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WEEK'S DOINGS

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

A Russian captain has been arrested for criticizing the admiralty.

Washington has four aspirants for the office of fish commissioner.

The Southern states are flooding Roosevelt with invitations to visit them.

The remains of Kruger, the ex-president of the Transvaal, have arrived at Pretoria.

Severe skirmishes have occurred on the Shabke river in which the Russians were defeated.

A Japanese cruiser struck a mine at the entrance to the Port Arthur harbor and sunk. Of the crew only 39 were lost.

A number of prominent Russian officials have resigned on the czar declaring he will stand by the new minister of the interior.

Twenty years ago, when both were stationed at Paris, General Kuropatkin and General Teruchi, now Japanese minister of war, met and became fast friends. On the eve of the present war an exchange of swords as presents took place between them.

The first snow of the season has fallen in Eastern Oregon.

St. Petersburg authorities deny that a famine exists in Southern Russia.

The torpedo boats at Port Arthur have not been sunk, and they may try to escape.

It is reported that the czar has ordered the Baltic fleet not to proceed to the Far East.

Secretary Hay will ask congress to increase the salaries of a number of diplomats.

Governor elect Douglas will appoint General Miles as adjutant general of the Massachusetts militia.

The school coal mine, near Peoria, Illinois, is on fire. There were 100 men at work at the time the flames were discovered, but all escaped. The property loss will be heavy.

The house committee on rivers and harbors has decided to send for some of the district engineers, as they desire to hear from them on the needs of rivers and harbors in their respective districts.

Many shells sent to the Russians at Mukden have proved defective.

A son of General Nogi was killed in the attack on 203-Meter hill at Port Arthur.

The Japanese have sunk all the Russian battleships and cruisers at Port Arthur.

Japan has signified her willingness to participate in a second Hague peace conference.

So far in the Far Eastern war Russia has lost 23 warships of all classes and the Japanese four.

Roosevelt has abandoned the idea of a special session of congress in the spring to consider tariff revision.

A bill will be introduced in congress to connect the canal zone on the isthmus with the United States by cable.

Secretary Shaw will urge congress to increase the appropriation for the Tacoma public building from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

The handwriting experts in the Denver election frauds found evidences of repeating for both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

Senator Mitchell has a fight on his hands to secure the chairmanship of the canal committee, made vacant by the death of Hanna. The stand he took for the Nicaraguan route two years ago is the cause.

Liberal appropriations for Columbia river jetty are assured.

Russians have lost 3,000 men trying to retake 203-Meter hill.

Cocoo county will spend \$100,000 on Lewis and Clark fair exhibit.

Japanese from 203-Meter hill are shelling Russian fleet and have sunk one battleship and set a number of other ships on fire.

A grand jury has been empanelled to investigate the Denver election frauds.

Taft acknowledges he made a mistake in extending Dingley tariff to canal zone at Panama celebration.

A prominent canneryman says greed and defiance of the law are ruining the salmon industry of the Columbia river.

The jury in the land fraud cases found five of the defendants guilty as charged, but cleared Miss Marie Ware.

Senator Platt will introduce a bill to reduce the representation of several states, particularly in the South.

Germany is doubling her military strength at Kiaochow, the German port on the Shan Tung peninsula, and sending there an experienced officer from the Admiralty staff.

Eighteen persons were injured, some of them seriously, in a New York fire.

Simon Lake, an inventor, is building a submarine torpedo boat at Newport News in which he expects to cross the Atlantic. The new vessel is to be 83 feet long and proportionately large. She will carry four torpedo tubes.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Monday, December 3.

The short session of the 58th congress met at 12 o'clock. No business was transacted in either house excepting the usual routine work of opening day. Both houses adopted resolutions of respect to the late Senators Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Quay, of Pennsylvania, and their adjournment was a further mark of respect.

Tuesday, December 6.

President's message read. A number of resolutions have been introduced in the house looking to a change in the tariff laws.

