

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

The sultan of Morocco has removed foreigners and will take charge of his own army.

There has been a great increase in the number of accidents on railroads during the past year.

The Federal grand jury is now in session at Portland behind closed doors, investigating various land frauds.

The Smoot investigation continues before the senate committee on privileges and elections, but nothing new is being developed.

Many hundred Chinese youths are in Japan taking instructions in the art of war. Many are also at the front where a practical view can be had.

It is probable that the North sea incident will be put down as an unfortunate blunder, whereby the Russian commander mistook two of his own vessels for an enemy.

The United States supreme court has granted the motion to advance the hearing of the Benson-Hyde-Diamond conspiracy cases and they were set down for February 20. The cases involve the question of removal from one jurisdiction to another.

Oregon expenses for 1905-1906 are estimated at \$2,000,000.

The complete election returns give Roosevelt a plurality of 2,526,470.

The members of the North sea commission are gathering in Paris to enter upon their work.

Russia is assembling a third Pacific squadron, and it is believed it will be sent to the Far East.

The Colorado supreme court has thrown out the entire vote in three Denver precincts on account of fraud.

While particulars are not obtainable, it is believed that General Soessel's latest report to the czar is couched in a despairing tone.

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann are on their way to Portland to appear before the grand jury in connection with the land fraud cases.

The first and second sections of the north bound Oregon express collided near Marysville, Cal. A brakeman lost his foot and five passengers were injured.

E. Morton White, chief of the department of admissions at the St. Louis fair, has declined to accept a similar position at Portland. Frank B. Davidson will be tendered the position.

The bandit Raisuli is again active.

A number of Alaskan bills will come up in the senate soon.

Carnegie has given Boston \$540,000 for an industrial school.

Both armies in Manchuria are seriously hampered by cold weather.

New York is inquiring into the matter of building a city light plant.

Kuropatkin, when he receives more troops, may try to relieve Port Arthur.

Traffic has been considerably delayed in South Dakota and Nebraska by snow.

Stoessel has again been wounded, this time by a rifle bullet, but not seriously.

Fire destroyed property at the Silver Lake mine, Silverton, Col., valued at \$100,000.

The remains of Kruger have been laid in the tomb at Pretoria with imposing ceremonies.

The crown prince of Denmark, who is very anxious to meet Miss Roosevelt, is looking for a wife.

An American captain just home from the Orient says he saw General Kuroki in November. The general was reported killed early in October.

A Japanese cruiser is reported ashore in Yungcheing bay.

The Oregon land fraud case has been postponed until April.

A Japanese wing of Oyama's army driven back recently is again advancing.

The Japanese are fearful lest the Russian government buys a number of warships from Chile.

Brigadier General S. M. Whiteside is dead. He had command of the department of Santiago during the Spanish war.

Four men were scalded to death and four others badly injured by an explosion on the battleship Massachusetts.

The suspension bridge at Charleston, W. Va., collapsed, drowning three school girls and injuring five people.

A number of prominent rural mail carriers who were too active politically during the recent campaign, have been removed. They were all in New York and New Hampshire.

Wireless telegraph messages have been sent from Kansas City to Cleveland, Ohio, 725 miles, without relay. This is said to be the longest distance overland messages ever covered.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Tuesday, December 13.

The house passed a resolution impeaching Judge Swayne, of the Northern district of Florida, for "high crimes and misdemeanors." A committee was appointed to notify the senate. The senate passed a bill to throw open for settlement 800,000 acres in the Yakima Indian reservation.

Nothing of any importance was developed in the Smoot case today. Five witnesses were examined.

The house resolution for an adjournment from December 21 to January 4 was adopted by the senate.

Senator Mitchell is sure of securing the chairmanship of the committee on canals.

Wednesday, December 14.

The senate has appointed a committee to arrange for the trial of Judge Swayne, of Florida.

