

# NEWBERG GRAPHIC

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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.

Nan Patterson is seriously ill with tonsillitis.

The powers have refused to allow Greece to annex Crete.

A report from Colon says that city is now free from yellow fever.

Three minor Russian officials have been murdered or assaulted by terrorists.

Russian terrorists have threatened the lives of nearly all of the imperial family.

The government has just contracted for 60,000 tons of coal to be delivered at Cavite, Philippine islands.

New York society women intend to build the Colony club on Madison avenue, New York, for women exclusively.

The United States Cotton Duck corporation in 1904 made a surplus of \$166,085, after paying interest on bonds.

Two members of the Panama canal commission are on their way home to make recommendations to the canal committee of congress for changes in the plans.

Special Attorney Heney has arrived in Washington and will make a report on the Oregon land fraud cases and assist in the Hyde-Dimond land fraud cases in California before the supreme court of the United States.

The czar is said to have decided to offer peace.

Japan will not agree to peace unless it is enduring.

The second trial of Nan Patterson has been set for March 6.

West Virginia senators accuse Governor White of boodling.

North Dakota has appropriated money for the Lewis and Clark affair.

A bill will be passed this session allowing Alaska a delegate in congress.

The president has asked congress to increase the naval appropriation bill.

France will build a warship of the largest type to take the place of the one recently wrecked.

Women of Moscow have petitioned the czar to ask the czar to make peace with Japan.

The parcels post treaty with Great Britain has been signed by the officials of both countries and will take effect April 1.

Governor Hoch, of Kansas, has approved the oil refinery bill and recommends other laws against the Standard Oil company.

One woman was burned to death and 15 men and women narrowly escaped in a fire which damaged the Winton hotel, New York.

Jay Cooke, the great financier, is dead.

General Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," is dead. He was 78 years old.

The annual weighing of mails on trains is now in progress on all railroads.

The New York board of aldermen has raised the fine for carrying concealed weapons from \$20 to \$720.

It is now conceded that J. Edward Addicks, of Delaware, cannot be elected United States senator.

The president has appointed Governor Brodie, of Arizona, to be assistant chief of the Record and Pension office.

It is probable that a decisive battle will be fought by the two great armies in Manchuria before a thaw comes.

Susan B. Anthony celebrated her 85th birthday and received greetings from women's clubs all over the world.

The president has ordered an investigation of the business methods of the Standard Oil company, particularly in Kansas.

The Japanese are transporting the heavy guns used by them at Port Arthur to the north to turn on Kuropatkin's army.

Puter will not be prosecuted for his recent attempt to secure state lands near Klamath Falls fraudulently. The money paid by his dummies is to be returned to them.

Ex-Governor Boies, of Iowa, is seriously ill.

The fierce cold wave has broken and the weather is moderating all over the United States.

Fire partially destroyed the Brevoort hotel, on Madison street, Chicago. Loss, \$100,000.

John W. Gates, in the Chicago exchange, declared that wheat will go to \$1.50 and possibly \$2.

Congress will likely give the Lewis and Clark fair \$30,000 remaining unused from the St. Louis fair.

Signs indicate that a revolution against President Castro may break out in Venezuela in the near future.

### DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Monday, February 13.

The senate heard 10 witnesses in the Swayne impeachment trial today and devoted the remainder of its time to the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill.

The leaders of the house today began active work to get the statehood bill into conference. A paper is being circulated to get enough signatures to bring the matter up. After that it will require a vote that the bill be taken from the committee and sent direct to conference.

Tuesday, February 14.

The usual three hours were given by the senate today to the Swayne impeachment trial. Only two witnesses were examined.

The senate today passed the agricultural appropriation bill and took up the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported to the house and immediately thereafter the naval appropriation bill was taken up, with the understanding that eight hours shall be devoted to general debate and that the house shall convene at 11 a. m. each day while the bill is under consideration.

Wednesday, February 15.

The senate today continued but could not conclude, consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support of the government of the District of Columbia.

In the Swayne trial a number of witnesses were examined for the purpose of ascertaining if the judge was in the habit of traveling on passes.

The question of what the policy of the government should be with respect to the rebuilding of the navy was again threshed out in the house today. At the time of adjournment the navy appropriation bill was still under consideration.

Thursday, February 16.

Aside from two hours spent in routine business the senate today gave its entire attention to the Swayne impeachment trial. Two and a half hours of the time given to that case was spent behind closed doors.