The president sent a large number of appointments and nominations for promotion in the army and navy to the senate.

A bill has been introduced in the senate providing a pension of \$15 a month for the widows of Union soldiers, sailors and marines.

Wednesday, December 7.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$28,838,709, was reported to the house today. This is \$846,498 less than the estimate and \$235,881 more than the current appropriation.

Platt, of New York, caused a stir in the senate by introducing a bill providing for a reduction of the congressional representation of the southern states, on the ground that many of the citizens of these states are deprived of the right to vote.

Senator Hale introduced a bill to require the employment of vessels of the United States in the transportation by sea of all supplies of every description for use of the Panama canal commission or the contractors in the construction of the Panama canal.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, declares he will oppose to his utmost the proposed change in the Panama canal from a lock to a sea level canal. He says it is a scheme of the transcontinental railways to delay the construction of an isthmian waterway.

Thursday, December 8.

The senate held only a short session and adjourned until Monday.

An attempt to secure consideration of the pure food law by Senator Heyburn was defeated.

Tillman brought the case of William D. Crum, the colored man nominated for collector at Charleston, S. C., into prominence by asking for a report from the committee on judiciary as to the status of recess appointments.

In the house the civil service commission was attacked because of a proposed increase of 23 employees to constitute the rural examining board.

The pay of stenographers to the house committees has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000 per annum.

A proposition to increase the salary of the secretary of the civil service commission was defeated.

Friday, December 9.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill almost as it came from the committee and adjourned until Monday.

Throughout the session today the policy of retrenchment held full sway, and all attempts to increase salaries failed.

The house passed a resolution to adjourn December 21 until January 4 for the usual Christmas holiday.

NO OFFENDER TO BE SPARED.

Hitchcock Will Go to the Bottom of the Land Frauds.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An official statement was given out by the Interior department today announcing the government's purpose to prosecute every guilty man in the public land frauds to the full extent of the law and regardless of position in life. The statement follows:

"The conviction in Portland, Oregon, of five persons for land frauds, which will be followed next week by the trial of several others indicted for the same offense, is but another step toward the consummation of the policy entered upon by the secretary of the interior when it became known nearly three years ago that frauds were being perpetrated in connection with the public lands, to run down and prosecute the guilty ones to the full extent of the law without regard to their position in life."

Experts Examining Ballots.

Denver, Dec. 9.—The ballot box from precinct 6, ward 5, was opened today by order of the supreme court, in the contempt proceedings against officials of that precinct, and its contents were turned over to two handwriting experts, who were directed to examine the ballots and report their findings to the court tomorrow. The court adjourned until tomorrow without its decision on the question of rejecting the entire vote of precincts in which its injunctive order was violated. This would change the result of the election.

Good Roads Bill is Reported.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Latimer, from the committee on agriculture and forestry, today reported favorably on the bill known as the Latimer good roads bill. It carries an appropriation of \$24,000,000 to be available in three annual installments of \$8,000,000 each for road building in the states. Under the provisions of the bill the states are to do the work and pay one-half of the cost, the national government paying the other half.

Will Prevent Running Blockade.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—According to a dispatch from Tokyo to the Lokal Anzeiger, the placing of heavy cannon on 203-Meter hill will enable the Japanese to fire on and sink junks and other craft bringing supplies for Port Arthur from Chefoo.

STARVE PORT

Japs Make Fewer Assaults on Port Arthur.

COST OF LIFE IS TOO GREAT

Sinking of the Russian Fleet Was Main Object of the Recent Desperate Attacks.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—In disabling the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, precluding the possibility of its being able to reinforce the second Pacific squadron, the Japanese have accomplished the main object of the desperate assaults against the fortress which they have been making for the past three months. There is now a strong probability that, while continuing the siege, they will avoid losses of the magnitude already attending their efforts, and instead of assaulting will rely on starving out the garrison until it is finally captured.