A bill was passed in the senate appropriating \$25,000 for the improvement of Mount Rainier national park.

In the house the urgent deficiency bill and several other bills of a public nature were passed.

Thursday, December 15.

The senate spent practically the entire day discussing the Philippine administrative bill. A number of amendments were made. Under unanimous agreement the vote on the bill will be taken tomorrow and the disposal of all amendments will occur at the same time.

The urgent deficiency bill was passed without debate.

In the house an attempt was made to call up the bill to improve currency conditions. This matter occupied almost the entire day, only a few minor items coming before the house.

Friday, December 16.

The senate by a vote of 44 to 23 passed the Philippine government bill. As passed it exempts from taxation all bonds issued by the Philippine and Porto Rico governments; authorizes municipalities to incur a bonded indebtedness amounting to 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of their property; authorizes the Philippine government to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$5,000,000; establishes a system for the location and patenting of mineral, coal and saline lands, and gives the civil governor the title of governor general.

The greater part of the day was put in discussing and voting on amendments on the Philippine bill.

At 5:05 p. m. the senate adjourned until Monday.

Today's session of the house was given over almost exclusively to consideration of the bills on the private calendar, a dozen or more being passed.

The senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill were agreed to.

A resolution was adopted providing that the exercises appropriate to the reception and acceptance from the state of Kansas of the statue of the late John J. Ingalls, erected in Statuary hall, of the capitol, be made a special order for January 21.

The house adjourned until Monday.

Monday, December 19.

No business of importance was transacted in either house today, the entire time they were in session being taken up by discussion of minor measures. Many senators and representatives were absent. Adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

OREGON WINS MANY PRIZES.

W. H. Wehrung Says State Made Fine Showing at St. Louis.

Portland, Dec. 17. — After several months in St. Louis, where he had charge of the Oregon exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exhibition, W. H. Wehrung returned to Portland yesterday. He reported wide interest among Easterners in the Lewis and Clark exposition and predicted there will be heavy westward travel next year for the purpose of seeing the Western World's fair.

Mr. Wehrung speaks highly of the showing made by Oregon at the St. Louis fair, saying that the state held up well against states with much larger appropriations. He also says that he has been told that Washington's representatives bought a consignment of Oregon cherries from a dealer and exhibited them as Washington product. Thus Oregon competed in the cherry contest against her own product.

Men on Battleship Quarrel.

New York, Dec. 17.—George Washington, a negro seaman, shot and wounded two others of the Illinois crew, on the United States battleship Illinois, in the New York navy yard today. Henry More, an apprentice, received a bullet in the arm and Seaman Shap, another in the back. More and the colored man occupied adjoining hammocks and Washington was said to be inoffensive until More's tantalizing actions caused Washington to lose his temper today, and he shot More. Shap intervened and was shot.

To Favor Army Officers.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Senator Dietrich has introduced an amendment to the Philippine bill proposing that all officers of the United States army, naval and marine corps or constabulary officers of the Philippine government shall have the privilege of free entry of all articles, including used household goods, uniforms and articles of equipment and service, imported for their use and benefit and not for barter or sale.

Land Withdrawn in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The general land office has ordered the temporary withdrawal of 17,920 acres of public lands in the Vancouver, Wash., land district from all forms of disposal except under mineral laws.

BIG EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Missouri Will Make a Fine State Display at Portland.

WILL MEAN OUTLAY OF \$300,000

Special Commissioner Is Now Actively At Work—Nation Boxing Exhibits—Nebraska's Part.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.—"Missouri is to be splendidly represented at the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland," states M. T. Davis, president of the Missouri State World's Fair commission today.

"We will send out there an exhibit that could not be duplicated for \$300,000," he continued.

The displays for the western fair will be selected and prepared for shipment by E. S. Carver, special commissioner from Missouri to the Lewis and Clark exposition. He is now actively at work.

