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HILLSBORO OREGON

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.

Montenegro has adopted a new constitution.

Poland is again the scene of rioting and troops cannot be spared to suppress the trouble.

Denver has not yet disposed of all its election fraud cases incident to the presidential election.

Secretary Bonaparte has found that he has not the power under the present laws to dismiss the Annapolis hazers.

A Des Moines, Iowa, baby show broke up in a row because the first prize was given to the baby of a Jewess.

Hawaiian planters have completed plans to bring 1,000 families of laborers from the Azores or some other European source.

Governor LaFollette, of Wisconsin, has resigned to accept a seat in the United States senate. The resignation takes effect the first of January.

Thorough reorganization of the management and methods of the Mutual Life Insurance company is demanded by its 30,000 British policy holders.

Admiral Rojestvensky has returned home. He has not yet entirely recovered from the wounds he received during the battle of the Sea of Japan.

A bomb hurled through a window of the Allied Iron association in New York wrecked the room used for telephone purposes. The concern is non-union and this is given as the reason of the outrage.

Balfour declares himself a free trader.

Martial law has again been proclaimed throughout Poland.

Japan is angry because China delays the new Manchurian treaty.

Insurance investigators are now at work on the small companies.

A British fleet is to maneuver off the coast of Morocco while the conference is on.

France, Germany and Russia are said to be backing China in her move against Japan.

A San Francisco woman has secured a divorce from her insane husband and married his keeper.

The chief sanitary officer of the Panama canal says yellow fever has been almost exterminated.

The Chicago brick trust has pleaded guilty to illegal combinations and the members have been fined.

Chinese boycotters have attacked foreigners at Shanghai. An American warship will be sent there.

A Russian troop train was wrecked by rebels and half its occupants surrendered to save their lives.

Three Chicago banks, all of them controlled by John B. Walsh, have suspended. Depositors are fully protected.

The sugar brought into the United States during the year about to end will exceed \$150,000,000 in value. About \$50,000,000 of this comes from our island possessions.

King Edward plans to make Germany powerless by surrounding her with his allies.

There is danger of friction between France and Germany in the Moroccan conference.

Germany has assured the sultan that she will assist Turkey in resisting further demands by the powers.

Contributions to the relief fund for Russian sufferers has reached a total of \$1,172,639 in the United States.

General MacKenzie strongly recommends an appropriation for continuing work at the mouth of the Columbia.

Miss Roosevelt's Oriental gifts are valued at \$20,000 according to the amount of duty she paid on them.

The plan of the Russian rebels is to bankrupt the government by stopping taxes and refusing to take paper money.

A defiant manifesto of Russian revolutionists has been met by the government arresting the leaders and publishers.

Castro has withdrawn his insult to France.

A massacre of Christians is feared in Egypt.

The Montana legislature will be called in extra session to pass a railroad rate regulation law.

Thomas Lawson, of "Irene's finance" fame, has given a \$1,000,000 mortgage on his property and admits he may go bankrupt.

A ton of gelignite at the Central Star mine, Roseland, B. C., exploded, wrecking the mine buildings and shaking the entire country. One man was killed and several score injured.

New York's employing printers are preparing for war on the Typographical union January 1.

A strike has occurred for the first time in the British royal dockyards. The men were working overtime on construction of a battleship being rushed. Their demand for better pay was granted and work was resumed.

The Russian army in Manchuria is to be disbanded and hurried home.

Attorney General Moody will decide whether Annapolis hazers shall be dismissed or court martialled.

The czar is planning to issue more manifestos on his name day, which will grant more liberties to the peasants.

MADE PLAIN TO MR. SHONTS.

Panama Canal Affairs Discussed at White House Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt tonight took up the matter of the Isthmian canal scandals as developed by debate in the senate during the past three days. He is determined to prevent further criticism of the character put forward by Senators Tillman, Culberson and others. Senators Allison and Hale, both members of the appropriations committee, were present. The president made it plain to Mr. Shonts that the literary bureau in charge of Secretary Bishop must be at once discontinued, and Mr. Bishop confine his service purely to administrative matters. He also discussed the advisability of reducing his salary from \$10,000 now paid to \$5,000, or some other moderate sum.

It was also made apparent to Chairman Shonts that if he still has an official connection with the Clover Leaf railroad, it must be severed immediately. Senator Tillman declared that Mr. Shonts is still active president of the system, and neither Mr. Shonts nor any of the administration senators have entered a denial of the declaration.

