

WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Burglars gained entrance to a Silver City, Nev., store and secured \$2,300 in cash.

It is believed a peace treaty will be signed by Bolivia and Chile within a week.

The national 1905 fair committee will allot space and funds for exhibits this week.

Russian police have discovered that exiles are leaders in a movement to revive a reign of terror.

Robbers dynamited the safe of the Freeland, Ind., bank. It is reported that they secured \$20,000.

Tokio has advices showing that the Japanese losses are not nearly as large as reported by the Russians.

One of the first acts of the new Russian minister of the interior was to discharge the bodyguard of his predecessor.

Rivers in New Mexico have again overflowed their banks, causing additional losses to railroad and other property.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling will visit the coast in November and inspect the Puget sound and Mare island navy yards.

The first great American auto race, for the Vanderbilt cup, resulted in the death of one chauffeur and fatal injuries to a millionaire. An American won the race.

The Mukden situation remains unchanged.

German shipbuilders are busy turning out war supplies for Russia.

Russian Ambassador McCormick is coming home on leave of absence.

The dredge Chirook has made the channel across the bar at the mouth of the Columbia two feet deeper.

Russians claim that Japanese are cutting off the queues of Koreans and forcing them to join the army.

The German steamer Progress has run a cargo of coal into Vladivostok and officers of the vessel say it is easy to elude the Japanese.

The British steamer Sishan, from Hong Kong, has been seized by the Japanese off Niuh Chwang. The Sishan carried a cargo of cattle and flour intended for Port Arthur.

It is reported that the fire of the Japanese land batteries have severely damaged four Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur. It is stated that one of the vessels was completely wrecked.

The volcano Pelee, Martinique island is in violent eruption.

Brigadier General William S. Worth, retired, is critically ill.

Harriman is endeavoring to gain control of the St. Paul railroad.

The Japanese are capturing many junks loaded with provisions trying to enter Port Arthur.

The Russians are displaying great activity at Mukden. The meaning of the move is in doubt.

A Japanese leader predicts a long struggle and expects that Japan will be out \$1,000,000,000 in two years.

Filipinos are holding meetings at Manila for the purpose of discussing ways and means of securing independence.

Fire of an unknown origin started in the hold of the cruiser Washington, being built at New York. It was extinguished before serious damage was done.

A robber walked into the bank of a small town near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and after compelling the assistant cashier to hand over \$1,500, locked her in the big vault and departed.

Russia is finding it very difficult to secure ships to carry coal to Vladivostok.

The Russians have frustrated several attempts of the enemy to break through their lines.

The International Peace congress has made an earnest appeal to all nations to take steps to avert more wars.

The Japanese are feeling out the Russian positions around Mukden and a general advance is expected next week.

It is said that Secretary Hitchcock's report on land frauds was largely intended to cover up his own shortcomings.

Hops have made another advance in the Willamette valley, several sales being reported at Independence at 31 cents.

The Chinese government says that if foreign capital is needed for proposed railway construction, it will first turn to America.

Chinese refugees from Southern Manchuria say the Japanese are administering affairs with a high hand. There is a great scarcity of provisions among the native population.

Four persons were killed and fifty injured in an English railway accident.

Lieutenant Granville Fortescue, American attaché, who has been with the besieging forces at Port Arthur, is returning home. He is pledged to secrecy as to the conditions around the fortress.

CRASH IN DEEP CUT.

Bad Freight Wreck on Northern Pacific in Montana.

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 12.—One of the worst freight wrecks which has occurred on the Rocky Mountain division of the Northern Pacific in many years, from the standpoint of delayed traffic, took place at an early hour this morning, about five miles east of Garrison, Mont. Freight cars loaded with export shipments for the Orient, were piled 50 feet high, and the wreckage of two trains is scattered along the track for a considerable distance.

Traffic was brought to a complete standstill, and no trains were able to pass the scene of the wreck for 18 hours. One of the train crew, Fireman Bowman, of an extra east bound freight, was instantly killed, and two other trainmen were hurt, though not seriously.

The accident was due to a mistake in construing the orders on the part of the engineer of the eastbound freight. He had orders to meet three sections of No. 53 freight, west bound, on the siding at Big Bend. The third section had passed the extra ahead of the original second section. As the number of the engine of this second section corresponded to the engine supposed to be pulling the third section, as given in the orders, the extra's engineer pulled out.

The extra met the original second section in a deep cut, while both trains were running at a high rate of speed. The impact was terrific, throwing the debris mountain high, both engines completely telescoping. It was impossible to build a track around the wreck by reason of the deep cut.

PATENT DRUGS COUNTERFEITED.