The work of boxing the government exhibits that are to be shipped from the World's fair to Portland for the Lewis and Clark exposition has been commenced, and by January 1 they will be ready to be sent away. They will not be shipped until March 1, however, according to the present plans. Portland is to get about 65 per cent of the government's exhibits. The remainder will be returned to Washington, D. C.

The machinery in the money coining display will be sent as soon as possible to Denver, Colo., where it will be used to enlarge the United States mint. The great ordnance which proved such an attractive exhibit here may be returned to the East. Its disposition has not been definitely decided upon as yet, on account of the possibility of obtaining great rifles and other guns on the Western coast so much closer to Portland.

Nebraska to Have Big Exhibit.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—J. B. Dinmore, Nebraska commissioner, and in charge of the livestock exhibit of the St. Louis fair, and ex-president of the state board of agriculture, said today that Nebraska would have a big exhibit at Portland.

MUCH FEELING AGAINST CHILE

Japan Still Fears She Will Sell Her Warships to Russia.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—The Japanese are watching with great interest the alleged plan of the Russian government to purchase warships from the governments of Argentina and Chile. In response to a diplomatic inquiry, the government of Argentina frankly disavowed any intention to sell warships to Russia, but the answer received from Chile is said to be evasive. The correspondence on the subject is still in progress.

There is a growing feeling of resentment here against Chile. Discussing the question with the Associated Press correspondent today, an official said that in the event of Chile selling warships to Russia, Japan will unquestionably take the first opportunity to settle the score.

PROTECT FLOODED VALLEYS

Engineers Have Scheme to Redeem One Million Acres.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 19.—A committee of distinguished engineers chosen by California to solve the problem of protecting the valleys of the San Joaquin the Sacramento rivers from regular floods made its report today. If successful their plan will redeem 1,000,000 acres.

The floods were caused primarily by deposits from hydraulic mines filling the channel. The project will cost \$1,000,000 at least. While the report is made public, it is understood it recommends the construction of dykes to confine the water to the channel, and thereby carry out the debris.

Conservative Reforms for Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A special council was held this afternoon at Tsarskoe-Selo, under Emperor Nicholas, at which President of the Ministerial Council C. Witte, Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky and Minister of Justice Muraviev discussed the question of reforms. It is understood that the emperor advised with them on the question of a manifesto which will be published today. This document, it is believed, outlines a policy of careful conservative reform.

Arizona Will Protest.

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 19.—News that the joint statehood bill had been favorably reported to the senate caused excitement in this city. The Maicopal board of trade passed resolutions of protest which were wired to B. A. Fowler, at Washington, Republican candidate for congress at the recent election. Communication was established with all organized municipal and commercial bodies in the territory, asking them to make similar protests.

Federal Building for Honolulu.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Perkins introduced a bill today to make an appropriation of \$1,400,000 to acquire a site to construct a Federal building at Honolulu, Hawaii. Representative Cushman, of Washington, introduced the same bill in the house.

PLANS FOR CANAL.

Four Schemes Before Chief Engineer of Isthmian Canal Commission.

Washington, Dec. 21.—John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, has given the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce the benefit of his investigations so far as made regarding the engineering tasks to be performed in the construction of the Panama canal. The testimony was taken aboard the army transport Sumner in Colon harbor on the occasion of the recent visit of the committee to the canal zone. It is to be printed for the use of congress.

Asked by members of the commission for an estimate of the cost of the various plans, Mr. Wallace said the best estimate that could be made at present would be based on the estimate of the former commission of \$200,000,000 for a 90-foot level canal. Figuring with this as a basis, the 60-foot level canal would cost \$225,000,000, could be open for traffic in 10 years, and fully completed in 12 years; the 30-foot level canal would cost \$250,000,000 and be open for traffic in 12 years and completed in 15 years; the sea-level canal would cost \$300,000,000, could be open for traffic in 15 years and completed in 20 years.