Considerable astonishment is expressed here over the fact that the Russians in no way resisted the disabling of the Port Arthur fleet. In certain quarters the opinion is expressed that the Russians opened the seacoasts of the submerged vessels to lessen their exposure to the Japanese fire.

The recent cessation of mine clearing was taken as evidence that the fleet did not intend to make a sortie.

There was no sign of life on the Russian ships during the bombardment, and from this fact it is concluded that the bluejackets took refuge on land or that they are engaged in the land defenses.

With the Russian second Pacific squadron approaching, those in Tokio cannot comprehend the failure of the Russians to die hard and to inflict all possible damage on the Japanese fleet, even at the cost of weakening the effective garrison.

Now that the Port Arthur fleet has been disabled, it is deemed impossible for the Russians to overcome the inferiority of the second Pacific squadron to Togo's fleet, unless at present unforeseen, the Black sea fleet should pass the Dardanelles.

DEAL IS CLOSED.

Stamp Mill to Operate During Lewis and Clark Fair.

Portland, Dec. 12.—Negotiations were practically completed with a big Colorado mining company yesterday for the installation at the Lewis and Clark exposition of a stamp mill, concentrator plant and other mining machinery, showing the treatment accorded raw ore in converting it into bullion. This will form a valuable addition to the mining exhibit, which promises to be the most notable ever made.

The company in question is the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, one of the largest of its kind in existence. The proposition was made to the exposition management in the form of an offer to install the machinery providing Oregon mining men would furnish sufficient ore to keep the machinery busy during the exposition hours. After a canvass of Oregon producers the exposition management was able to assure the company that no difficulty would be experienced in supplying all of the ore that will be required.

It is possible that an annex to the mining building will be required for the new working exhibit, as the space in the main building is now well taken and no great allotments can be made to one enterprise since the interests of individuals and districts which wish to participate must be protected.

General interest is being displayed in the Lewis and Clark mining exhibit. Miners and mining men all over the country are preparing their choicest ores for shipment here, and judging from the number of offers of minerals now on file at exposition headquarters there will be more ores on hand than can possibly be shelved. This will necessitate the selection of choice specimens, although it will not cause any exhibit to be ruled out, as all exhibitors will be given a chance.

\$1,000,000 For Improvements.

Denver, Dec. 12.—The News today says: Plans to spend \$1,000,000 in improvements at Pueblo have been announced from the office of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company in Denver. The money is part of the \$8,000,000 appropriation under the recent reorganization scheme for extension of properties. The big tin plate mill and the merchant mill, both of which are incomplete, will be finished at once, and the latest machinery for the manufacture of all sorts of merchant steel is to be installed.

To Rush Fraud Case.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The attorney general will make a motion in the supreme court next Monday to advance the case of Hyde and Dimond, under indictment in the district of California for land frauds in California. They appealed from the order of the Federal court in California denying them writs of habeas corpus, and the attorney general is anxious to have the appeal decided in order to go on with the trial in Washington.

Denies She Offered to Buy Ships.

London, Dec. 12.—The foreign office says there is no foundation for the story that Great Britain has offered Turkey money to buy Argentine and Chilean warships in return for concessions which would permit Great Britain to erect a second Gibraltar on the coast of Yemen, which would give Great Britain control of the lower entrance to the Red sea.

TO RUSH LAND FRAUD CASES.

Nation Asks Appeals of Hyde, Benson and Dimond be Heard.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Solicitor General Hoyt, on behalf of the government, today filed a motion asking the supreme court to advance for hearing the appeal taken by Frederick A. Hyde and Henry P. Dimond from the decision of Judge Morrow, of San Francisco, who directed that they be brought to Washington for trial on indictments for conspiracy to defraud the government out of large tracts of public lands. In his petition the solicitor general states that the appeals were "taken for purposes of delay and to prevent the appellants from being removed to the District of Columbia for trial."

