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News of the Week.

H. Wood and T. A. Wood were convicted in Portland of conspiring to defraud the government in securing pensions.

The much advertised Pater-Ware-McKinley trials were put off until next fall. The government was again unprepared to proceed.

California delegates were instructed for Hearst by 19 majority. In Wisconsin the Hearst men failed. The delegation went to E. C. Wall a Wisconsin man. Montana's democratic delegation goes uninstructed.

Senator Fulton says that many of the forest reserve withdrawals in Eastern Oregon will be again thrown open to entry. He farther says that no more reserves will be created in the western part of the state.

The Japs lost six hundred men, one battleship and one cruiser off Port Arthur. The cruiser was rammed by another Japanese vessel during a fog and the battleship was destroyed by striking two mines.

Senators Spooner and Quarles, and Congressmen Babcock and Minor with their followers bolted the republican convention in Wisconsin and there are now two state tickets.

The republican convention of Illinois is set in a very firm deadlock. The convention started with seven candidates and still has that number. Sixty ballots have been taken and even the weakest candidate of the seven has held his own.

The bureau of forestry will recommend the creation of new reserves in Oregon covering 4,000,000 acres of land. The recommendation does not include the Warner reserve south of this place. The latter tract may be thrown open for entry.

The World's Fair Route.

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Government Still Undecided.

A consultation of irrigation experts has been ordered at Pendleton to determine the merits of the Umatilla irrigation project. The reclamation of between 100,000 and 200,000 acres of land lying directly west of Pendleton, at an elevation ranging from 300 to 600 feet above the sea is considered very feasible. Examination has shown most of this land to be unpatented, and that the northern Pacific controls the greater portion of the patented area. It has been found impracticable to divert water from the Snake river, near Riparia, and bring it onto this land and the experts will determine the feasibility of storing the flood waters of the Umatilla river in a system of reservoirs. If it is found such a system is practicable and that dams can be constructed on the respective reservoir sites, and litigation can be avoided, such as is threatened in Malheur county, the government will turn its attention to Umatilla, and leave the Malheur project to be disposed of later.

The government is now satisfied that one reservoir in township 3 north, ranges 25 and 26 east, can be built to hold sufficient water to reclaim 60,000 acres, but before this project is adopted, it is desired to know how much additional land can be reclaimed by waters stored in smaller reservoirs in that vicinity which can also be supplied by flood waters from Umatilla river. If the board reports favorably on its examination, a special effort will be made to perfect the plans for the irrigation project.

For the Nation's Birthday.

A Fourth of July celebration is being planned for this place and arrangements will soon be made for a number of interesting features which will attract large crowds from different parts of the county. A purse of \$50 is proposed for a base ball game with some good outside team, which ought to make things interesting. A barbecue is also to be another feature and this with games, a bowery dance and fire works ought to make an interesting day. No other place in the county has yet made arrangements for a celebration and if the matter is immediately arranged for and advertised widely the celebration can be made a complete success. The river is a pleasant place to come to, and a large number of people from other parts of the county make it a point to spend a few days here during the summer. The activity at this time is laudable and with general support a record breaking celebration can be had.

A Ladies' Club Dance.

Members of the newly organized Bon Ami club will give a ball on the evening of May 21st. The club has a membership of over twenty-five and will have the social and literary features common to such organizations all over the country. The work will require a library and the proceeds of the ball will be utilized for this necessity.

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About Election Time.

There are over two hundred patents now at The Dalles land office. Of these about one hundred are homestead and the rest are timber entry patents. It seems that a large amount of work will be done in the land office between the present time and election day as the land office has been behind so far that serious complaints have been made in every section where public land was being taken up. The detection of fraud has not been promoted by the long delays that have occurred.

Water is now running in the D. I. P. Co.'s ditches for a considerable distance north of the town, and from this time on water will be available for a large acreage of land.

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