Chairman Hepburn's questions developed that the estimate of time to build a canal was based on a 10-hour day, and that with the construction of the Gamboa dam and the operation of the power plant, electric light sufficient to illuminate the whole of the Culebra cut might be had, thus making practical the working of two or more shifts and shortening the time of construction.

Mr. Wallace stated that the excavation of this cut was the feature of the construction of the canal that took the time. He said:

"Upon the economical and efficient handling of material from Culebra depends the cost and time it would take to complete the canal. Every other question and every other problem connected with the entire work is subordinate and inferior to the problem of excavation and disposal of the material from the Culebra cut; that is the principal problem of this work."

Work is now going on in the cut, one American steam shovel and some of the French machinery being on the operation. Fourteen American steam shovels have been purchased, one of which is being set up. The others are to be delivered at the rate of one a month. During October 3,185 men were on the payrolls of the commission. Of those 2,165 were laborers. More laborers are to be employed in the immediate future.

Answering a question about the operation of a sea-level canal, Mr. Wallace said: "A sea-level canal would be less expensive to maintain and less expensive to operate, save time in passage through it, and could be widened and deepened when required without interfering with traffic."

RIOT IN MOSCOW.

Students and Police Battle for Hours in City's Streets.

Moscow, Dec. 21.—This city was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration today from noon until nearly evening. Probably 5,000 persons actually participated. Fortunately the agitators did not succeed in drawing the workingmen from the factories into the disturbances, and after many collisions the police firing blank volleys and charging with their sabers, the crowds finally were dispersed.

Many were wounded, and more were arrested. As far as known none of the rioters were killed. One policeman is reported fatally injured. Many on both sides were roughly handled.

The authorities knew in advance that trouble was impending, and many houses along the Tverskaya street were specially guarded. Several squadrons of mounted gendarmes were concealed in the courtyards of houses, ready for an emergency.

Snow Is Two Feet Deep.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 21.—As a result of the worst blizzard that has visited Newport in many years, all local traffic is practically at a standstill. The storm began at midnight last night and abated at noon today. On a level the snow is more than two feet in depth, while a strong wind has piled up drifts that block the streets. The first train from Boston was five hours late. The Fall river line steamer from New York was caught in the storm and reached here five hours late.

Blizzard Off New England Coast.

Boston, Dec. 18.—A blizzard of severity prevailed today along the Southern New England coast. All wires on Cape Cod were prostrated and there has been no communication south of Wareham by land lines since early this morning. The captain of the Watch Hill life saving station reported this afternoon three barges were seen ashore on the south side of Fisher's island. It is believed that the crews were taken off.

Dummy Ships on Guard.

London, Dec. 21.—A report from Chefoo that a portion of the Japanese fleet has left for Singapore and that a number of Japanese merchantmen have been lightly armed to maintain the blockade of Port Arthur is published today in a Chefoo dispatch to the Daily Telegraph.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

DEVELOPMENT OF LINN.

Object of Club That Has Organized Recently at Albany.

Albany.—Tom Richardson, of the Portland Commercial Club, delivered an interesting and instructive address before Albany's business men in the Grand Opera house. Mr. Richardson displayed a thorough knowledge of methods of municipal and state development, and gave a lucid explanation of the essentials of success in a commercial organization, and the address was productive of results.

At the close of his talk Mr. Richardson took charge of the organization of a local commercial body for the development of Albany and Linn county. A number of people pledged \$5 per month for the support of a push club, others smaller sums, and a committee of business men was appointed by Mayor Davis to take charge of the organization work and secure a membership sufficiently large to establish the club on a good financial basis.

It is the purpose of the organization to advertise the county and place men in the field to work for the development of Linn county's great resources. It was unanimously decided to join the Oregon Development League and cooperate with that body in the development of Oregon. The organization committee was authorized to find a name for the club and nominate officers, the nominations to be ratified at the next meeting, when organization will be perfected.

