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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

An insurrection has broken out in Argentine.

Taft recommends a revision of the Philippine tariff.

The weather has greatly moderated in the middle states.

Atlantic coast ports are blocked with ice and navigation is stopped.

The crews of the Russian Black sea fleet are on the verge of mutiny.

It now seems certain that Smoot will be able to retain his seat in the senate.

Fire in Birmingham, Alabama, destroyed property worth not less than \$500,000.

The governor and a committee of Massachusetts solons will visit the Lewis and Clark fair.

Governor Mead, of Washington, has broken ground for a state building at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Many Poles are fleeing from Russia into Germany. The entire working population of Poland is on strike.

The terrible weather in Manchuria has forced a truce. As soon as it moderates the Russians will be confronted with the alternative of withdrawing in order to avoid being intercepted by a Japanese column or of undertaking a general advance.

General Grippenberg has been forced to resign his command in Manchuria and General Myloff will succeed him.

One death and four cases of illness in one Chicago family have been caused by supposed ptomaines in canned goods.

So much money from the interior has been pouring into the New York banks that the clerks cannot count it as fast as it arrives, and some banks have to rent outside vaults to store it.

The Japanese are reported to have forced a breach in the Russian center. The dispatch has been received at St. Petersburg and papers have been refused permission to mention it.

The Interstate Commerce commission finds the Santa Fe road guilty of willfully violating the law by granting the Colorado Fuel & Iron company lower freight rates than other companies pay.

Joseph Raciut, a wealthy Californian, who is said to have had \$100,000 on his person, went out into the country near Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a few days ago, and has not returned, and is supposed to have been murdered.

News of riots in Russia is causing disaffection in Kuropatkin's army.

The new Excelsior roller mills at Marysville, Kan., were destroyed by fire. Loss \$150,000.

The New York chamber of commerce has asked the legislature to spend \$100,000 on the Lewis and Clark fair.

Professor H. Cole, of Chicago, has discovered what is believed to be the largest spot on the sun. It covers one-tenth of the sun's surface, is egg-shaped, and can be seen through smoked glass.

Fire in the Cramp shipbuilding plant at Chester, Pa., destroyed valuable blueprints, models and charts, including plans of the battleships Idaho and Mississippi, and the cruiser Tennessee, but work on these ships is not much delayed.

Extreme cold weather is prevailing throughout the Eastern and Middle states. The entire country from the Atlantic to the Rocky mountains is in the grasp of a blizzard and the temperature ranges from 5 below at Kansas City to 53 below at Glendive, Mont.

The annual report of President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard university, for the year 1903-04, shows a deficit of \$10,000, and he predicts an annual deficit unless tuition fees are raised or a large endowment created. He says \$2,500,000 is needed for reasonable objects in view.

The bursting of a large water tank on the roof of the Denver dry goods store, a large department store, caused damage to stock estimated at over \$50,000.

Three would-be assassins of the czar have been captured.

A number of senators are opposing the Malheur irrigation bill.

The Japanese have captured another vessel bound for Vladivostok with contraband of war.

The federal grand jury working on Oregon land fraud cases is still grinding out indictments.

Thirty-six Russian refugees from Port Arthur on their way to Chefoo in a junk were caught by a storm and drowned.

Grand Duke Vladimir defends the action of the Russian government and says she has not deserved the fierce execrations of the world.

Russian officers declare before the North sea commission that they saw torpedo boats of a foreign country among the fishing boats.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Monday, January 30.

The senate today agreed to vote on the joint statehood bill before adjournment on Tuesday, February 7, the amendments to be considered on that date under the ten-minute rule. The larger part of the day was occupied in general debate on the statehood bill. Fulton offered amendments to the Indian appropriation bill referring to the court of claims of Chinook and Cathlamet Indians; also conveying title to persons who have purchased grazing lands from the Umatilla Indians.

After a protracted debate the house adopted the conference report on the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill. As agreed to the bill carries \$29,132,242. A bill was passed dividing the state of Washington into two judicial districts, the Eastern and Western. The bill extending to the Philippines the provisions of the revised statutes concerning the extradition of fugitives from justice was passed.

Tuesday, January 31.

The senate today continued the consideration of the joint statehood bill with Nelson as the principal speaker. A number of bills were passed, including one largely increasing the fees for stock companies in the District of Columbia.

In the house the senate amendments to the army appropriation bill were disagreed to and the bill was sent to conference. Williams, (Dem., Miss.) started a lengthy debate by bringing up the treatment by General Miles of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, when he was a prisoner at Fortress Monroe. The postoffice appropriation bill was debated for an hour.

Wednesday, February 1.