Before taking up the naval bill, which occupied the greater part of its time, the house today entered an emphatic protest against the action of the senate in amending the agricultural bill. After considering the naval bill for the most of the day it was laid aside and several bills of minor importance were passed.

Friday, February 17.

The house today rejected all changes in the original statehood bill by sending it to conference without taking any action on it.

The senate today passed a bill appropriating \$9,940,000 for the District of Columbia, and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill carrying \$2,156,000.

Only one hour was spent today on the Swayne impeachment trial.

Saturday, February 18.

After an hour spent as a court of impeachment the senate today took up the appointment of a conference committee on the statehood bill. The matter was finally postponed until Monday, when the special order of the day, the eulogies upon the character of the late Senator Quay, was entered upon.

The house passed the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$138,285,200. The District of Columbia appropriation bill was sent to conference, a bill was passed to prohibit interstate transportation of insect pests, carrying with it a fine and imprisonment.

Loubet Will Soon Retire.

New York, Feb. 17.—President Loubet will resign the office before the expiration of his seven-year term, which ends February 18, 1906, according to a Herald dispatch from Paris. His reason for this step is that the triennial renewal of the senate and the general election of member of the chamber of deputies will take place next year, and parliament will not meet until the close of 1905. It is stated he will resign in time for his successor to be elected by the present chambers reunited in national assembly.

Mexicans Palmed Off as Indians.

El Paso, Feb. 17.—H. B. Paars, agent for the United States Indian Bureau, is here investigating the report that Mexican children have been sent to the government Indian school from various parts of the country on false affidavits that they were of one-fourth Indian blood. It is claimed that hundreds of children have been rejected recently from the Oklahoma school for this reason, while others, it is said, are to be found in all the Indian schools.

Castro Defies Uncle Sam.

Paris, Feb. 17.—A semi-official dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that under the pressure of President Castro, the court has ordered the sequestration of the landed property of the American Asphalt company. The decision in the case has caused excitement among Americans at Caracas.

Japanese Have School for Spies.

Mukden, Feb. 17.—Seventeen Chinese have been arrested here, charged with being Japanese spies. Documents were found in their possession showing they were trained in a school established by the Japanese to qualify them as spies. They will be tried by court-martial.

## SERGIUS IS KILLED

### Russian Grand Duke the Victim of a Terrorist Bomb.

#### HAD BEEN MARKED FOR MONTHS

#### Missile was Packed with Nails, and Grand Duke's Body was Torn Into Fragments.

Moscow, Feb. 18.—Within the walls of the far-famed Kremlin palace, and almost underneath the historical tower from which Ivan the Terrible watched the heads of his enemies falling beneath the axe on the famed Red Square, and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, met a terrible death shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the grand duke a bomb charged with the same high power explosive which wrought Minister von Plehve's death. The missile was packed with nails and fragments of iron, and its explosion tore the imperial victim's body into ghastly fragments, which strewn the snow for yards around. Every window in the great lofty facade of the palace of justice was shattered and bits of iron were embedded deeply in the walls of the arsenal, a hundred yards away.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the Socialist Revolutionary party, which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius. The grand duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of repeated warnings and elaborate precautions were taken to insure his safety, but all the resources of the secret police and soldiers proved unavailing against an attempt almost exactly duplicating the procedure that caused the death of Minister von Plehve last July.

#### ALL IN SUSPENSE.

#### No Federal Appointments in Oregon Until After Land Fraud Trials.

Washington, Feb. 18.—"No more Federal appointments in Oregon until after the trials."

This conclusion was reached last night by Secretary Hitchcock, Attorney General Moody and Postmaster General Wynne, and applies to all appointments coming under the jurisdiction of their respective departments. As a matter of fact, this decision will affect only postoffice appointments, for there is no likelihood of vacancies occurring in either the Interior department or the Department of Justice while the land fraud case is pending. The district attorneyship must necessarily remain in abeyance until the cases are concluded, there are no land office vacancies present or prospective, unless the register and receiver at Roseburg should be dismissed, and such action is not contemplated until after the trials are over. So the agreement of these cabinet officers really narrows down to postoffice cases.