The president further gave Mr. Shonts much advice regarding the conduct of affairs on the isthmus. It is prescribed in the president's order that the canal commission must leave at once for that place.

The bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for the canal work, passed by the senate on Saturday, provides that within 90 days the secretary of the treasury must furnish estimates to the senate and house appropriations committees of all salaries paid those employed on canal work, except laborers and unskilled workmen. This feature of the bill was discussed with Senators Allison and Hale.

It is believed that many reforms will be instituted in the administration of the canal before another appropriation is requested from congress. This work of reform must begin at once, as Secretary Taft says the \$11,000,000 now being obtained will last no longer than April 1 at the outside.

In the meantime Senator Tillman will begin a strong agitation after the holiday recess for a thorough investigation of the entire canal situation. He will be opposed by the Republicans, but supported by the Democrats. Even some of the Republicans favor an inquiry, and Mr. Tillman threatens to cause much trouble unless matters are put on such a basis as to prevent just criticism.

TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES.

Great Increase Shown Over Last Year by Department of Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Estimates made by the bureau of statistics of the department of Commerce and Labor, based on the returns for ten months ending with October, are that the aggregate commerce between the United States and the Philippines for the calendar year 1905, will amount to about \$20,000,000, against about \$15,000,000 in 1896, \$1,000,000 in 1900, \$4,000,000 in 1898 and a little more than \$4,000,000 in 1897, the year prior to the American occupation.

Prior to 1899, the exports from the United States to the Philippines, the bureau reports show, had never exceeded \$250,000, while in the present year they will aggregate nearly \$6,000,000. Imports from the islands, which ranged between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 per annum prior to 1899, were in 1902, \$10,000,000; in 1903, \$12,000,000, and in 1905 will be about \$14,000,000, according to the bureau estimates.

The imports in 1905 are chiefly hemp and sugar. Hemp imports for the first ten months of 1905 amounted to \$10,376,528, and sugar \$2,212,249.

Dowie Gives Up Scepter.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—John Alexander Dowie, head of the Christian Catholic church, has given up his role and will soon leave for one of the islands of the Caribbean sea, there to remain until spring, in hopes of regaining his health. Announcement of the abdication of the leader of Zion City was made at Zion City today by Overseer John C. Speicher. Saturday President Dowie made it known that he would transfer all authority over to the church, unreservedly, to a triumvirate and leave for the south as soon as possible.

Connecticut Safe Looted.

Suffield, Conn., Dec. 19.—After binding the railroad watchman, W. Jones, and his 12 year old son to chairs in the railroad station here this morning before daylight, six bank robbers pried their way into the Suffield Savings bank on Main street, blew open the safe after a fourth attempt and escaped with \$50,000 worth of registered bonds and stocks not negotiable, according to President Newton, of the institution. They overlooked \$3,000 in cash and negotiable bonds in a drawer nearby.

Conference at White House.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senators Allison and Hale, who are members of the committee on appropriations, and Chairman Shonts and Secretary Bishop, of the Isthmian Canal commission, were in conference with the president at the white house tonight. It is presumed that the case of Secretary Bishop, whose duties as agent for the commission have been the subject of discussion in congress, was among matters talked of, but no statement was made.

General Strike Is Improbable.

London, Dec. 19.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in commenting on recent events in Russia, says he is still optimistic and is convinced of the impossibility of an organized general strike, because public opinion and the peasantry are strongly averse to it. He insists that the military outbreak at Moscow is in no way an indication of general dissatisfaction in the army.

Furs Go Up in Smoke.

New York, Dec. 19.—Two hundred thousand dollars' worth of furs were destroyed by fire today in the establishment of Max Paissack & Co., wholesale furriers and manufacturers of automobile garments, 37-39 East Twenty-first street. Other tenants in the building will suffer heavy damages from water.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GUIDE TO ELECTIONS.

Explanation of Complicated Primary System by Secretary Dunbar.

Salem.—The adoption of the direct primary law has given Oregon such a complicated system of elections that not even the accomplished politician can carry in his mind all the details of the proceedings leading up to the general election of state, district and county officers. One of the most difficult things to ascertain and remember is the dates upon which the various steps in the nomination and election of officers must be taken. In fact, the ordinary citizen cannot figure out the date if he has the statute before him, for the language varies and different methods of computing time must be adopted.