Clark (Mont.), Dillingham and Teller today continued the discussion of the joint statehood bill. Proctor reported the agricultural appropriation bill and gave notice that he would ask to have it considered. Bills were passed granting certain lands to the Oklahoma Agricultural college; amending the land laws so as to permit settlers on public lands to make transfers for public uses before completing title; amending existing laws so as to require captains of passenger vessels to supply information regarding the age and sex of immigrants.

The postoffice appropriation bill occupied the house the major portion of today. With an understanding that the discussion of the question should be continued tomorrow, the bill was laid aside and other matters taken up. The conference report on the fortifications bill was adopted. The bill carries \$6,747,893.

Senator Ankeny will endeavor to have a provision made in the naval appropriation bill for the allowance of a differential of 4 per cent to Pacific coast shippers competing on government warships contracts.

Thursday, February 2.

The postoffice appropriation bill was the main topic of discussion in the house today and its consideration was not completed. During the day bills were passed as follows: Amending the law so as to reduce the amount of bond required of agents acting for consignees on imported goods; providing for the construction of irrigation and reclamation works in certain lakes and rivers in Oregon and California; granting certain lands within the Flathead Indian reservation, Montana, to certain Catholic societies for religious purposes.

The senate spent much of today discussing the distribution of ordinary farm and garden seeds by the Agricultural department. When adjournment was taken consideration of the bill had not been completed. A further conference was ordered on the fortifications appropriation bill.

Friday, February 3.

The house today passed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$180,787,415.

In the senate today Judge Swayne made formal response to the articles of impeachment against him. The answer was a formidable document in point of size. In every case the charge was admitted, but explained from Judge Swayne's point of view, they were not of a character to justify proceedings for impeachment. The senate issued an order requiring the house to file its reply by next Monday, and directed that all pleadings shall be in by February 9, that the trial may proceed on February 10. The senate sitting as a court, then adjourned and resumed legislative consideration of the joint statehood bill. That topic occupied the rest of the day.

Saturday, February 4.

Long occupied most of the time given by the senate today to the statehood bill with a speech in support of the bill as it stands. There was an extended debate on a provision in the agricultural appropriation bill relating to forest reservations.

The house today passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying \$2,107,047, which is an increase of \$78,713 over the concurrent appropriation. A number of minor bills were disposed of by unanimous consent.

Sold Mining Stock on Routes.

Washington, Feb. 3. — Postmaster General Wynne today removed three letter carriers in the Toledo, O., post-office, ordered a fourth man to show cause why he should not be removed, and suspended 30 other carriers, all of the Toledo office, for 30 days on the charge of selling mining stock and of collecting the assessments thereon. It is charged that the men sold this mining stock while on duty as carriers, as well as when off duty.

PUTER IS CAUGHT

Attempts to Secure Big Tract of Oregon State Land.

NINE MEN SWEAR FALSELY TO AID

Prospective Irrigation Scheme on Klamath Lands Would Have Been Made to Yield Profit.

Salem, Feb. 4. — S. A. D. Puter, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government in timber land cases, and under indictment on further charges, was caught today in an attempt to secure title to 3,200 acres of state school land in violation of law, and the state land board has \$2,000 of his good money and evidence sufficient to show the fraudulent nature of the transaction.

Basil Wagner, of this city, procured the men to make the applications for the land. As each filed his application he told Clerk Brown that Wagner would call for the certificate of sale.

Applications to purchase school land near Klamath Falls were filed by nine residents of Salem, who swore that they wanted the land for their own use and benefit, and had made no contract, express or implied, to convey the land to any other person. No certificates of sale were issued, but Clerk G. G. Brown called the attention of the state land board to the suspicious applications, and an investigation resulted.

One of the applicants was taken before the governor, where he was closely cross-questioned, until he admitted that he had made the application at the instance of an agent of Puter, and made the initial payment with a bank draft furnished by Puter.

Governor Chamberlain immediately called a special meeting of the state land board to consider the matter, and Puter appeared before the board. He asked leave to withdraw the applications and receive his drafts, but the land board refused to recognize his right to have the money returned.

The drafts will be returned only to the persons who deposited them, and when these men appear, they will be brought up on the carpet and questioned as to the truth of their affidavits. Whether the \$2,000 will eventually be returned or will be held by the board as forfeited remains to be determined.

ONE OBSTACLE GONE.

Way is Being Cleared for the Klamath Irrigation Project.

