

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

ASYLUM NEEDS AN ADDITION.

Steady Increase of Insane Is Crowding Building's Capacity.

Salem—The steady increase in the number of patients at the state insane asylum will make necessary the construction of a new cottage next year, with room for 100 patients. Such a cottage, to be constructed at the asylum farm, will cost about \$25,000 and the legislature will be asked to appropriate money for that purpose. The growing population will also necessitate the construction of a new dining room at a cost of \$3,000, the new addition to be 40x40 feet and two stories high.

The last legislature appropriated money for the expense of replacing a number of worn-out lavatories and that work has been attended to. Other old lavatories and sewer connections have become faulty with age and must be replaced. To put these in good condition will require an appropriation of \$15,000.

The asylum building has not been painted for many years and because of that fact it is rapidly showing the effects of time and storm. Superintendent Calbreath will recommend in his biennial report that the main building be repainted throughout. This will cost about \$12,000. All the permanent improvements needed at that institution will cost in the neighborhood of \$55,000.

At the reform school, mute school and blind school only minor repairs and improvements will be necessary and not very heavy appropriations will be needed for them. At the state prison many improvements have been made in the past year without definite appropriation and not much in the way of large improvements will be needed at that institution next year. The last legislature passed an act providing that the proceeds of convict labor shall constitute a betterment fund, which may be expended for repairs and improvements under the direction of the governor. By virtue of this act money has been expended from time to time and the prison property has been put in good condition.

ELECTORIAL TICKETS FILED.

Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists Take Step.

Salem—The presidential electoral tickets of four political parties have been filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar. The parties represented are Republican, Democratic, Prohibition and Socialist, and it is understood that the Populists will also file petitions nominating an electoral ticket. John H. Smith, one of the nominees on the Democratic ticket, resigned, and his place was filled by the appointment of W. S. Hamilton by the state central committee. The electoral tickets filed are as follows:

Republican—G. B. Dimick, James A. Fee, J. N. Hart, A. C. Hough. Democratic—Thomas H. Crawford, John A. Jeffrey, W. B. Dilard, W. S. Hamilton.

Prohibition—Leslie Butler, I. H. Amos, W. P. Elmore, T. S. McDaniel. Socialist—S. H. Holt, William Beard, C. W. Barge, J. C. Herrington.

Coming Events.

Wallawa Fair association, Enterprise, October 3-8.

Eastern Oregon District fair, The Dalles, October 3-8.

Portland Presbytery, Fairview, October 10.

Baker County fair, Baker City, October 11-15.

Klamath County Agricultural association, Klamath Falls, October 12-14.

Oregon W. C. T. U. State convention, Portland, October 18-27.

Inland Empire Teachers' association, Pendleton, October 19-21.

Teachers are Scarce.

Pendleton—The Pendleton public schools have opened with a large enrollment in all the grades. Almost all the rooms are crowded and Superintendent E. B. Conklin is looking for suitable houses to relieve the congestion. Three new school houses will be ready for occupancy before the first of the year. At the present time scarcely one-half of the county schools have been supplied with teachers. County Superintendent of Schools Frank K. Welles is being besieged daily by directors asking for teachers.

Enrollment at Agricultural College.

Corvallis—The registration of students at the Oregon Agricultural college breaks all former records. The enrollment to date is 400, against 320 last year. The increase is 80. The freshman class is largely increased, the number registered being 197, or, including subfreshmen, 209.

Wheat Market.

Portland—Walla Walla, 80@81½c; bluestem, 85c; valley, 85c. Colfax—Bluestem, 86c; club, 81c. Coquille—Club, 71c; bluestem, 76c.

CATTLE WILL STARVE.

Farmers Did Not Rotate Crops, and are Short of Feed.

Salem—“The unfortunate situation in which Willamette valley farmers find themselves this year because of a shortage of feed for their stock is a cause for regret, especially since it is entirely unnecessary. When J. K. Sears said in an interview a few days ago that cattle will starve in the valley this winter for want of feed he told the plain truth. It is a truth we dislike to acknowledge, but it should teach us a lesson.”

This is an assertion made by Director James Withycombe, of the Oregon experimental station, at Corvallis, while he was attending the state fair.