Factory in New York Is Discovered by Detectives.

New York, Oct. 12.—The New York police are convinced that they have broken up a gigantic drug swindle by the arrest of several men in this city. The arrests were made on information that well known proprietary medicines were being counterfeited and sold as genuine, and the authorities assert that the investigation is not complete.

Drugs seized at the apartment of Howard E. Wooten today, it is said, are valued at \$10,000. Wooten is one of the men under arrest. The others are S. B. Minden, Manville Thomas, Charles S. Horn, Charles F. Risley and Walter S. Rokey. It is asserted by local detectives that slips were found in the places raided giving the names of 5,000 druggists throughout the country to whom dangerous mixtures made in New York were sold.

It is said that the most important finds in the raids were the circulars sent out to druggists and containing the code by which they could order the preparations. It is alleged by the police that preparations made by the best known chemical firms in Europe were counterfeited. In circulars discovered was the statement:

"All these goods are genuine, in original packages and unopened." The price list showed that the drugs in the list were being sold at from 15 to 50 per cent below the usual selling price.

CHOKED IN TUNNEL.

Six Men Lose Lives Under St. Clair, Michigan River.

Port Huron, Mich., Oct. 12.—Six employees of the Grand Trunk railway were suffocated to death by coal gas today in the St. Clair tunnel, which runs under the St. Clair river, from Port Huron to Sarnia, Ont. A coal train broke in two while passing through the tunnel, and three of the train crew were suffocated while part of the train lay stalled in the tunnel. The engineer pulled out with his engine, but returned and lost his life in an endeavor to push the stalled cars back to safety. Superintendent A. S. Begg and another man perished in attempts to go to the rescue of the others.

Santa Fe Again Rising.

Denver, Oct. 12.—A special to the News from Santa Fe, N. M., says that heavy rains last night caused another rise in the Santa Fe river, which was already very high from previous floods. Excepting to water mains, no additional damage was done in the city. All railroads, except the Santa Fe Central, are tied up. The Santa Fe sent out only one train today. A News special from Las Vegas says several washouts of newly repaired track south of this city were caused by last night's storm.

Watching for Supply Ships.

Chafco, Oct. 12.—The increased activity of the Japanese fleet blockading Port Arthur in the stopping of merchantmen is due to a lookout which is being kept for three British ships which, it is suspected, intend to attempt to enter Port Arthur with tinned meats and vegetables. The British ship Victoria was stopped near Wei Hai Wei this evening, and the above explanation was made to her by the Japanese boarding officer.

Heavy Fire Loss at Columbia.

Columbus, O., Oct. 12.—Fire today in the five story building in North High street, occupied by the Columbus Dry Goods company, caused an aggregate loss estimated at \$200,000.

LARGEST EVER

Battleship Nebraska Added to American Navy.

IS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

Fully 30,000 People Viewed the Ceremonies—Christened by Miss Mickey, Governor's Daughter.

Seattle, Oct. 8.—The battleship Nebraska, destined to be one of the finest fighting machines afloat and already showing in every detail that she will come up to expectations, slid gracefully into the water promptly at two minutes after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The great mass of nearly 15,000,000 pounds of steel moved down the ways as easily and noiselessly as though it were only a diminutive fishing schooner, instead of one of the largest battleships in the world.

The statement that she moved noiselessly may be difficult to prove, for bedlam broke loose almost simultaneously with the Nebraska and wild cheering from 40,000 throats drowned the music of half a dozen bands and made the roar of the big cannon on the United States monitor Wyoming seem faint and far away. Taking up the refrain, whose key was pitched under the building sheds of the yards every steam whistle turned loose and hundreds of craft ranging in size from giant steamships down to launches and every locomotive on the water front added to the music with whistle and bell.

Fully 30,000 people viewed the ceremonies and saw the vessel slip into the water. She crested but a very small wave as she took her maiden plunge, and floated out gently and gracefully. Naval men who viewed the launching stated that it was the most successful they ever saw.

Miss Mary Nain Mickey, daughter of the governor of Nebraska, christened the vessel.

CLARK, INNOCENT PURCHASER.

Title Disputed to Land Grants Acquired Fraudulently.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The case of the United States against Senator William A. Clark, was argued today before the circuit court of appeals. It came before this bench on an appeal from the circuit court for the district of Montana. The action is brought to annul 82 land grants under which Clark claims title to timber lands within the state of Montana, on the ground of alleged frauds committed by the patentees in securing the same.