A similar motion was also filed in regard to the appeal of John A. Benson, also alleged to be a member of the San Francisco land ring, who was arrested in New York on a Washington indictment charging him with bribing officials in the general land office.

Benson is out on \$10,000 bail and trying to escape trial in Washington. The solicitor general expects to be given a hearing today in support of his motion, and if the court advances the cases there is every prospect that the famous San Francisco land ring will be placed on trial in this city during the present winter.

DECREASE IN WHEAT ACREAGE.

Department of Agriculture Also Reports on Condition of Crops.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The crop report issued today by the department of Agriculture says:

Returns to the chief of the bureau of Statistics of the department of Agriculture indicate that the heavily seeded area of winter wheat is about 31,155,000 acres, a decrease of 1.6 per cent from the area sown in the fall of 1903, as finally estimated. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 82.9, as compared with 86.6 in 1903, 99.8 in 1902, and a 10 year average of 92.1. The acreage as compared with last year is 98.4 per cent. The newly seeded area of winter rye is provisionally estimated at 96.7 per cent of the area sown in the fall of 1903. The condition of winter rye on December 1 was 90.6, as compared with 92.7 on December 1, 1903, 98.1 at the corresponding date in 1902, and 96.2 the mean of December averages of the last ten years.

The percentage of acreage sown to winter rye this fall as compared with that sown last year is 86.7, the average condition December 1, 1904, was 90.5. Corresponding averages for 1903 and 1902 were 92.7 and 98.1, respectively, and the mean of the December average of the last ten years 96.2.

The final estimates of the total acreage production and farm values of the principal crops for 1904 will be issued on December 28 at 4 o'clock P. M.

WAR CRAFT TO GO ON LINER.

Torpedo Boats for Russia Shipped from New Jersey Yard.

New York, Dec. 13.—Nine torpedo boats, built at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian government, have been completed, and left the yards today. They were loaded on a barge and towed to New York. They will be shipped as merchandise on a liner.

The tenth boat will cross the ocean under its own power. Two six-cylinder gasoline engines have been installed. Each is expected to develop a 300-horsepower, and drive the little boat at a speed of 20 knots. The crew of eight men is already aboard the boat, which is 80 feet long. Below deck it is not possible to stand erect, for there is only a five foot space. Should the passage be stormy, the crew will be almost effectually bottled up as in a submarine. The only entrance to the compartments below deck is through a conning tower, from which the boat is navigated.

Each boat will carry one torpedo tube. One of the five watertight compartments into which the hull is divided will contain the spare torpedoes.

School to Teach Socialism.

New York, Dec. 13.—Inspired by the national vote of 600,000 for Debs at the last election, the New York section of the Socialist party issued a statement today to the effect that it has laid plans for establishing a school of socialism. A board of instructors has been appointed, consisting of Morris Hillquit, Algonon Lee, Henry L. Slobodin and John P. Spargo. The school term is to extend from the first week in January to the last week in May, and there will be one lesson each week, or 21 lessons in all.

Kuropatkin Reports Encounters.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—General Kuropatkin reports some unimportant encounters during the night of December 8. Russian sharpshooters reconnoitering south of Bentsapsn, attacked a Japanese post, bayoneted a number of Japanese and took 11 prisoners, of whom only four were wounded. The same night a number of Japanese attacks were made on Russian advanced intrenchments near the railroad. They were all repulsed.

May Have Sunk Own Ships.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—The statement that the Russian warships at Port Arthur were sunk by the Russians as a protection from the Japanese gun fire is regarded at the admiralty as being quite possible. If true, it is interpreted as a sign that General Stoessel believes the fortress can hold out until the arrival of the second Pacific squadron. The supposition is that the garrison, as a last resort, will retire to the Liao 11 forts.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

WATER ECHO LAND.

Coming Season will See Rapid Advance in Irrigation.