The following list contains all the dates of interest to the voter and the candidate for office as figured out by Secretary of State Dunbar:

Registration—Registration books opened by county clerks Tuesday, January 2.

Registration books closed for primary election April 10, 5 p. m.

Registration books opened after primary election, April 25.

Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

Initiative petitions—Number of signatures required to initiate laws or amendments, 7,489.

Last day for filing initiative petitions, February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets opposing measures, February 5.

Direct primary election—County clerks give notice of primary election not later than March 21.

Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district officers, March 30.

Last day for filing petitions for county officers, April 4.

Date of primary election, April 30.

Canvassing votes of primary election for state officers, May 5.

General election—Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state officers by assembly of electors, April 19.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for state officers, May 4.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for county officers, May 19.

General election, June 4.

It should be explained that petitions for nominations for district officers, such as circuit judge, district attorney, joint senator and joint representative must be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and not with county clerks.

ORGANIZE SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

State Library Commission Passes an Important Resolution.

Salem.—The State Library commission, composed of Governor Chamberlain, W. B. Ayers, President Campbell, of the State University; Miss Isom, librarian of the Portland library, and State Superintendent of Schools Ackerly, met in bi-monthly session last week, and Miss Marvin, the secretary, submitted an elaborate report dealing with the work of the commission from its organization to date, and with the methods to be employed in the organization of local libraries.

With regard to school libraries, the commission decided to ask for bids for all school libraries to be submitted next June. A rule was adopted by the commission prohibiting schools from purchasing dictionaries, sets of supplementary readers and general encyclopedias with money belonging to their library funds.

Miss Marvin reports that several cities in the state would soon employ trained librarians to look after their libraries.

Buy Chittim Trees.

Eugene.—Realizing that the supply of chittim bark (Cassia Segrada) will be exhausted in this part of the state within a few years, Dr. L. W. Brown recently contracted for 1,000 sprouts of the chittim tree, which he will set out on his farm southwest of this city. The sprouts, when planted, grow very rapidly, and it will not be very many years until they are large enough to peel the bark from. The last load of the young trees on the contract has been delivered and in the early spring he will plant them.

Lang Sells Big Wheat Ranch.

Pendleton.—James Lang has sold his wheat ranch of 2,100 acres, known as the old C. J. Smith place, to A. C. Friedly of this city. This place, which is one of the best ranches in this section, is located in Juniper canyon. This year 1,000 acres have been seeded to wheat and the balance was summer fallowed last year. Wheat land in this district is improving each year since the farmers understand better how to cultivate it. Instead of plowing shallow, they have learned that better results can be obtained by plowing deep.

Weston Property Transfers.

Weston.—J. B. Hart has purchased 82½ acres of alfalfa and wheat land in the Walla Walla valley near the state line from R. O. Fitch for \$5,000. The place is located about two miles from Frank Tucker, a prominent farmer formerly of Helix, has purchased the Weaver property in this city and will soon become a resident of Weston. He has been making extensive improvements.

Surveying Weed Road.

Klamath Falls.—Some excitement was caused in Klamath Falls recently by the arrival of Engineer D. D. Griffiths with a crew of a dozen railroad engineers and surveyors and the announcement went forth that they were the advance guard of the California Northwestern Railroad company, successor to the Weed Railroad company, which is to receive a bonus of \$100,000 to build a railroad into the town.

Fruit Men Meet at La Grande.

La Grande.—The next annual meeting of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers' association will be held in La Grande

SERVICE IMPROVED.

Southern Pacific Arranges New West Side Time Card.

Portland.—Requests for better freight service on the Southern Pacific between Portland and Corvallis have been fruitful, for the company has arranged a supplementary timecard which will give that territory a daily freight in each direction instead of a tri-weekly service.

Simultaneously with the inauguration of the new train, the St. Joseph-Lafayette cut-off is opened, and this means the eight and one-half miles of track between Lafayette and Whiteson, on the Yamhill division, will not be used to any extent and may be abandoned entirely.

The principal advantage in the new passenger time schedule will be that residents of Dayton and Newburg can ride into McMinnville, the county seat, and return home the same day, as the trains will be operated via Dayton and McMinnville.

There are no stations on the Yamhill line between Lafayette and Whiteson, and but two spurs, so it is figured no particular harm will result if that portion of the road is torn up. The determination of the Southern Pacific to place a daily freight train on the route pleases shippers, both in Portland and along the West Side division. For some time a strong effort has been made by the shippers of McMinnville, Dayton, Forest Grove and Hillsboro to secure a better service, but this could not be satisfactorily arranged until the cut-off was completed, which cost \$43,647.