Mr. Richardson was given an informal reception at the Alco Club at the adjournment of the meeting.

Oil Spoils Water Supply.

Salem.—Farmers from the Waldo Hills report oil discoveries in the vicinity of Pratum, where oil was discovered by Rice Brothers last spring. Many wells have been abandoned because the water cannot be used. No effort has been made to sink a deep well for the purpose of determining whether oil can be found in paying quantities. Local capitalists arranged last fall to sink a well as deep as might be necessary, provide the farmers would bond their property, agreeing to sell their oil on a percentage basis. Many farmers would not agree to this, preferring to profit by the results of experiments conducted by others, and as a consequence the well-digging enterprise was abandoned.

Willamette Fishway Completed.

Salem.—The new fishway over the falls at Oregon City has been completed at a cost of \$2973.50, and Engineer J. W. Moffatt reported that fact to the State Fish Commission today. The engineer expresses his confidence that the fishway will make it practicable for salmon and other fish to ascend the Willamette river. In reporting the work at the several fish hatcheries, Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen says that 6,650,000 Chinook and 3,646,000 silverside eggs have been taken at the South Coos river hatchery, while 2,607,000 Chinook and 1,000,000 silverside eggs have been taken at Yaquina. These results are considered very satisfactory.

Improvements at Hood River.

Hood River.—It is estimated that the O. R. & N. Co. is expending \$10,000 in improvements to the depot grounds and track yards at this point. The passenger depot is being remodeled and enlarged, and a freight depot and warehouse has been erected three blocks west of the present location. The facilities for handling freight at this point have afforded very poor accommodations for the last three years, and the improvements now being made are a source of satisfaction to the shipping interests.

Golden Chariot Buys Plant.

Sampter.—Golden Chariot Gold Mining Company has purchased of the Golden Wizard its hoist, pumps and milling plant. The latter plant has never been operated as the Golden Wizard, since its purchaser has decided on other plans. The two properties are about nine miles apart, and the work of hauling the machinery to the Golden Chariot will commence as soon as possible. Two large boilers are also included in the consignment.

Claim Jumpers Busy.

Grants Pass.—Claim jumpers continue to do their work in the Sucker Creek district. A claim owned by Sheriff Lewis, of this city, has recently been jumped, and as the claim is valued quite highly by the Sheriff and has had two years' assessment work done upon it, Mr. Lewis is anything but pleased over the usurpation of his right and has gone to discuss the matter at close range with the intruder.

Phone Line for Farmers.

Chemawa.—Chemawa is to be the center of a rural telephone line, to be established at once. Fifteen farmers in the vicinity of Chemawa met last evening at the residence of Frank Beatty and formed an independent rural company. Material has been ordered for the line, and will be here in about three weeks. The central office will be established at Chemawa.

Selling Sugar Plant Stock.

Milton.—Robert E. Frazier of this place, is in Portland selling stock of the Mexican National Sugar Refining Company, of which he is a member. The company will dispose of \$250,000 worth of preferred stock in order to install a sugar refining plant. The company is composed largely of Milton and Walla Walla capitalists.

Mohair Show January 19-20.

Dallas.—The committee of arrangements for the Polk County Mohair Association appointed to arrange for the fair, has named January 19 and 20 as the time for holding the fair at Dallas. This is primarily a goat fair, but poultry and sheep will also be an interesting feature of the show. Entries are open to all Oregon.

TO DEAL IN FINE HORSES

New Industry Opened in Pendleton by Former Eugene Man.

Pendleton.—A. C. Ruby, formerly of Eugene, Ore., has purchased the Oregon feed yard of this city, and proposes to maintain a distributing depot for imported horses. He has at his establishment 27 horses and six jackasses. The horses are Percherons, French draft, Belgian shire and coach stallions. Every horse was selected by him in Europe and shipped to this country from Germany and France. The animals are of the gentlest dispositions, Mr. Ruby not purchasing any that showed signs of ill temper.

