

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.

A Japanese cruiser is reported ashore in Yungching 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.

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

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 new Portland postoffice will not be large enough and the architect has been asked to provide for the construction of another wing.

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.

Fire destroyed an immense coal bunker at Buffalo.

The real work will not begin until early in January.

John D. Rockefeller has given Chicago University \$300,000.

The second trial of the Oregon land fraud case is in progress in Portland.

The nomination of Governor Brady, of Alaska, has been held up by the senate.

The national convention of Traveling Passenger agents will meet in Portland in 1905.

The international commission to inquire into the North sea incident is expected to meet in Paris December 23.

Barbed wire stretched in front of the Japanese trenches is proving the worst foe of the Russian army in Manchuria.

A number of Boxer leaders in Northern China have been placed in prison and it is thought probable that the intended uprising has been nipped in the bud.

At the last cabinet meeting Secretary Hitchcock spoke briefly of the land fraud cases, indicating that some startling developments in them might be expected in the near future.

The Rough Riders will have a place of honor in the inaugural parade.

A Chinese capitalist declares that he knows Port Arthur has provisions for three months.

Of the 100 locomotives ordered for the Harriman lines, 50 are for the Southern Pacific.

Dowie has paid the last installment on his debts and Zion City is again on a sound financial basis.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol at Port Arthur has not been sunk and is adopting defensive measures.

A Russian captain has been arrested for criticizing the admiralty.

A dispatch from Mukden says the Japanese have driven the Russians on the right bank of the Hun river westward.

The president has sent the nomination of C. P. Neill to succeed Wright as commissioner of labor to the senate for confirmation.

The British American arbitration treaty has been signed by Secretary Hay and the British ambassador. It is expected that the Italian treaty will be ready soon.

The Japanese have turned their attention to Golden Hill fortress and some damage has been inflicted.

Washington has four aspirants for the office of fish commissioner.

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

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

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

FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS.

High Wind Fans Flames and Loss Will Reach \$3,000,000.

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—Fire which broke out in the photographic supply house of the O. H. Peck company on Fifth street south, at 10:30 o'clock last night, spread to adjoining buildings and caused a loss roughly estimated at \$3,000,000. The Peck building was entirely gutted, while the six-story furniture house of Boutell Bros., one of the largest establishments of its kind in the Northwest, was ruined and a number of smaller buildings also destroyed. The cause of the blaze is as yet unknown.

The Powers mercantile company, an immense department store just across First avenue south, was threatened with destruction, but heroism upon the part of the Minneapolis and St. Paul fire departments prevented the destruction, although immense damage was done to the stock by water. St. Paul was called upon for aid soon after the flames were discovered and sent all her available fire apparatus.

For a time the best part of the retail part of the city was threatened, and the firemen seemed unable to stay the onrush of the flames, which were driven by a high wind from the north. By allowing the buildings already on fire to burn themselves out and confining their efforts to adjacent buildings the firemen had the conflagration well under control at 2 o'clock this morning. On man was reported killed by coming into contact with a live wire, and two firemen are also believed to have been killed.

TO OPEN LAND.

Yakima Indians Will Give Up Approximately 800,000 Acres.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate today passed without amendment Representative Jones' bill opening to settlement the unallotted lands of the Yakima Indian reservation in Eastern Washington, embodying approximately 800,000 acres. The bill having previously passed the house, requires only the signature of the president to make it a law. It provides that the lands shall be classified as grazing, timber and arid lands, capable of irrigation, then appraised and thrown open to entry at not less than the appraised value. The exact manner of the opening is to be prescribed by the president. Mineral lands will be subject to location under mineral land laws.

To make it easy for settlers, it is provided that payment shall be made in five annual installments, but entrymen failing to make payments lose their rights to lands entered. The receipts from the sales of lands will be deposited in the treasury to the credit of the Indians on the Yakima reservation and expended for their benefit. The bill recognizes the claim of the Indians to a disputed tract of 293,000 acres adjoining their reservation on the west, but also recognizes the rights of bona fide settlers who now hold lands in this area.

TO PASS MILLION.

Lewis and Clark Exposition Attendance Will Be Great.

Portland, Dec. 15.—What the probable attendance at the Lewis and Clark exposition will be is a subject that has aroused no end of interest, for upon the attendance depends the success of the great enterprise. There is no one, perhaps, better able to speak on this question than Secretary H. E. Reed, who, with the co-operation of other exposition officials, has spent much time in compiling statistics and investigating the factors that will contribute to the attendance. In arriving at definite conclusions, comparisons have been made with such expositions as those at Omaha, San Francisco, Nashville and Atlanta, which were of much the same magnitude and scope as the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Secretary Reed has estimated that the total attendance during the entire exposition period will be somewhere between 1,250,000 and 1,500,000.