It is charged that the patents were secured under the direction of Robert M. Cobban, who later transferred the land to Clark. Cobban is alleged to have first examined the lands and then hired persons to enter them under the stone and timber act, agreeing to pay them for their services, to defray all their expenses and furnish the purchase price of the lands. The lower court held that, on such a state of facts, Clark, the innocent purchaser for a valuable consideration, acquired a valid title. The government took the matter on a writ of error to the circuit court of appeals.

ALASKA CABLE COMPLETED.

Acting Governor Distin Announces Event by Message.

Seattle, Oct. 10.—Telegraphic communication has now been established between the states and all parts of Alaska. At 7:47 o'clock this afternoon the following official message was received here, announcing the opening of the line:

Sitka, Alaska, Oct. 8, 1904.—The newspapers of Seattle and the Associated Press: The completion of the government cable from Valdez to Sitka, making a complete connection by an all-American line with 46 stations in Alaska, is the beginning of a new era for Alaska. Wagon roads and railways will open up the greatest mining center of the world. Other industries will quickly follow and insure this country's future prosperity. William L. Distin, acting governor of Alaska.

To Study American Methods.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—Yoshio Kinoshita, who fills the important position of general passenger agent of the imperial government railways of Japan, is a guest at the Palace hotel. He has come here to make a thorough study of American railroad methods in so far as they apply to passenger department affairs, before returning to Japan. The purpose of his visit is to familiarize himself with up-to-date methods of handling passenger traffic, with a view to raising the standard of service on the Japanese lines.

Railroad to Be Electrified.

New York, Oct. 10.—About 100 miles of the Long Island railroad system will be equipped with electricity, it is stated, and be ready for operation with that power early next spring. Ultimate it will be possible for a person to take train at the Pennsylvania station, to be built in the heart of Manhattan, and ride without a change of cars or motive power to Manhattan Beach, Rockaway Beach, Far Rockaway, Avenor or intermediate points.

Russian Troops in Good Health.

Moscow, Oct. 10.—Professor Golovin, of the Red Cross society, who has just returned here from the front, reports the health and general condition of the troops are remarkably good. There are no epidemics, and no very serious disease, the prevailing complaints being a light form of stomach typhus and dysentery.

OUTRAGE BY RUSSIA.

United States Mail is Confiscated by Vladivostok Squadron.

Portland, Oct. 11.—The Russian government, not content with stopping vessels from the Pacific coast, because they carried merchandise intended for private firms and individuals in Japan, has now taken to confiscating United States mails. This has been done with the mail carried on the steamer Calchas, and the act has caused a protest to be made by the owners and agents of the steamer, which has been filed with the postoffice department at Washington. Alfred Holt & Co., the owners of the Calchas, also give notice that during the duration of the war they will carry no more United States mail to Japan.

The latest move of the Russians will probably involve them deeper than any of their other arbitrary acts since the war opened, as the government is not likely to permit its mails to be molested by the czar's officials or by any one else.

The particulars of the Calchas affair were forwarded by Dowell & Co., the Tacoma agents of the line, to Frank Woolsey & Co., their Portland representatives, in the following telegram yesterday:

"We have just sent the following telegram to the postmaster general at Washington, D. C.: 'Following cable just received from Alfred Holt & Co., Liverpool, owners of the British steamer Calchas, which vessel was seized by Russian Vladivostok fleet off Japan coast about July 26: 'Calchas release appealed against by Russian crown advocate, because amongst mail matter was information addressed Japanese officials containing financial information of value to enemy. We give you definite instructions to notify postoffice department that we refuse to carry any mail for Japan during duration of war.'"

"The Calchas is one of the regular liners operating between Puget sound, London and Liverpool, via Japan, China and the Suez canal. She was on her regular voyage and her cargo contained no contraband. We understand that the Russian crown advocate is basing his appeal against her release on the fact that United States mails carried by the Calchas contained information for Japanese officials."

"We hope the United States government will take immediate action against the confiscation or detention of the Calchas on account of carrying United States mail. This is certainly an outrage against the United States by the Russian government that should not be allowed to pass. Please be notified that during the duration of the war we must decline to carry United States mails for Japan. Kindly advise what action will probably be taken by the department and whether there is anything that we could or should do."

MUST DRIVE JAPAN FROM ASIA.

Leading Russian Paper Declares There Can Be No Compromise.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—Replying to the statement of Count Okuma, leader of the Japanese progressive party, that the war with Russia would win in the end, the Novoe Vremya today declares the idea of a possible compromise with Japan has been abandoned and that the war must be prosecuted by Russia in such a way that there can be no possibility of Japan's renewing the struggle. Europe for 50 years was under the menace of revenge for Alsace.

"If we conclude peace with Japan, all our efforts in the Far East will be valueless and we shall have to spend enormous sums to keep up our armament there. The Japanese once for all must be driven out of the Asiatic continent."