#### CAN'T DECIDE THIS SEASON.

#### Not Enough Time to Reach Vote on Smoot Case.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Chairman Burrows has called a meeting of the senate committee on privileges and elections, to be held on Saturday, to consider the arguments of counsel in the Smoot investigation and determine on some course of action. There has been no meeting of the committee since the hearings were closed, and no consultation of members to discuss whether it is possible to decide the case at this session of congress. In view of the limited time that remains of the present session, the disposition is to postpone action until the next session. There are so many points involved in the discussion that it is estimated that a week or more would be required in the senate to bring the case to a vote.

#### Witte Differs with Liberals.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—M. Witte, according to the latest report, has resigned his position as president of the committee of ministers on account of differences with Minister of Agriculture Yermoloff over the conduct of the proceedings of that body. M. Yermoloff is probably the most liberal of Emperor Nicholas' ministers, enjoying now, according to the story, the complete favor of the emperor. He openly advocates summoning a Zemsky Sobor. The report is not confirmable at this time.

#### All May Again Quit Work.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The report is circulated here with great persistence that a renewal of the general strike will be declared in St. Petersburg in the course of Friday. The only evidence so far which could be cited in favor of such action on the part of the strike leaders is that the unwillingness of the employers to make concessions pending the governmental arbitration discussion has created great dissatisfaction among the rank and file of workers.

#### Close Blockade of Vladivostok.

New York, Feb. 18.—Reports received, cables the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, indicate that Vladivostok is being closely blockaded by Admiral Uriu's fleet.

### MAY LOSE HIS CROWN.

#### Czar is Threatened by the Autocracy of His Own Empire.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—It is a significant fact that despite the news from St. Petersburg about the probability of the revival of the Zemsky Sobor as a popular legislative assembly, diplomatic circles in Berlin insist that the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius will rather have the effect of strengthening the autocratic party than to weaken its influence at court.

Statements to this effect have been made within the past 24 hours by persons who are close both to the German emperor's advisors and to the Russian representatives in Berlin, and it would be unwise to treat their views lightly.

It is pointed out in this connection that the granting of concessions by the czar at this time would not be construed by the liberal and radical elements as voluntary acts, but as the result of fear that other members of the imperial family may share the fate of Sergius, hastened by the admission that the terrorists must be reckoned with.

A dark hint is contained in statements by the pessimists in diplomatic circles which indicate an entirely different reason why the czar, though perhaps personally inclined to do so, will under no circumstances grant any of the more far-reaching demands beyond those as outlined in his manifesto of last December. These persons say that the grand ducal coterie will stop short of nothing to preserve autocracy in its full power, and that if the present czar is not willing to look out for his crown, a regency will see to it that the infant czarevitch is not deprived of it unless it is taken from him by force.

Plainly this means that the men who have murdered by their counsel and methods thousands of the workmen and peasants in the many years of their rule, will not shrink from having put out of the way the ruler who, it is strongly asserted they reverence in public, his desire to placate all of the factions and his evident leanings toward the moderate liberals in private contempt.

#### RESERVES BREAK UP A CROWD.

#### Russian Revolutionists were Blocking Streets in New York.

New York, Feb. 21.—Police reserves were called out tonight to disperse a crowd said to be sympathizers with the Russian revolutionary party. Eight men were arrested, charged with parading without a permit, collecting a crowd and holding an unlawful meeting.

The trouble started when two policemen came upon a crowd cheering and applauding a speech made by one of their number. The police were unsuccessful in dispersing the people, and called for the reserves. It was said that a red flag was being waved and later a sergeant of police, who assisted in the raid, made the statement that on one of the men arrested was "inflammatory and revolutionary literature." This man's name was Albert Argentier, and the police found on him a subscription list for the Russian revolutionists, said to have been issued by the pro-revolution committee for Russia. All the men arrested said they were tailors and protested against being taken into custody.

#### ANOTHER CABLE IN ATLANTIC.

#### Clarence Mackay Announces That Bids Have Been Made for Laying.

New York, Feb. 21.—Another Atlantic cable is to be laid and bids for its laying have already been made. It is expected the new cable will be in operation during the coming summer. Clarence Mackay said today that no new stock would be issued on this cable, but that the cost has been met by the Mackay company, because of a desire to keep the reserve fund of the Commercial Cable company intact.

Mr. Mackay added that the first report of the Mackay company to the shareholders would be adopted within the next fortnight. The new cable will embody the latest discoveries in this branch of electricity.