"This estimate," said he, "compares favorably with the attendance at Omaha, San Francisco, Nashville and Atlanta. At Omaha the paid admissions numbered 1,778,560; at San Francisco, 1,315,622; at Nashville, 1,166,692; at Atlanta, 779,560."

Askold May Break Out.

London, Dec. 15.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent cables that notwithstanding all denials, the protected cruiser Askold is still coaling and has already shipped 1,000 tons of Cardiff coal. The commander of the vessel, the correspondent adds, is openly superintending the process, which will probably be completed in the course of a day. The correspondent says the fact that the Askold was disarmed does not mean that the parts of machinery which were removed could not be duplicated and replaced.

Snow Delays Street Cars.

New York, Dec. 15.—Nearly seven inches of snow in this city gave the street railway companies their first real winter experience this year. As usual, conditions were bad in the outlying sections, where the snow drifted into cuts, making travel of all kinds difficult.

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, provided 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 \$273,500, 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 6,550,000 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.

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.

COMING EVENTS.

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

Oregon State Dairymen's Association, Portland, December 20-21.

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 Nex Perce, paying \$4500 and \$5000 a section.

Irrigation Work.

Milton.—Workmen are building flumes for the Finis Irrigation ditch, which will water a body of land near the Hudson Bay section. Many other flumes 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—Bluestem, 89c; club, 86c.

LARGEST VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt Defeated Parker by a Majority of 2,546,169 Votes.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Times tomorrow will say: A canvass by the Times of the popular vote at the last presidential election, complete except as to one county in Tennessee, and four counties in Michigan, where estimates are given, shows that President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,546,169. He polled the largest vote ever given a president of the United States, 7,540,550. This is more than 400,000 in excess of the vote cast for M. Kinley in 1900.

The official figures for Missouri show that Roosevelt carried that state by 25,600.

In Maryland one Republican elector received the largest vote, but his colleagues were defeated. The Democrats of Maryland, therefore, will have seven votes in the electoral college, while the Republicans will have only one.

A comparison with the vote table of 1900 shows a marked change in the Socialist vote. Debs, the candidate of the party that year, was also this year's candidate, and his vote shows an increase of more than 30. Watson, the Populist candidate, ran strongest in his own state, Georgia, where he received 22,635 votes. He received most of his votes in the South and West, but only one vote was cast for him in South Carolina. The electoral vote will be 336 for Roosevelt and 140 for Parker.

OREGON HAS GOOD FRIEND.

Appropriation for Fair Due to Influence of the President.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Oregon has reason to congratulate itself on having secured the appropriation for its exposition at the last session of congress.

It now appears that the \$475,000 appropriated for government participation in the Lewis and Clark fair is the last money that congress will expend for expositions for many years to come.

The action of the house committee on expositions is flatly refusing to make any appropriation whatever for the Jamestown exposition is an indication that congress has had enough, and has finally reached the stage where it will put its foot down. Had it not been for the interest President Roosevelt took in the Oregon enterprise and for the influence which he exerted in behalf of the Lewis and Clark appropriation bill Oregon would have suffered the same blow that has been dealt to Jamestown.

Congress was just as much opposed to exposition appropriations a year ago as it is now, but Oregon had a friend at court, and the only friend who could be of real service.

ASK FOR FULL AMOUNT.

Oregon Senators Assured Support of River and Harbor Committee.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senators Mitchell and Fulton have united in a letter to Chairman Burton of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, strongly urging that liberal appropriations be made for the Columbia river and other Oregon waterways. They point out the necessity for securing at this session enough money to complete the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia, asking for \$1,200,000. They urge the appropriation of the full amounts recommended by Major Langftt for the Dalles-Cello canal and all other projects in which Oregon is interested.

This letter is filed to back up arguments which the Senators have made orally to Chairman Burton and to Representative Jones, of Washington, who is on the committee. Burton and Jones show great friendliness toward the Columbia and give assurance which leads to the belief that adequate amounts will be appropriated.

Vessels to Return to Mexico.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—It is reported here that the contract for the British steamship line between British Columbia and Mexico has been awarded to Andrew Weir & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland. The agreement calls for first-class steamers capable of carrying 4500 tons of freight each, 50 first-class passengers and from 300 to 400 steerage passengers. The line will be subsidized, and will receive \$50,000 from the Canadian government and a like amount from the Mexican government. It is thought that the first boat will sail from Vancouver January 14, 1905.

Zero Weather in Manchuria.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 14.—The army has had its first taste of the real quality of a Manchurian winter the past week. Last night the thermometer fell to six degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. The days are cold also, but sunshine and the absence of severe winds makes life tolerable. The hills are covered with snow, which on the plain is one inch in depth. All streams are thickly frozen.

Snow Falling in New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—A snow storm, accompanied by a high wind, descended upon New York early today and still continues. Nearly two inches has fallen. Traffic in the city has not been seriously impeded, but craft of all kinds have been delayed.