“I don't mean that any large proportion of valley livestock will starve, or that they will die because of the entire absence of feed. What I mean, and what Mr. Sears evidently meant, was that feed is so scarce that many farmers will put their stock on very short rations, with the result that they will become emaciated and will die from disease or exposure. Call it what you will, it is starvation.”

“Now I refer to this only because I want to say and prove that it is a condition that is as unnecessary as it is unfortunate. This has been a very dry season, such as Willamette valley farmers had no reason to expect, but this does not excuse their being unprepared for it. Our experience at the agricultural college farm shows that if crops were rotated as they should be, the yield of hay would not have been light, and spring-sown grain would have produced well, notwithstanding the lack of rain.”

Ashland Foundry Burned.

Ashland—The Ashland iron works, foundry and machine shops have been destroyed by a fire which may reach \$10,000. By hard work the detached pattern shop building was saved, but the molding, machine shop and office buildings, in which were much valuable machinery, were badly gutted. The fire started between the foundry and the machine shop rooms, from a cause unknown. The company carried insurance amounting to \$6,500. The plant was kept busy with orders, and employed a good sized force.

State Fair Has Balance.

Salem—While not all the year's business of the state board of agriculture has been concluded, Secretary Wylie A. Moores finds from his records that the state fair this year came out \$2,500 to the good. The total receipts were \$30,000 of which \$10,000 came from the state appropriation for agricultural premiums. The fair board paid premiums to the amount of \$10,500, the additional \$900 being taken from miscellaneous receipts.

Work on McKenzie Road.

Eugene—Reports from the superintendent of the work on the McKenzie road show rapid progress and indicate much good to come from the \$6,000 expenditure, half of which was appropriated by the county and half raised by subscription. Already 15 miles of the worst part of the road have been put in first-class shape, and the crew will work about a month longer.

Coquille Sawmill Sold.

Riverton—A company has purchased the Coquille saw mill and also Pearl's coal mine adjoining Coquille City. The company will make extensive improvements at once, it is said, in both the mill and the mine. It is understood that the mill will start up at once for the purpose of cutting timbers for the new bunker which will be at once constructed for the mine.

Coalbunker for Riverton.

Riverton—The new coal bunker for the Riverton Mining & Development company is nearing completion under the supervision of the McLeod Bros., who have the building contract. This bunker has a capacity of about 600 tons, having an upper and a lower compartment for shipping and local trade, respectively.

Shelves for State Library.

Salem—State Librarian J. B. Purnham has procured four new oak book cases, with shelves on both sides, having a capacity of 1,000 books to each case. The cases cost \$125 each. This addition to the library equipment was made necessary by the accumulation of books which have been piled up on the floor, tables and shelves.

Teachers Scarce in Linn County.

Albany—Schoolteachers are scarce in Linn county and the probabilities are that some schools in the rural districts may have to remain closed during the year. Wages ranging from \$30 to \$55 are offered, but competent teachers are not to be found at the price.

DEATH LIST GROWING.

Sixty-Two Victims of Wreck on the Southern Railroad So Far.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 28.—The death list, as a result of the fearful wreck on the Southern railway, near New Market, has grown tonight to 62, and it will probably exceed 70, as many of the injured are in a serious condition and more deaths will occur at the hospital. Today there were six deaths at that institution.

A force of 150 men toiled all day long at the scene of the wreck. Before 2 o'clock the track was clear for through trains, but it required many hours to clear the debris.

Small fragments of bodies were found today, but it is thought that they belong to bodies already found and brought to this city. One little baby was found by the wreckers, but that was all.

The cause of the terrible loss of life on the heavy east-bound train was explained today. It seems that the second coach plowed its way into a bank in such a manner that the other cars were jammed into it and pushed on by the weight of the heavy Pullmans were crushed like egg shells.

The physicians at the hospital state tonight that of the long list of injured which they have in their care, it is probable that not more than four will die. The complete list of injured as given by the railroad officials shows a total of 162, but this included all persons who were slightly hurt or scratched.

PEACE MADE WITH REBELS.

Uruguayan Government Now Has War Claims to Fact.

Buenos Ayres, Sept. 28.—Confirmation has been received here of the report of the conclusion of peace between the Uruguayan government and the revolutionists under General Munoz. In explanation of the government forces surprising the insurgent camp, it appears that notification of the recent rupture of peace negotiations was communicated to Fernandez, a revolutionary political leader, but not to those under arms; and up to the moment of the unexpected attack by the government forces, the commanders of the rebels had not been informed that a rupture of negotiations had taken place. The fact becoming known that the revolutionists were not actively hostile led to the resumption of conferences, with the result that terms of peace were agreed upon.

