservoir Sites.

Ashland—H. E. Green and J. E. Reese, of the hydrographic branch of the United States Geological Survey, arrived in Ashland last night from San Francisco. They are in the reclamation service and will cross the mountains eastward from here on an extended exploration and investigating trip to locate possible sites for reservoirs for the storage of waters for irrigation purposes. They go to Pelican Bay, Fort Klamath, The Agency, Sprague River Valley, Bly and Bonanza, and their itinerary will take in all the Modoc lava beds and the Honey Lake district.

October Asylum Report.

Salem—The report of Superintendent J. F. Calbreath, of the State Insane Asylum, for the month of October shows that the general health of the patients is good. The total cost of articles consumed was \$7143.99, and the expenditures for salaries \$5999.10, or a total of \$13,143.09. The average daily enrollment was 1330, making the cost per capita per month \$9.89, and per capita per day 32 cents.

Malheur County Clean-Up.

Baker City—General Manager O. C. Johnson brought in the clean-up of a 60-day run from the Rich Creek placer mine of the Eldorado Mine & Ditch Company, of Malheur county, today. The clean-up amounted to about 800 ounces valued at about \$16,000. R. E. Corburn, of Carroll, Ia., is the principal owner of the diggings.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75c; blue-stem, 70c; valley, 75c.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$22; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$3.75@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; Graham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4; rye wheat, \$4.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07 1/2; gray, \$1.05 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; linseed dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$11; cheat, \$11.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound; dairy, 16 1/2@20c; store, 16c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15c; Young America, 15@16c; factory prices, 1@1 1/2c less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10@10 1/2c per pound; spring, 11 1/2c; hens, 11@12c; broilers, \$2.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14@15c per pound; dressed, 16@18c; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, \$7@10.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 30c; Eastern, fresh, 24@26 1/2c.

Potatoes—Oregon, 50@65c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2@2 1/2c.

Hops—1903 crop, 12@22c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37 1/2c.

Beef—Dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound. Veal—Small, 7 1/2@8c; large, 5 1/2@6c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 4@5c; lamba, dressed, 6c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@6 1/2c.

CHINA BEGS FOR AID.

Helpless Against Russian Occupation of Mukden, Manchuria.

Pekin, Nov. 4.—The Chinese government is greatly disturbed at the reoccupation of Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, by Russian troops. The foreign office is appealing to friendly foreign legations for help and advice, admitting its own helplessness in the matter.

The communication relating to Mukden is as follows:

“The Russians employed a noted brigand, who was accused of many crimes against the Chinese, as chief of one of the irregular bands of police that are organizing in Manchuria. The authorities repeatedly requested the surrender of this man, and the Russians recently consented to give him up.

“Thereupon a Chinese officer decapitated the brigand without giving him a trial. When this became known, the Russians demanded the execution of this officer within five days, giving as an alternative the seizure of Mukden.

“The Chinese foreign office was negotiating with Paul Lessar, the Russian Minister, on the matter, and offered to banish the officer, pleading that he had exceeded his instructions, and to remove the taotal, his superior, from office.

“There was a misunderstanding as to the time limit set for these negotiations. The Chinese thought it expired yesterday. Before the negotiations were completed the news was received here that Russia had fulfilled her promise to reoccupy Mukden.”

NEXT STEP IN ALASKA CASE.

Negotiations Will Be Commenced for a Survey of the Boundary.

Washington, Nov. 4.—John W. Foster, agent for the United States before the Alaskan Boundary Commission, has arrived in Washington, bringing the official text of the commission's findings and all the records of the American case. General Foster had an interview with Secretary Hay in further explanation of the actual results obtained in London and later in the day dined with the President.

Upon the delivery of the findings together with General Foster's own report within a few days, Secretary Hay will enter into negotiations with the British Government for the appointment of expert surveyors to mark the lines of the boundary as they have been described by the commission.

The findings of the commission, as they will be deposited in the state department, bear the signature of the American commissioners, Lord Alverstone and the American Secretary.

Contrary to the common impression, Canadian charts will be used as a basis of the survey work. It appears, according to General Foster, that the Canadians spent an enormous sum of money in the preparation of their case and the work of their cartographers, being very much more extensive and elaborate than that produced as part of the American case, was accepted by the commission as the standard.

CROW OUTBREAK.

Indians and Posse Engage in Battle in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 4.—Governor Chatterton has been advised of a fierce battle that was fought late yesterday afternoon on Little Lightning creek, 50 miles north of Lusk, in Eastern Wyoming, between Sheriff W. H. Miller, with a posse of six men from Weston county, and a band of Crow Indians on the way to the Sioux Agency at Rosebud.

Sheriff Miller is reported to have been killed, one of his deputies fatally wounded, two others slightly wounded, while three Indians are reported killed and several wounded. Only the most meager details of the affair have been received, but posses are hurrying to the scene from Lusk, Douglas and Newcastle.

The Indians who have been slaughtering antelope, deer and other wild game in violation of state laws and in some instances have killed cattle, are hurrying toward the Rosebud Agency, and an effort will be made to head them off.

Governor Chatterton has instructed the troops at Douglas, Buffalo and Newcastle to be in readiness to be moved on short notice and further details of the affair are anxiously awaited.

Not Fighting Appointments.

Honolulu, Nov. 4.—The Home Rule leaders here profess to have received a message from Delegate Kalaniano'ole, who is now at Columbus, O., supporting them in their opposition to the confirmation by the Senate of the appointments of Carter and Dole as Governor and United States District Judge respectively. To a message of inquiry sent to Prince Kalaniano'ole, the delegate replied, denying he has taken any such position in the matter. The Home Rulers will send to Washington resolutions of protest against the appointments.

Rock Island Earned 7 Per Cent.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—The Rock Island Company, of London, the \$150,000,000 corporation organized as a holding company for the securities of the railroad properties controlled by the Moores and their associates, earned a little over 7 per cent on its outstanding common stock during the first year of its existence, according to the first annual report of the company, which has just been made public.