It is now accepted here that the reported naval battle off Port Arthur was purely imaginary. The naval reports of the newspapers dwell on the difficulties which the Port Arthur squadron must experience in breaking after the disastrous sortie of August 10. The general opinion is that the squadron could not venture out unless something happened to the Japanese warships of which there is no knowledge here.

For the Conscience Fund.

New York, Oct. 11.—An unusual contribution to the treasury has been received by the Metropolitan Street railway. It came in the shape of currency amounting to \$550, handed to an official of the company by a Polish clergyman. The latter said a woman member of his church had confessed in suing the company for personal injuries she had suffered herself and through him wished to restore her share of the money received. She made the false oath upon the advice of an attorney.

To Be Chief Signal Officer.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Major William A. Glassford was today relieved from further duty in the department of the gulf, and will proceed to Seattle and assume charge of the Alaskan cable system, reporting to the commanding general of the department of the Columbia for duty as chief signal officer, relieving Lieutenant Colonel R. E. Thompson. Lieutenant Thompson will proceed to the Philippines for duty as chief signal officer.

Rumor of Transport Scandal.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—The Call this morning states that complaint has been made to Brigadier General Humphrey, quartermaster general, regarding the conduct of the transport service, and that a searching investigation is being made by a board consisting of three army officers. It is added that an upheaval in the department is anticipated.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FEATURES FOR CHAUTAUQUA.

Distinguished Women of the Country Booked for Next Year.

Oregon City.—One of the main features of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua assembly for 1905 will be the part to be taken by the leading women of the country and for which the board of directors is already arranging. It is the purpose of the Chautauqua management to devote two entire days of next year's session to women and women's work, and to insure the success of this feature of the assembly an effort has been started to secure the services of such distinguished women as Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, of New York, a grand niece of Henry Ward Beecher and a literary writer of wide reputation; Miss Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, and also Mrs. Catt, president of the National Federation of Women's clubs.

Secretary Cross is in correspondence with these celebrities and expects to be able to secure their attendance and services in making the 1905 Chautauqua a grand success. In forming the program and engaging lecturers for next year the officers of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association will take advantage of the holding of the Lewis and Clark fair, and will engage only the best of talent in every department, that the exercises may be up to a high standard for the entertainment of the many visitors from distant points, since the Chautauqua sessions will be held during the life of the 1905 exposition.

SEPTIC TANK A SUCCESS.

Trustees Inspect One Recently Installed at Mule School.

Salem.—The new septic tank recently constructed at the State Mule school is giving complete satisfaction. The board of trustees of that institution visited the school and were highly pleased with the improvement in the sewerage system, which makes the conditions there more healthful.

"It seems to me that the septic tank will come into general use in cities," said Governor Chamberlain, after his return from the Mule school. "By this process all solid matters are consumed and the outflow from the septic tank is clear and odorless liquid. I believe these tanks should be used even where there is good sewer connections, for by this means the sewer system can be made to carry a larger amount of refuse and the stream into which it is turned will not be so heavily polluted. In suburban districts where there are no sewer connections the septic tank will do much to improve sanitary conditions. I believe the people should investigate the subject and learn the value of the septic tank."

Coming Events.

Portland Presbytery, Fairview, October 10.
Baker County Fair, Baker City, October 11-15.
Klamath County Agricultural association, Klamath Falls, October 12-14.
Federation of Women's clubs, Baker City, October 12-14.
Fruit Fair, Hood River, October 13-15.
Oregon Press association, Hood River, October 14-15.
Baptist Young People's convention, McMinnville, October 14.
Oregon W. C. T. U., state convention, Portland, October 18-27.
Inland Empire Teachers' association, Pendleton, October 19-21.

Power from the McKenzie.

Eugen.—Notice has been filed with the county clerk by the Willamette Valley Electric Railroad company of its intention to appropriate from the McKenzie river 15,000 cubic inches of water, by miners' measure, under six inch pressure, to be used in generating power to operate all kinds of electrical machinery. The point where the water is to be taken from the river is given as on the north bank near the line between sections 35 and 36, township 16, range 2 east, and describes the line of the canal 14,000 feet long.

Step Toward New Can Factory.

Astoria.—A deed has been filed for record whereby the American Can company sells to the Pacific Sheet Metal works the frontage of lots 1 and 2, block 8. The property is the site of the old can factory and the consideration named is \$1, although the price paid is understood to be \$20,000. This is the first step toward the establishment of the new can factory, which the Pacific Sheet Metal works will start here before the opening of the fishing season.

Sugar-Making at La Grande.

