

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Two men were killed by a cay-in at a mine near Eureka, Utah.

A great forgery of railway stock has been revealed in New York.

Harvard university has announced a set of revised football rules.

A fire at Schenectady, New York, destroyed \$100,000 worth of property.

Fire destroyed the Woodworth warehouse, Boston, entailing a loss of \$125,000.

Hermann's trial has been definitely set for the last week in March.

Russia has renewed a loan of \$50,000,000 from French bankers, giving the state railroads as a guarantee.

A stampede is on to Manhattan, 80 miles northeast of Goldfield, Nevada. Gold has been discovered in large quantities.

A Paris cable car descending an incline got beyond control. Fifteen passengers were injured, three dangerously.

A new Methodist church is to be built in Chicago which is to be the tallest in the city. The structure will cost \$1,000,000.

The United States government continues to prepare for trouble in China, which is likely at any time to be the scene of an anti-forgery break.

The Kaiser is confined to his bed with a cold.

France protests against a fresh insult from Castro.

Germany fears that war will follow the Moroccan conference.

King Edward has called for the election of new parliament.

Binger Hermann is in Washington and sick. His trial will occur in February.

President Roosevelt has submitted a lengthy report on the Panama canal to congress.

The annual report of the Panama Railway company shows an earning of 5 per cent.

A British merchant has been arrested by Russian authorities and imprisoned and beaten.

An expedition will be sent to Siberia by the Russian government to subdue the State Normal.

The Revolution school of New York has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$200,000.

A landslide at Haverstraw, New York, carried eight houses with it. Sixteen persons were killed.

Fighting still continues in Santo Domingo. In a recent engagement 150 men out of 800 engaged on both sides were killed.

The Chicago council is investigating a graft which contractors are said to have obtained \$5,000,000 of the city's money during the past decade.

A civil war is in progress in Ecuador. The trial of Annapolis hazers is in progress.

The Russian March has been called to meet March 3.

Five men were killed near Chicago by the explosion of a ton of dynamite.

The governor of Ohio was inaugurated in a glass cage owing to delicate health.

Idaho officers are confident they are on the right track in the Steuneger murder case.

David H. Moffat says he will extend the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railroad to Portland.

More evidence in the Smoot case is to be taken by the senate committee on privileges and elections.

Much American money was lent abroad during 1905. Nearly \$200,000,000 went to Japan alone.

Alfred F. Norton, who has been conducting a grocery store at Indianapolis "as Christ would," has gone bankrupt.

H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil company, has answered the Missouri law by refusing to answer questions concerning the oil business.

As a result of a collision on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad between a fast passenger and a freight, three trainmen were killed and 20 passengers more or less seriously injured.

The revolution in Russia has spoiled the Christmas festivities.

No more Jamaicans will be allowed to go to Panama to work on the canal.

The house and senate are sure to clash over the appropriation of money.

Fire in the heart of Kansas City destroyed three blocks. The loss will reach \$500,000. No lives were lost.

The drydock Dewey, on its way to the Philippines, has reached Bermuda, where a stop was made for coal and provisions.

Witte is accused of nullifying the concessions to the Liberals.

Jerome is preparing to indict big fish in insurance companies in February. The small men are expected to turn state's evidence.

Two commissioners of the Chinese emperor are on their way to this country to attend American schools and study our ways.

The navy department has presented medals of honor to the 11 members of the Benington's crew who survived, for bravery in rescuing more unfortunate shipmates.

SECOND IN TRADE.

Immense Volume of Business With Germany During 1905.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Trade between the United States and Germany, whose commercial relations are now the subject of negotiations between the two countries, aggregated in the fiscal year 1905 over \$300,000,000.

The reports from Germany were \$118,000,000 in value and exceeded imports from that country in any earlier year. The exports to Germany were \$194,000,000 in value and exceeded our exports to that country in any earlier year except 1904, in which year the total was over \$214,000,000, this decrease in 1905 compared with 1904 being due to a fall in prices, since the quantity in 1905 was greater than in 1904.

"Germany stands second in the order of magnitude of our trade with foreign countries, both as to imports and exports."

"Manufactures are the bulk of the \$118,000,000 worth of merchandise imported from Germany.

"In manufactures, especially copper, mineral, leather, scientific instruments and certain manufactures of iron and steel, our exports to Germany show a steady growth."

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"I don't care, of course, to have any body committed for contempt. I shall ask the court to have the witnesses directed to answer certain questions which they have declined to answer. If the court orders them to answer and they still refuse, I shall have to leave the court the question of contempt."

"A refusal to answer in such a case would be next best for my purpose to an answer in the affirmative, since it would be equivalent to an admission."

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CONTAINS MANY DIFFICULTIES.

Oregon State Primary Law Hard for Candidates to Follow.

Salem—Another serious problem has arisen in connection with the direct primary law. The law requires that candidates for state office shall file petitions from not less than seven counties, and that at least 10 per cent of the precincts shall be represented in each of the seven counties.

It has been the supposition until recently that so long as the required number of counties and precincts were represented by the signatures of one or more voters that the bulk of the signatures on a petition to make up the 2 per cent might come from one county, so long as the required number of names was filed with the secretary of state.

The attorney general will probably be asked to render an opinion required to the number of signatures required from the counties and precincts. To secure 2 per cent of the voters in seven counties, and 10 per cent of the precincts in each of the seven counties, and in addition have 2 per cent of the party vote in the entire state, will add to the difficulties of securing a petition.

FORM NEW ORGANIZATION.

Independent Telephone Companies of Oregon Union.

Portland—In order to fortify themselves and protect their interests, representatives of the independent telephone lines in Oregon met here last week and formed a permanent organization. It will be known as the Oregon Independent Telephone association, and is independent after similar organizations in other states of the Union and affiliated with the national association of independent telephone lines.

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AMEND IRRIGATION LAWS.

Irrigationists Say Conditions in Idaho Are Better Than in Oregon.

Salem—Prominent irrigators of Oregon are considering the advisability of asking the next legislature to amend the irrigation laws in several particulars.

At the present time all the contracts with the state for the reclamation of desert lands under the Carey act are based on the theory that the owners of the canals and ditches are entitled to a perpetual annual rental from the landholders. In Idaho the landholders will eventually own and control the canals, ditches, headgates, etc.