Washington, Feb. 4. — The house has passed the bill recently reported by the irrigation committee authorizing the secretary of the interior in carrying out any irrigation project undertaken under the national reclamation to raise or lower the levels of Little Klamath, Tule, and Goose lakes, or such other river or other body of water connected therewith as may be necessary and to dispose of any lands which may come into possession of the United States as a result thereof by cession from the state of Oregon and California or otherwise.

If the senate accepts the house amendments there remains but one obstacle to be overcome before the government begins construction of the Klamath irrigation project in Oregon and California. That is to buy out the Klamath canal company and other owners of irrigation works within the area proposed to be reclaimed by the government. A satisfactory offer has already been made to sell the Ankeny canal to the government, and it is believed that ultimately satisfactory terms can be arranged for buying out the Klamath canal company, although it is understood that the company now asks \$500,000 for its works and rights. That price is declared to be exorbitant and unreasonable.

It is probable that the senate will agree to the bill as it passed the house today and that it will be promptly signed by the president.

Build Warships at Home.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4. — The admiralty, having definitely committed itself to the policy of rebuilding and greatly increasing the size of the navy, although the details are not yet completed, is already being besieged by foreign firms anxious to secure contracts. These firms are having little success. The admiralty has decided to attract foreign capital to Russia for the erection of new yards with the general purpose of encouraging and creating a vast shipbuilding industry at home and securing an independent footing.

Suspension Bridge Collapses.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4. — The suspension bridge spanning the Fontanka river collapsed today while a detachment of dragoons were crossing. Thirty men and horses were precipitated into the frozen river, together with a number of cabs, wagons, etc., the ice at that point being weak. The greatest excitement prevailed, but speedily help was forthcoming, and the victims were rescued, with the exception of one dragoon.

Strike Breaks Out in New Place.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4. — A strike began today in the Sosnovice district. The strikers are parading the streets, but the police have been tactful and public order has not been disturbed. The co-operators' strike at Samara has ended, the employers conceding an increase of pay and a reduction of hours.

JURY DRAWS NET.

Two Indictments Said To Be in Order for J. N. Williamson.

Portland, Feb. 7. — The last week of the present Federal grand jury is at hand. The long series of investigations which have been taking the time of the jury for the past two months is drawing to a close and will end on Saturday, if the plans of the government attorneys carry.

The present week will be a busy one, for it will bring to light some of the entanglements of those high in the confidence of the state and the nation and will show still further the extent and scope of the land frauds which have been carried on in many cases to completion and in others practically to that stage during the past few years.

During the week it was rumored that Representative J. N. Williamson will come under the notice of the Federal grand jury, not once, but twice. It is said that the next few days will see the junior representative of the state indicted for his alleged connection with various land deals in the vicinity of his home at Prineville and also for fraudulent transactions in the Blue Mountain reserve.

Just what the complaints are is a mystery which the government officials alone would be able, at this time, to tell. They have nothing to say. But in spite of this reticence, it is made known from various sources that the end of the week will see more persons implicated in the land frauds than have as yet hinted at or thought of.

In addition to the names of Mr. Williamson are mentioned those of various of the former special agents of the government, and several of the ex-special agents who have been sent to this territory to look into the alleged irregularities of the land department. Beyond a rumor that several of the special agents are under the eye of the grand jury, nothing definite can be learned. However, it can be stated that former employees of the Interior department in Oregon will be brought to book for irregular work done by them during their terms of office. It is further safe to predict that Saturday will see the adjournment of the jury until the March term calls the men once more to the task of probing into the irregularities of the land transactions of Oregon.

IMPROVE VANCOUVER BARRACKS

Large Allotment from Army Post Fund Likely To Be Secured.

Washington, Feb. 7. — The army appropriation bill, recently passed by congress, carries a large appropriation for the improvement of army posts. This money is distributed by the secretary of war, he approving allotments which are made up by the quartermaster general. Senator Ankeny and Representative Jones have arranged to call upon the secretary of war and ask for a liberal slice of that lump sum for making much-needed improvements at Vancouver barracks.

Reports which have been submitted by the officers at Vancouver show the urgent necessity for many new buildings to replace the antiquated and dilapidated structures now standing. Of course they ask for more money than can be had, something over \$1,000,000 in all. Nevertheless, an attempt will be made to get a liberal portion of this fund.

The largest item recommended is \$250,000 for erecting a new building for headquarters offices, a building of brick, with stone trimmings, large enough to accommodate all the officers assigned to headquarters, together with the clerical force of the post. It is also asked that four additional double infantry barracks be erected at a cost of \$230,000, and in addition quarters for 59 officers as follows: One commanding officer's residence, six field officers' quarters, nine captains' double quarters and nine lieutenants' double quarters, to cost in all about \$500,000. In addition \$10,000 is asked for a new main sewer, \$8,000 for cement sidewalks, \$2,000 for extending the electric lighting system, \$5,000 for water mains, \$45,000 for grading and filling, \$15,000 for improving the parade grounds and \$70,000 for two new artillery stables.