Good Library at Asylum.

Salem.—The lack of a supply of good books for the prisoners at the state penitentiary formed the subject of comment in the report of Secretary Cornelia Marvin to the Oregon Library commission. What is true of the prison is true also of other state institutions, and Miss Marvin is leading a movement to provide the state's charges with good reading matter. At the insane asylum a large library was found, but it is used by comparatively few patients. Miss Marvin remarks upon the fact that the insane asylum has a large library of unusually good books without great use, while across the way, at the prison, there is nothing to be used and a great demand.

Weyerhaeuser Road for Lumber.

Klamath Falls.—Following the definite announcement that the Klamath Lake railroad interests have been purchased by the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company it is announced that the Weyerhaeuser people do not contemplate building to this city, but will only aim to use the road as an outlet for this part of the country. They will remodel the roadbed, cutting out the switch-back in getting from the Klamath river bottom to Pockama, by driving a long tunnel.

Suffrage Petition Filed.

Salem.—Petitions for the submission of the equal suffrage amendment have been filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar, with 9,985 signatures affixed. The number necessary is 7,489. The petitions were brought to Salem and filed by Mrs. H. W. Coe, Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunaway, Miss Gail Laughlin, Mrs. Jefferson Myers and Miss Laura Gray. Miss Laughlin said that the petitions were thoroughly examined and all signatures that were not thought to be properly affixed as required by law were stricken out.

Bank Takes Over Sawmill.

Weston.—The largest sawmill plant in Unadilla county, 12 miles east of Weston, was recently taken over by the Farmers' bank of Weston, the Fletcher company, which had become involved with the bank, retiring. W. H. Fletcher, manager of the company, has been in the sawmill business for 16 years on Weston mountain. Included with the property are 1,000 acres of fine timber, which will be cut into lumber.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 72c; bluestem, 74c; red, 68c; valley, 73c per bushel.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27; gray, \$26.50 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$22.50 to \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$22.50 to \$23; rolled, \$23 to \$25.00.

Rye—\$7.50 per cental.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14.50 to \$15.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11 to \$12; clover, \$8 to \$9; cheat, \$8.50 to \$9.50; grain hay, \$8 to \$9.

Fruit—Apples, \$1 to \$1.50 per box; pears, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 10 to 12c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 45¢ to 75¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 50¢ to 60¢ per dozen; peppers, 6¢ per pound; pumpkins, ¾¢ to 1¢ per pound; sprouts, 7¢ per pound; squash, ¾¢ to 1¢ per pound; turnips, 90¢ to \$1 per sack; carrots, 65¢ to 75¢ per sack; beets, 85¢ to \$1 per sack.

Onions—Oregon, \$1 to \$1.25 per sack.

Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65¢ to 75¢ per sack; ordinary, 55¢ to 60¢ per sack; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; crates, \$2.15.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½¢ to 30¢ per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32¢ to 33¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 11½¢ to 12¢ per pound; young roosters, 10¢ to 11¢; springs, 11¢ to 11½¢; broilers, 12½¢ to 14¢; dressed chickens, 12¢ to 12½¢; turkey, live, 16¢ to 17¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18¢ to 21¢; geese, live, 9¢ to 10¢; ducks, 14¢ to 15¢.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10¢ to 11¢; prime, 8½¢ to 9½¢; medium, 8¢; old, 5¢ to 7¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16¢ to 21¢; valley, 24¢ to 26¢; mohair, choice, 30¢ per pound.

Beef—Dressed hams, 12¢ to 14¢ per pound; cows, 3¢ to 4¢; country steers, 4¢ to 5¢.

Pork—Dressed, 8½¢ to 9¢ per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6¢ to 6½¢ per pound; ordinary, 4¢ to 5¢; lambs, 7¢ to 7½¢.

Pork—Dressed, 6½¢ to 7¢ per pound.

INSURGENTS RULE ON BALTIMORE.

Guns Refuse to Fire and Ships Cannot Be Trusted.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The Daily News correspondent sends the following from St. Petersburg:

Expectation of the downfall of the government continues to grow in this city. Insurgents still hold Riga, Reval and other Baltic towns. The garrisons in these provinces are insufficient to put down the armed rebels and the artillerymen refuse to fire on them. Strikes of railroad workers and crews of steamships prevent the forwarding of troops and ammunition to the revolted provinces.