Echo—The coming season will mark more improvements and enterprises in irrigation for Echo and the vicinity tributary than ever before experienced. Not only are there immense extensions planned for old ditches, but new ones are being constructed, and land lying under both old ditches and proposed ditches is prepared for cultivation for the coming year.

With the hope of having more favorable irrigation laws passed in the coming legislature, those who have been planning projects are beginning activities. Heretofore the present laws or the lack of laws pertaining to water rights have interfered with the development of the country. Water has been in dispute. Land has been in litigation, and those who have been anxious to see the betterment of Echo and its splendid lands have hesitated in risking their all in projects that might at any time be taken into court.

The Butler creek water company has purchased an elevating grader and has commenced widening and strengthening their ditch. The Cold spring irrigation company is preparing to extend the company's ditch across to their lands on the north side of the Umatilla river, and a company has been formed to build a small ditch to water a tract of land of 160 acres adjoining Echo, now in sagebrush. The Maxwell ditch people are improving and enlarging their ditch until it will reclaim nearly 8,000 acres of land.

Besides these ditches smaller ones are constantly being built, and in a few years the entire section of waste land will be homes for farmers. This season a large number of land holders are clearing large tracts of land varying in size from 20 to 60 acres, and will sow to alfalfa.

Turns Out Many Bricks.

Weston—Clark Nelson, manager of the Weston brickyard, has returned from The Dalles, where he has been on business connected with his yard. The new I. O. O. F. temple, for which he furnished brick, has just been completed and will be dedicated at an early date. Four hundred thousand bricks were used in its construction. While in The Dalles Mr. Nelson closed a contract for the sale of 300,000 brick to be used in the construction of the new bank to be erected at Condon. The brick will not be delivered until the railroad, which runs from Arlington, to Condon, is completed, which will be early in the spring.

Land Sales Fallen Off.

Salem—The 5 per cent land sales fund in Oregon this year is \$64,562.24, as compared with \$90,135.24 last year. This fund is received from the United States and is 5 per cent of the receipts from the sales of government land in Oregon. The year 1903 was a bumper one in public land business in Oregon, due in a large degree no doubt to the activity of men who were securing timber land through the mediumship of people who bought it and soon thereafter transferred it to the men who furnished the money for the deal.

War on Scabby Sheep.

Engene—County Stock Inspector A. G. Mathews is now engaged in an attempt at purifying the sheep of the county, reports having been received from some sections that scab has been observed. Mathews went out to the district northwest of Junction to investigate reports of stockmen driving diseased sheep on the county road in violation of the law, and expects to make some arrests. One arrest and conviction for this offense has been made.

Sold Half Interest in Ranch.

La Grande—An important real estate deal has been perfected at Elgin, 35 miles from here. H. Towner has sold one-half interest in the property known as Hindman & Towner's Indian creek farm to J. L. Hindman, the consideration for the half interest in the land and livestock being \$90,000. This farm is about two miles from Elgin, and contains 1,160 acres, and is one of the best agricultural properties in Union county.

Will Chop the Alfalfa.

Echo—Robert Stanfield, who resides on Butter-creek, 16 miles west of here, has received a large hay cutter to chop alfalfa hay for winter feeding. A gasoline engine supplies the power. In feeding the hay unhopped the large stems remain uneaten and are wasted, but by chopping the stock eat the hay up clean, saving a large per cent of the hitherto waste.

New Shipping Point for Coal Mine.

Coquille—The Coquille Coal & Lumber company has rented part of the Beaver hill bunker at Marshfield and is now shipping coal by rail to Coos bay where it goes to San Francisco. John Tawse, manager for the company, is working a five-foot vein of coal of good quality. A large contract for machinery has been let. Delivery will occur in the spring.

Eugene to Springfield.

Eugene—A project is on foot to connect Eugene with the bustling little city of Springfield by a six-foot sidewalk. The distance between the two cities is three miles, but only a little over a mile of sidewalk will have to be built to connect them. This walk, if built, will be a great convenience to bicyclists and pedestrians.