Porto Rican Girls Go Back.

St. Louis, Feb. 7. — Twenty Porto Rican girls departed tonight for their native island, making the last detachment to reach home of the 60 girls imported from there some time ago by a St. Louis manufacturing concern as employees. After being here a time all the girls, with few exceptions, became homesick and wanted to return. They ceased working, and as they had no money, the King's daughters organization took care of them until means could be provided for sending them to their homes in Porto Rico.

Japanese Colony in Texas.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 7. — In an interview today B. F. Yokum gave out the following details concerning the recent visit to Texas of a number of commissioners from the Japanese government: "As a result of this visit a great Japanese colony will be planted in Southwestern Texas for the growing and manufacture of silk. A splendid tract of land has been secured, and upon each five acres of this will be settled a Japanese family."

Reservists Are in Arrest.

London, Feb. 7. — The London Daily Chronicle prints a dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent stating that 6,000 reservists at Peterhof have mutinied and are under arrest in their barracks.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Salem, Jan. 31. — A bill was introduced in the senate today to suppress poolselling and poolrooms. Eleven other new measures were introduced. Nine bills were passed, one of them appropriating \$15,000 for fish hatcheries. This bill has already passed the house.

The senate bill authorizing the Lewis and Clark fair corporation to condemn private property was passed by the house. Ten new bills were introduced in the house, one of them being the anti-cigarette bill, identical with that introduced in the senate.

The house rejected the senate concurrent resolution for a joint assembly tomorrow to consider a constitutional convention. This stops any further possibilities of a constitutional convention.

Electric bells at railroad crossings is the object of a bill introduced in the house today. They are to be of sufficient weight and sound to be heard 100 yards and are to be placed at every crossing where a public road crosses a railway track where the view is obstructed either way.

The house committee on mining favors the passage of the bill relieving such mining companies of the annual license tax as have an annual output of less than \$1,000.

A new bill in the house provides that all sheep driven into the state for pasturage shall be taxed 20 cents a head and 5 cents a head shall be paid for each county through which the sheep are driven.

The Cascade county bill will appear in the senate tomorrow or Thursday.

Salem, Feb. 1. — Twelve bills were passed by the senate today and 15 by the house. Five new bills were introduced in the senate and seven in the house.

Two bills were killed in the senate today: For a constitutional convention and to permit corporations to act as administrators.

The house this afternoon voted down the bill for the appointment of a board of internal commerce commissioners and appropriating \$25,000 for the opening of the Willamette river from Portland to Eugene.

A bill of Representative Steiner's fixing the terms of circuit court beginning on the second Monday in May and the third Monday in October, passed the house this morning.

To permit district attorneys and their deputies to bid in for counties, lands sold for delinquent taxes, a bill of Representative West's passed the house today. Under the present law the county judge is required to do that function, but sometimes is not present.

A bill to empower juries to fix punishment in criminal trials was indefinitely postponed by the house this morning. The bill came from Smith, of Josephine.

Salem, Feb. 2. — The senate today passed the house bill appropriating \$1,000 for the widows of the prison guards who were killed by Tracy and Merrill at the time of the outbreak three years ago.

The senate bill appropriating \$25,000 for maintaining the portage railway was passed by the house.

The bill to exempt from annual corporation tax mining companies whose annual output is less than \$1,000 was also passed by the house.

The senate committees on counties has practically decided to report favorably on the house bill for the creation of Cascade county and the probabilities are that the bill will pass the senate. Abolition of the Drain normal school will be recommended tomorrow by the house committee.

From five to 20 years' imprisonment in the penitentiary is the punishment allowed under the senate bill to prevent train holdups passed by the house.

The house sanctioned two appropriations of \$1,500 each for district fairs in Eastern Oregon.

The senate amended the flat salary bill today by striking out the items for justices of the supreme court and the provision that the law shall not go into effect as to the secretary of state and state treasurer until June 1, 1907. It is probable the bill will pass.

Salem, Feb. 3. — Nineteen bills were introduced in the house today and four in the senate.

Appropriations asked of the Oregon legislature at this session aggregate \$2,340,000, but Chairman Farrar, of

Will Abandon Contests.

Ajax—Few of the score-odd contests instituted against Gilliam county settlers in the vicinity of the instance of William Twilley, of Devil's butte, will probably be carried to trial, most of the contestants having realized that retirement in this community and in the county generally is against them. In the past six weeks 22 homesteads in the Ajax section have been contested. Three or four were heard at The Dalles and the rest were set for hearing before the Gilliam county clerk at Condon. Feeling is bitter against Twilley.