The animals will be kept at Pendleton, and as the occasion requires, distributed over Oregon and Washington. The McLaughlin Bros., of Cincinnati, proposed to establish a station here, but finally decided upon Ogden, Utah. Mr. Ruby will either purchase residence property or build and remove his family to this place, where he will have permanent headquarters.

This station means much to eastern Oregon and Washington, not only for the convenience of it, but for the material improvement that will be made in the horses. Until the last few years little attention to the breeds of horses was given. Of late years prices have increased until it pays handsomely to raise a grade of horses that command the highest prices in eastern markets. The day of the cayuse is past, and the farmers have learned how much more work can be expected from a horse of good size than from a small cayuse.

Not only are the farmers demanding good horses, but are raising mules. The jacks owned by Mr. Ruby are from Missouri, and are much sought after by breeders.

To Bore for Artesian Water.

Baker City.—Manager Vinson, of the Emma mine, six miles east of the city, has closed a contract with C. A. Fredericks, of Spokane, to bore for water on his property. Mr. Fredericks has the most extensive boring apparatus ever brought to Eastern Oregon, it having a capacity for boring 5000 feet. The contract with Mr. Vinson calls for 2000 feet or less, boring to cease whenever a sufficient flow of water is encountered. He does not expect water under 500 feet. The work will be commenced at once. Mr. Fredericks also has a contract to bore for artesian hot water for the Hot Springs Natatorium Company of this city. The hot springs of the company are within the city limits.

Fewer Cattle Fed Than Usual.

Echo.—Five hundred head of cattle are being fed in the immediate vicinity of Echo. This is a small number compared with what are usually wintered at this place and is occasioned by the extremely low prices paid for beef. As large herds are herded upon small alfalfa fields, the pasturage afforded is eaten close, and hay feeding begins about the 1st of November. Cattle raisers are hoping for higher prices the coming season, believing that the visitors to the 1905 fair will consume a great amount and bring up prices. Several small shipments have been made already this fall, and the highest price received is \$3.25 per cwt., live weight.

Anxious for Good Roads.

Grants Pass.—The good roads movement has struck Josephine county with greater force this season than ever before, and there is a more general desire to better the highways of the county than this section has ever before known. During the past two months nearly \$5000 has been paid out by mining companies and individual mining men for the improvement of roads in Josephine county, and as a result many of the camps that were almost completely isolated during the winter will be readily reached by wagon hereafter.

Will Not Enter Albany.

Albany.—The Independent Telephone Company will not put in a system at Albany, as intended. The company will operate in only a few Oregon towns the coming year, and as some other towns offer better opportunities in the franchisees than did Albany, the company will allow the franchise given them by this city to lapse. The Pacific States Company is preparing to make a number of improvements in their Albany exchange this winter.

COMING EVENTS.

Inland Empire Sunday School Institute, Pendleton, Ore., January 30.

Oregon State Dairymen's Association, Portland, December 28-31.

Oregon State Horticultural Society, Portland, January 10-11.

National American Woman Suffrage Association, Portland, June 22-23.

Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Portland, June 1-October 15.

Sell Land Near Helix.

Pendleton.—William Kupers and G. C. Schroeder, farmers residing near Helix, have disposed of three quarter sections of land to Joseph Selvers of that locality for \$8000 a quarter. Mr. Kupers, who sold one of the sections, and Schroeder, who sold two, have purchased land near Nes Perce, paying \$4500 and \$5600 a section.

Irrigation Work.

Milton.—Workmen are building dunes for the Flins Irrigation ditch, which will water a body of land near the Hudson Bay section. Many other dunes are being built under the railroad at different points, and an immense territory hitherto bare will be put under cultivation next season.

NORTHWEST WHEAT MARKET.

Portland.—Walla Walla, 83c; blue-stem, 88c; valley, 87½c.

Tacoma.—Blue-stem, 89c; club, 86c.