#### Part of Bridge Blown Up.

Harbin, Feb. 21.—A party of Japanese and Chinese bandits destroyed the abutment of the railway bridge near Yaomin, 100 miles distant from here, early this morning, but the damage was repaired in a few hours. Frontier guards heard an explosion at 3:40 o'clock and found that a charge of gun-cotton had been exploded against the abutment. Two telegraph poles were also destroyed. An unexploded charge of gun-cotton was found 400 feet from the place where the explosion occurred. Traffic has been resumed.

#### Strike Results in Better Wages.

Warsaw, Feb. 21.—The chemists' assistants here have struck, demanding shorter hours and one free day each week. A majority of the other strikers have resumed work, the only important branch still out being the ironworkers. The strike has resulted in a considerable general improvement in the condition of the men. They have secured higher wages and shorter hours. In the tanning districts the men secured the first increase in wages in 40 years.

#### Blockade-Runner Captured.

Tokio, Feb. 21.—The navy department announces the seizure of the British steamer Silvania, bound for Vladivostok with Cardiff coal. The place where the seizure was made is not stated.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Salem, Feb. 13.—By an overwhelming vote the house this afternoon defeated the railroad commission bill by Smith, of Josephine.

The house passed a bill to suspend the state fair this year and use the money on improvements at the grounds. The house in committee of the whole cut down the appropriation for the various normal schools \$18,000.

The bill appropriating \$30,000 for the extension of the portage road passed the senate today with just one vote to spare.

The house voted down an appropriation with which to buy the governor a mansion.

Both houses held night sessions tonight and the consideration of bills in the house in which they originated. During the four days remaining each house will devote its exclusive attention to bills originating in the other house. It is believed that by holding one or two evening sessions, all the work can be disposed. There are now on the house calendar about 110 senate bills and on the senate calendar about 160 house bills.

The Jayne local option bill has been read in the senate the second time. There is grave doubt as to its passage.

The house indefinitely postponed the bill creating Hot Lake county. The house today passed 43 bills. Twenty-four bills failed to pass. In the senate 10 bills were passed and 10 were killed.

Salem, Feb. 14.—Settler's bill authorizing the attorney general to assess property which has escaped assessment in the past and to bring suits to collect the taxes due upon such assessments passed the house today.

The house committee on salaries and mileage reported this morning. Smith, of Josephine, protested against some of the items, but failed to get any support.

Supporters of the normal schools are endeavoring to have the cut made in the appropriation by the house restored by the senate when the bill comes up in that body tomorrow. Governor Chamberlain has also declared himself in favor of consolidation of the schools and threatens to veto the measure when it comes to him. The appropriation for the normal schools is coupled with those for the asylum, penitentiary, reform school, deaf mute school, blind school, state university and agricultural college, so it would be necessary to veto all in order to reach the normal appropriation.

The ways and means committee of the house introduced a bill in the house today appropriating \$70,000 for new buildings for the deaf mute school. Four other appropriation bills were introduced by the committee carrying a total of \$113,542.13.

The senate committee will not attempt to please either side in regard to the Jayne local option bill. The bill will be reported without recommendation.

Several votes are lacking of enough to pass the Cascade county bill. Many sorts of influences are being brought to bear to secure the necessary number.

Salem, Feb. 15.—The Cascade county bill is only a memory. The committee having it in charge in the senate reported favorably in thumping and a vote was called for. The result was 18 against and 11 for.

Employees of state institutions will be paid monthly hereafter if the governor does not veto the bill passed by the senate.

The house bill providing for a commission to examine the subject of assessment, taxation and collection of taxes was passed by the senate.

Wife beaters are to receive punishment up to 20 lashes according to the senate bill passed by the house.

County and city boards of health are created by a bill which has passed both houses.

The committee having the Jayne local option bill in hand is still wrestling with the measure and does not expect to report before Friday.

It appears probable that the bill appropriating \$70,000 for a new deaf mute school building, passed by the house this afternoon, will go through the senate, as many in that body favor it.

According to joint resolution the legislature will adjourn Friday without day. The work will be well cleared off by that time, say President Kuykendall and Speaker Mills. No official session is expected.

#### Good Clean-up at New Opp Mill.

Grants Pass.—A remarkable record has been made by the Opp mine, of the Jacksonville district, which has just made a clean-up at the end of the first 15 days' run of the new 10-stamp mill. The plates yielded \$1,500 in free metal, and the vanners gave up the same amount in concentrates for this time, which is equivalent to \$200 a day for ten stamps. The management is highly elated with the returns and the general outlook of the mine, and arrangements are already under way for the enlargement of the plant.