There is general rejoicing here and in Uruguay over the outcome. It is expected that claims will be presented by diplomatic representatives of foreign governments for damages and losses to foreign residents to the amount of several million dollars, and the financial outlook is, consequently, gloomy.

VEZUVIUS VERY VIOLENT.

Curious Tourists Kept Back From Danger with Difficulty.

Naples, Sept. 28.—The eruption of Vesuvius continues to increase in force, and is now more violent than any time since 1872. Red hot stones are hurled to a height of 1,600 feet, falling down the flanks of the mountain with a deafening sound.

The director of the observatory says that between 5 o'clock this morning and 6 o'clock this afternoon his instrument registered 1,844 violent explosions, and that one stone thrown out weighed about two tons. Lava flowing from the crater has melted the metal of the Funicular railway, and destroyed the wooden huts in which the guides live. All vegetation within a radius of one mile of the crater has disappeared.

Several earthquakes were felt today. Some of the people in the surrounding villages have left their homes and are camped in the open air. The curiosity of tourists to approach the volcano is such that a large number of carabinieri guards have been detailed to prevent them from pressing beyond the prescribed limits.

Vatican Sends a Courier.

Rome, Sept. 28.—The vatican has sent to Paris a special courier with important documents reported to concern possible negotiations for a Franco-Vatican rapprochement, which, although very difficult to arrange, is not considered impossible, as, according to information received by the holy see, President Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse, Minister of Public Instruction Chaumié, Minister of Finance Bourgeois and Minister of Public Works Mougeoux are in favor of such an understanding.

Drinking Soldiers Start Riots.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—The Tagblatt's Kischinet correspondent telegraphs that during the mobilization, anti-Semitic outbreaks occurred in many parts of Bessarabia owing to Jewish traders selling drink to the soldiers.

WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

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

W. J. Bryan is a grandfather.

Disease is claiming many Japanese soldiers.

The battleship Connecticut has been successfully launched.

The Russian cruiser Orel broke a cylinder on her trial trip and will be delayed six months.

The main Russian army has retreated from Mukden, leaving only a small force to guard the rear.

The Japanese army has captured Dapao. Practically no resistance was offered by the Russians.

A Puget sound tug just in from Alaska, reports having sighted a Russian gunboat at Unimak pass.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the village of Ramea, Armenia, was the scene of a massacre of Armenians by Kurds. Details are lacking.

Hops have advanced two and three cents throughout the Willamette valley and at North Yakima. Independence growers have received as high as 30 cents.

Heavy rains have caused serious damage to railroads in Western Texas, New Mexico and Northern Mexico. Several washouts are reported on the Santa Fe in New Mexico and on all roads trains are delayed.

Two more of the Billings, Mont., jail breakers have been captured.

Unofficial estimates by Japanese officers place the number of their sick and wounded soldiers at 45,000.

A Massachusetts justice fined an attaché of the British embassy and later found he had exceeded his authority. He has apologized.

United States custom officials at Portland believe that nearly 20 per cent of the Chinese population of that city are in this country illegally.

The Vancouver, B. C., police think they have in custody the leader of the three men who held up the Canadian Pacific train near Mission recently.

The Philippine islands will not be able to exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair unless aid is given. Too heavy an expense at St. Louis is given as the reason.

A passenger train on the St. Louis & Iron Mountain railway was derailed 125 miles from St. Louis and injured 35 persons, a number of whom are so badly hurt it is believed they will die.

Reports received from near Shanghai say that the Boxers are openly distributing pamphlets couched in the same language as those circulated before the rising of 1900. October 17 is fixed as the date for the extermination of all foreigners.

The Chilean training ship General Bagedana is at San Francisco.

The Japanese are preparing for a flanking movement against Kuropatkin.

Reports from Port Arthur claim that there is plenty of coal for months yet.

Figures just published show Japan's financial condition to be in good shape.

Large numbers of Japanese reinforcements are being hurried to Mukden.

The Port Arthur fleet is expected to make another attempt shortly to escape.