Not Much Snow in the Hills.

Pendleton—The melting snows and falling rains of the past few days has filled the streams of the county. Water is now plentiful enough to run all mills that have heretofore suffered by the dryness of the fall. Irrigators are fearing that there will not be a sufficient quantity of snow in the mountains to insure a flow of water through the summer. Usually there is from five to six feet at Kamela, but now there is but a few inches.

the senate committee on ways and means, and Chairman Vawter, of the corresponding house committee, say they will endeavor to hold them down below \$2,000,000. Bills are about all introduced, and next Tuesday is the last day allowed for presentation of new measures, if the legislature is to adjourn February 17.

Senator Miller's bill to abolish all normal schools but one and leave the selection of this one to the state board of education, was today reported adversely by the senate committee on ways and means, though there was a minority report recommending that the bill be considered on its merits by the senate. The bill was made a special order for Wednesday next at 10 a. m.

A bill to amend the initiative and referendum law, introduced by Senator Howe at the request of W. S. U'Ren, was today killed in the senate by indefinite postponement. The bill contained some features recommended by Secretary of State Dunbar, for the purpose of simplifying the procedure, but contained other features not satisfactory to the judiciary committee.

The bill to amend the local option law was reported in the house today and will come up for passage next week.

Other important bills yet to be considered are: Those to make gambling a felony and to punish licensing of gambling by municipal authorities; to tax gross earnings of telephone, telegraph and express companies; to consolidate normal schools; to create the office of state examiner; to create a state board of control; and to establish a mining bureau.

Both houses today adjourned until Monday.

Talk New Railroad.

Tillamook—Another railroad proposition has been made to the citizens by Mr. Simmons, who says he is backed by Portland capital, to give Tillamook county railroad connections. He made a proposition to build a standard gauge railroad from either Forest Grove or North Yamhill, and have it constructed within one year, provided the citizens could get a 100-foot right of way, give \$35,000 subsidy and a suitable site for a depot in this city. It is the intention to extend the line, provided it is built to this city, to Netarts bay.

Six Towns Represented.

Marshfield — At a meeting of the Coos bay chamber of commerce it was decided to turn over the management of the Coos county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair to a central organization composed of seven members, one to be named by each of the boards of trade of Coquille, Randon, Myrtle Point, Marshfield, Empire and North Bend and a chairman from the members of the county court. The plans for the pavilion, 50x60 feet, will be turned over to this organization.

No Fian for Five Months.

Oregon City—At a conference of Clackamas county fishermen in this city, a resolution addressed to the legislature was adopted asking that the state fishing laws be so amended as to provide for a closed season of five months in the year, June 1 to November 1. This arrangement will do away with the closed season extending from March 1 to April 15, and is in harmony with the position that has been taken by the Multnomah and Clackamas county delegations at Salem.

Church Colony for Oregon.

Spokane — The People's United church, at the head of which is Bishop David N. McInturf, is to be disrupted in Spokane and a colony formed in Oregon or the Big Bend. Bishop McInturf has made arrangements to purchase 5,000 acres of land in one of the places named, and every member of the church will move to the new colony after turning over all his worldly possessions to the church. The church has now \$50,000 or \$60,000.

Little Wheat is Left Over.

Pendleton — E. W. McComis, agent for the Puget Sound Warehouse company in this city, says that there is only between 150,000 and 200,000 bushels of wheat left in the county out of the 5,000,000 grown in Umatilla county last year. Nearly every farmer keeps a supply of seed on hand, even for fall sowing, in case of the grain freezing out. This seed is included in the amount left in the county unsold.

Shear With Power.

Pendleton—J. E. Smith, president of the J. E. Smith livestock company, was in the city recently completing the arrangements for a 5-horse power gasoline engine to furnish power for a sheep shearing machine which the company will install in time to clip this year's wool at its place 20 miles south of here.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Walls Walls, 86c; blue-stem, 91c; valley, 87c.
Oats — No. 1 white, \$1.35@1.40, gray, \$1.40@1.45 per cental.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$12@13.
Potatoes — Oregon fancy, 75@85c; common, 60@70c.
Apples — Baldwins, \$1.25; Spitzenbergs, \$1.75@2 per box.
Eggs — Oregon ranch, 28@29c.
Butter — Fancy creamery, 25@30c.
Hops — Choicer, 27@28c; prime, 26c per pound.
Wool — Valley, 19@20c; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 25@26c per pound.