SIUSLAW WORK UNFINISHED.

Congress to be Asked to Make Use of Plant Already Installed.

Eugene—In view of the uncompleted condition of the bar improvement at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, prominent citizens of this county are now interested in bringing the matter before the river and harbor committee of congress, hoping to make it clear to that body that the continuation of work on that harbor would be wise.

Many years ago the government began the improvement of the Siuslaw harbor, after abundant reports had been secured from engineers regarding the proper method of deepening the water on the bar. The plan adopted was the jetty system. Small appropriations were made and the work progressed to the extent of the funds available. Then all would rest until another small appropriation would be made. The jetty was only fairly under way and just beginning to show what might be done, when appropriations ceased to come.

The business of the harbor has been increasing and now amounts to considerable, and business men of Florence and Eugene hope to prevail upon congress to go ahead and finish the work now well begun. The government has a plant with which to work and could in a short time deepen the channel several feet by the confining of the water to the channel.

QUIT WOOD FOR COAL.

Wood for Fuel is Getting Scarce About Pendleton.

Pendleton—Fuel dealers of the inland empire are of the opinion that the day of wood burning is soon doomed, as coal is rapidly replacing it. The best of coal from the Wyoming beds is sold at this place for \$5.60 a ton, and the coal from British Columbia and Washington beds is fast becoming generally used, both in Oregon and Washington.

At Kamela and Meacham, from where Walla Walla and Pendleton draw the greater part of their wood, there seems to be immense quantities stacked in ricks for shipment, but competent judges of fuel say that but about 25 per cent of it is clear, dry, green-cut wood, such as commands the high prices. So closely has the timber supply been cut away that two trips a day hauls are being made from back in the mountains six and eight miles. Although spurs from the main line back in the mountains might easily be built, they will probably never be built, as coal will be much cheaper than the construction of a road.

Safe Cracked at Hood River.

Hood River—Robbers cracked the safe in the Hood River postoffice and got away with \$227 in stamps and \$173 in money. There is no clue as to the thieves, except that a crowbar and other tools used in effecting an entrance came from the railroad shops here. On discovering his loss Postmaster Yates immediately wired the postal inspectors at Portland, who will make efforts to apprehend the culprits. Common black powder was used in cracking the safe door. One or two persons sleeping near by claim to have heard a slight explosion during the night, but paid no attention to the noise.

Sets Fire to School.

Albany—A fire that came near costing Albany the central school building was narrowly averted by the active work of the fire brigade. Incendiaries undoubtedly did the work. Just a few minutes before 6 o'clock an alarm was turned in, when the basement of the public school building was discovered in flames. Someone had built a fire against the cold air shaft, which would distribute the flames to all parts of the structure, and when the department arrived the basement was inflamed and the air shaft almost eaten through.

Insures a Good Crop.

Pendleton—The rains that have fallen the past few days have proved of inestimable benefit to the wheat growers of the country, although not a great amount of water has fallen. What rain has fallen has dampened the ground sufficiently to insure the sprouting of the grains and heavy rains later will insure a good crop for the coming season. Some of the grain sown several weeks ago is still lying in the ground unsprouted.

Indians in Better Health.

Pendleton—Dr. T. M. Henderson, who has been in attendance upon the cases of diphtheria among the Indians at the mission on the reservation, reports that no others have taken the disease, and that those affected are rapidly recovering. Only one of the patients has died, the others having been inoculated with toxine in the early stages of the malady.

Coming Events.

Poultry shows—Salem, December 15-17; Portland, December 20-26; Newberg, January 10-13; Albany, January 18-21.

Oregon Good Roads convention, Salem, December 13-15.

Oregon State Dairymen's association, December 20-21.

Inland Empire Sunday School institute, Pendleton, January 30.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 83c; blue-stem, 85c; valley, 87½c.

Tacoma—Bluestem, 89c; club, 86c.