Though the government has been urged to dispatch a fleet to the Baltic ports Admiral Birlik hesitates to make any move, fearing that his sailors will join the rebellion.

Dispatches received from Manchuria today report the situation of the army as desperate. Many officers are in hiding from their own troops, fearing for their lives. The men are burning and pillaging everything within their reach, while the civil population has fled.

Revolutionary proclamations have been posted about in the barracks and in the streets. Dissensions among the chief officers seriously complicate matters. The soldiers accuse the commissaries of stealing large quantities of supplies and have burned their houses.

WORK DONE ON IRRIGATION.

Great Amount of Construction Done by Reclamation Service.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A resume of the work performed by the Reclamation service to date shows that 77 miles of main canal, 54 miles of distributing system and 186 miles of ditches have been constructed, including dams, head-works, etc. Tunnels having a total length of three and one-half miles have been driven, including more than a mile of the great Gunnison tunnel. More than 250 miles of telephone lines have been installed and are in operation; 126 miles of wagon road, many miles of which were cut out of solid rock in almost inaccessible canyons, 147 bridges and 50 office and other buildings have been constructed.

The works above mentioned have called for the excavation of 9,350,000 cubic yards of rock and earth, the laying of 70,000 cubic yards of concrete, 12,000 cubic yards of riprap, 150,000 linear feet of sheet piling and 10,000 feet of bearing piles have been driven. There have been purchased 130,000 pounds of railroad iron, 250,000 pounds of structural steel, 600,000 pounds of cast iron, 1,750,000 feet of lumber, and 78,000 barrels of cement. The government has erected a cement mill at a cost of more than \$100,000, which has already turned out 15,000 barrels of cement, and is now furnishing about 300 barrels a day. The sawmills operated by Uncle Sam have cut 2,880,000 feet of lumber from the government reserves.

HOLD UP TRAIN.

Safes of North Coast Limited Ripped Near North Yakima.

North Yakima, Dec. 18.—Overland limited No. 1, due here at 2:50 o'clock p. m., but running almost five hours late, was held up at Hillsdale, in the Yakima canyon, 11 miles north of this place, at 7:15 Saturday evening. The express car was dynamited, two safes blown open and all contents of value taken.

From a good source it is learned that there was little currency in the safes on the limited at the time of the holdup. The main contents consisted of drafts, etc.

City Marshal Curren has ordered the arrest of every stranger seen in North Yakima who comes anywhere near answering the description given in the holdup men. Up to midnight last night there have been four arrests.

One man was arrested by Officer Lane who answered the description perfectly. He was taken off a passenger coach on a train coming from the scene of the holdup, and was wet to the skin. It is thought he may be one of the men.

It is thought possible the bandits may have crossed the Columbia and be headed for British Columbia.

Christmas Presents by Shipload.

New York, Dec. 18.—The American line steamer Philadelphia, which sailed from New York today for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton, carried 3,226 bags of mail for Europe. This represents the largest quantity of mail matter ever carried by any one steamer out of the port of New York. The Philadelphia is the Christmas ship from New York this year and the major portion of the mail she carries consists of presents for relatives and friends who are on the other side of the Atlantic.

High Price for Portrait.

London, Dec. 18.—The famous Whistler portrait of the late Sir Henry Irving as King Philip II of Spain, was sold at auction today among the remainder of the actor's effects for \$25,200. Sargent's portrait of Ellen Terry in the character of Lady Macbeth realized \$6,300. The Whistler picture goes to America. The name of the purchaser of "The Whistler" was carefully withheld by the representative of a firm of bookellers of London, who bid it in. It is rumored, however, that J. Pierpont Morgan was the actual purchaser.

Friends Will Give Aid.

Havana, Dec. 18.—That the Americans in the Isle of Pines have friends in the United States who are willing to aid them in every way possible in their efforts to have the island added to the Union is manifest here in letters recently received from prominent residents of the Isle of Pines. These letters say that friends in the States have offered hundreds of thousands of dollars to aid in establishing a territory of the United States.

Finds Millions in Ground.

Winnepeg, Man., Dec. 18.—Anthony Blinn, of Boston, principal owner of the Laurentine mine in the Manitowish district, 200 miles east of here, has unearthed walls of gold that assay \$400,000 to the ton. There are millions in sight