#### Marine Engine for Harvesting.

Pendleton.—Walter McCormick, who, with his brother, farms 2,100 acres of land north of this city, has gone to California, where he will purchase a combined harvester. He will also purchase a marine engine, which will propel the separator part of the combine, and which will do away with at least 10 horses. If the plan to be utilized by Mr. McCormick gives good results many farmers will adopt the scheme and economize on horses.

notice will be taken of the developments in the case of Senator Mitchell and an adjourned session will not be held next winter nor the present session prolonged unless something unforeseen should happen in the next two days.

Forty-eight bills were passed by the house today and eight failed. In the senate 16 bills were passed, besides 15 charter bills, and seven were indefinitely postponed. The governor today signed 14 bills.

Salem, Feb. 16.—The bill exempting mining corporations producing less than \$1,000 a year from the corporation-tax was passed by the senate today.

A bill was passed tonight creating the office of state engineer, to be appointed by the governor. Commencement of suits are authorized to condemn property where the government may wish to begin construction of irrigation systems. An appropriation of \$5,000 is also made by the bill.

Two hours' work are in sight in the house for tomorrow, but 70 bills are before the senate, besides the Jayne local option bill, which will require considerable time.

The bill taxing sheep driven in from other states has been passed by both houses. The yearly pasturage tax is placed at 20 cents per head, and when sheep are driven through the state the tax is 5 cents per head for each county traversed.

The bill prohibiting the sale of liquor to females under 21 years, and forbidding proprietors of saloons to permit such females in their establishments has passed both houses.

Both houses held sessions tonight. In the house 39 bills were passed, and six were indefinitely postponed. The senate passed 22.

Salem, Feb. 17.—At 8 o'clock tonight the 23d biennial session of the Oregon legislature ended and the law makers were adjourned without day, after 40 days' labor.

The punishment of wife-beaters by whipping was authorized; small mining corporations were exempted from the corporation tax; railroads are compelled to make connections with each other and transfer cars at reasonable rates, and several fishing laws were enacted for the purpose of guarding against the taking of fish on spawning grounds.

The total appropriations of the legislature aggregate something over \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 is for the state insane asylum.

After six weeks of turmoil the Jayne local option bill was indefinitely postponed by the senate.

Other measures defeated were to make gambling a felony; to abolish riparian rights; to amend census law so as to make it more applicable to present needs, and to create a mining bureau. Thirteen bills were on third reading in the senate at the time of adjournment and received no attention from the upper house.

Governor Chamberlain will be kept busy for the next four or five days scanning the many bills which were passed at the close of the session.

A compromise was effected by the governor and the legislature whereby the emergency clause was left off the general appropriation bill and it was signed by the chief executive. He had already written the veto when the change was made.

The senate today passed 49 bills and disposed of 19 otherwise. In the house four bills were passed and five killed or indefinitely postponed.

#### Merchants Organize.

Eugene.—Eugene business men determined that no enterprise which has no aim other than to make money off the citizens and then seek other fields shall be allowed to operate stores or stands, unless the methods employed are legitimate. The merchants met in the city hall and perfected organization of the Merchants' Protective association by electing officers and passing a set of by-laws. After the constitution was passed upon, 14 firms signed up and then proceeded to discuss plans of operation.

#### Logging Road Along Coast.

Astoria.—The assertion is made that the Seaside Spruce Lumber company will soon begin work on the construction of a logging railroad south from Seaside. Rails for one and one-quarter miles of road are said to have been purchased. The proposed road is to run on the survey already made adjacent to the Necanicum river and can be utilized for the extension of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad to Nehalem if desired.

#### Creamery for Pendleton.

Pendleton.—A contract has been made whereby the Pendleton Ice & Cold Storage company will erect a building adjoining their plant, to be occupied by a creamery to be established by Knight & Harper, of La Grande.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 88c; blue-stem, 95c; valley, 87c per bushel. 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.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 23@24 1/2c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@32 1/2c.

Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 70@75c; common, 60@65c.

Apples—4-tier Baldwins, \$1.25; Spitzenbergs, \$1.75@2.

Hops—Choice, 25@26c per pound. Wool—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@70c; mohair, 25@26c per pound for choice.