La Grande.—The La Grande Amalgamated Sugar factory is running day and night, and will have a run of over 90 days on the sugar beets raised in the Grand Ronde, which amount to 25,000 tons. The beets from Umatilla county will keep the factory running considerably later this season than usual. Beets are being plowed and pulled in the valley, and tons are being hauled to the factory every day.

Development of Copper Mine.

Medford.—Two tunnels are being driven in the Blue Ledge copper mine, located about 30 miles west of Medford, near the California line, and owned by a New York company. These tunnels are driven to determine the extent and value of the property. The force of 13 men will be increased soon. So far, the quality of the ore is all that could be desired.

SAMPLE ORES FOR FAIR.

Prompt Action Urged on Blue River Mines.

Eugene.—D. H. Weyant, who is working up an interest throughout the mining districts of the state in preparing exhibits for the Lewis and Clark exposition, was in Eugene. He was in conference with mining men and others and urging prompt action toward preparing an exhibit for the Blue River district.

Mr. Weyant urges that unless something is done immediately the district cannot be well represented, because it will be necessary to get out samples before winter sets in and closes up the mines. If left until spring, it will be too late, hence it is desired that the exhibits be collected and boxed this fall. The Commercial club has taken an interest in the matter and has called a meeting for next Wednesday evening, at which time a plan will begin forthwith.

CUT ON GOVERNMENT LAND.

Many Cords of Wood Held Up in the Vicinity of Meacham.

La Grande.—It is reported that there is tied up by government inspectors around Meacham, 25 miles west of this city, 2,000 cords of wood believed to have been cut from land not yet out of government ownership. A large number of men have filed on land in the mountains. Of each 160 acres 120 is grazing land and 40 acres timber land. The pre-emptors can get the grazing land on time, and yet use it for grazing purposes. To acquire title enough to give them the right to cut wood on the remaining 40 acres they must pay down in full for the land. This it is alleged many have not done.

The marketing of the 2,000 cords depends upon the outcome of the investigation. It is believed it will be released upon the settlement of each individual for the 40 acres of timber land by paying the cash for it, as was the original intention.

LEDGE SIXTY FEET WIDE.

New Camp Will Be Opened in the Bohemia District.

Eugene.—According to the report of W. S. Crabb, a prospector who has just come down from the mountains in the vicinity of the Upper Willamette, another rich mining camp is about to be opened up in this county.

Mr. Crabb reports the discovery of a very rich ledge of quartz, which he says is 60 feet wide, samples of the ore from which he brought out for assay. From his description of the location, it is 20 miles above Hazel Dell postoffice, and must therefore be about that distance to the east and north of the Bohemia mining district.

Fruits for the St. Louis Fair.

La Grande.—W. K. Newell, of Dilley, Or., and George H. Lamberson, of Portland, have been in the valley during the past week, gathering Grand Ronde fruits for the St. Louis fair. Judd Geer, of the Cove, horticultural commissioner for Eastern Oregon, and A. C. Gail, a prominent fruitgrower at Union, assisted them in gathering a choice assortment, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the excellent fruit grown here. Apples are being picked and packed for the fall markets. Over 100 cars will be sent out from the valley this season. Prune packing and picking is still going on. The fruit growers of Grande Ronde will organize and hold meetings pertaining to the growth and sale of fruits and other things concerning their common good.

Sheep Poisoned on the Trail.

Lakeview.—Three hundred mutton sheep en route to the railroad for shipping are said to have been poisoned along the main traveled road between here and Bend. The alleged poisoning happened near a spring, and analysis of the stomachs of some of the sheep is said to have disclosed saltpeter and strychnine. The name of the owner could not be learned, nor the motive of the reported deed. The scene is in one of the remotest portions of Central Oregon, and only slight details reached Lakeview.

Investigate Sherman Land Claims.

The Dalles.—Francis W. Clements and James I. Parker, attorneys of Washington, D. C., representing the secretary of the interior, are here to confer with Special Agent Neuhausen and the local land officials upon the investigation of the claims of the Sherman county settlers. After their conference in this city they will leave for San Francisco, there to meet the officers of the Eastern Oregon Land company.

Many Agrics Enrolled.

Corvallis.—The enrollment at the Oregon Agricultural college has passed the 500 mark, and is now 103 greater than in the same day last year. The count is confined to students in the actual college courses, and is not inclusive of music pupils and other side issues. The number is more than double that in the academic and college course of any other educational institution in Oregon.

Wheat Market.

Portland.—Walla Walla, 81@82c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 85c.
Tacoma.—Bluestem, 86c; club, 82c.
Colfax.—Club, 70c; bluestem, 75c.