Senator Hoar is very low and his son says his death may be expected at any moment.

Russia is likely to again yield to the protest of America and remove cotton from the contraband list.

The steamer Crusader, from Portland, reported captured by Japanese, has been released and proceeded to Shanghai.

President Reyes is meeting with much opposition in the Colombian senate to the resumption of amicable relations with the United States.

Russia will probably demand of Britain her intentions in Tibet.

Fire at the Bethlehem, Pa., steel works destroyed property valued at \$250,000.

The German navy is to be increased.

A foreign cruiser was sighted 30 miles off Golden Gate, which may prove to be the Russian vessel Korea.

The British steamer Crusader, from Portland to Chinese ports with lumber, has been captured by Japanese Cruisers.

General Orloff will be transferred from the Manchurian army on account of his blunder at Liao Yang, and may even be retired.

Carrie Nation announces that she is about to begin another crusade at Wichita, Kan., and asks the women of that city to join her.

FIFTY LIVES LOST.

Passenger Trains Meet Head-On in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 27.—Running on a roadbed in a supposedly high condition of maintenance, and having about them every safeguard known to a modern railroad, two trains on the Southern Railway carrying heavy lists of passengers met head-on near Hodges, Tenn., sending 50 people to death and injuring 130, several of whom will probably die. Some of the bodies have not yet been recovered, and many remain unidentified.

This appalling loss of life and maiming of the living resulted apparently from the disregarding of orders given to the two trains to meet at a station which has for a long time been their regular meeting-point. This action on the part of the engineer of the westbound train is made more inexplicable by the fact that the accident happened in broad daylight, and according to the best information obtainable he had the order in a little frame in front of him as his engine rushed by the station, and a mile and a half further on came upon an eastbound passenger train. The possibility exists that the engineer may have been asleep.

The trains were on time, and not making over 35 miles an hour, yet the impact as they rounded a curve and came suddenly upon each other was frightful. Both engines and the major portions of both trains were demolished, and why the orders were disregarded or misinterpreted will probably never be known, as the engineers of the two trains were crushed, their bodies remaining for hours under the wreckage of their locomotives.

MOVE FOR PEACE.

President Roosevelt Will Call International Congress.

Washington, Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt announced this afternoon that at an early date he would ask the nations of the world to join in a second congress of The Hague for the promotion of arbitration.

The occasion for the announcement was the reception by the President of the delegates to the Interparliamentary Union, which recently held a session at St. Louis. At that session the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, Enlightened public opinion and the spirit of modern civilization alike demand that controversies between nations be settled in the same manner as disputes between individuals are settled, that is, by the judgment of courts in accordance with recognized principles of law;

"This conference requests that the several governments send delegates to an international conference to be convened at a time and place to be agreed on by them, for the consideration of the following questions:

"The negotiation of arbitration treaties between the nations represented at the conference to be convened.

"The advisability of creating a Congress of Nations, to convene periodically for the discussion of international questions.

"And respectfully and cordially requests the President of the United States to invite all the nations to send representatives to such a conference."

RUSSIAN QUERY TO OREGON.

Governor Asked What Rules Apply to Ships Taking Berth.

Salem, Ore., Sept. 27.—The Russian Consul at San Francisco is anxious to secure information regarding the harbor laws, rules and regulations in the state of Oregon, and having applied in vain to the Port of Portland Commission and the Board of Pilot Commissioners, he has addressed Governor Chamberlain upon the subject. For the information of his government he wishes to know whether there are any state laws or local regulations governing the assignment of vessels to berths in Oregon harbors, and particularly whether exceptions are made in favor of merchant vessels flying the American flag.

One Fugitive Caught.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 27.—A Billings special to the Miner tonight says that one of the Parkinson brothers, known as the most notorious horse thieves in Eastern Montana, was captured by the Crow Indian police at the agency this evening, while endeavoring to make his way out of the country on a stock train. The nine other fugitives are still at large. Mosher and Grady, the self-confessed murderers of Sergeant of Police Hannah, are armed with Winchester rifles and are headed for the Jackson Hole country, with poses hot on their trail. A fight will result when the men are overtaken.

Fire at Minnesota University.

Minneapolis, Sept. 27.—The main building of the University of Minnesota was totally destroyed by fire today, entailing a loss of \$1,300,000, fully insured.