

WASCO NEWS

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RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

France will send a fleet to Morocco. Hermann is still trying to delay his trial.

A number of Annapolis hazers are to be court martialed.

Attorney General Moody intends to make a test case of trusts now on trial.

Yuan Shi Kai has fallen heir to the position in China held by Li Hung Chang.

Ex-United States Senator Bard, of California, was seriously injured in a runaway.

There has been a great increase in all lines of export to China and Japan except flour.

President Loubet, of France, refuses to again become a candidate and many are offering their names to be proposed.

Italians and negroes engaged in a race riot and several heads were broken on both sides before the police restored order.

The body of the late American consul general, J. H. Russel Parsons, will be brought from Mexico City to this country for burial.

Fire destroyed the Van Nuys Broadway hotel, one of the best in Los Angeles. Six firemen were injured. The loss is placed at \$200,000.

United States District Attorney Baxter is to be summarily removed at Omaha for connecting with illegal fencing of public lands by cattlemen.

A handbill is being circulated in St. Petersburg threatening the czar's life.

The Chino-Japanese treaty, relating to Manchurian affairs, has been signed.

Thousands in the northeast provinces of Japan are said to be on the verge of starvation.

He New Mexico have blocked railway traffic and train schedules are badly demoralized.

The Korean consul general to Great Britain has turned over his affairs to the Japanese legation and retired.

Senor Don Felipe Pardo, brother to the president of Peru, will represent that country as minister to the United States.

Herbert H. D. Pierce, third assistant secretary of state, has been selected by the president as the first American minister to Norway.

A passenger train on the Illinois Central was wrecked near Holly Springs, Miss., and one woman killed and six other persons injured.

John N. Irwin, ex-governor of Idaho, is dead. He was former minister to Portugal and also governor of Arizona. He died at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The California state mineralogist has called the attention of government authorities to gigantic land frauds that state. He says he will place evidence in the hands of the United States district attorney that will involve many of California's prominent people, and believes that something must be crooked with the general land office.

The Baltic coast is lighted by burning manesians.

The czar has refused to grant universal suffrage.

An attempt to assassinate President Reyes, of Colombia, failed.

Dewey wants the Annapolis hazers expelled without a chance of returning.

The Virginia and North Carolina coasts have been swept by a heavy gale.

A Los Angeles cottage was wrecked by the wind and three persons injured, two perhaps fatally.

A collapse of scaffolding in the New York tunnel under East river injured five men, three of them fatally.

Columbia university has positively forbidden football in the future. Other leading colleges are expected to follow this lead.

The president has signed the canal emergency appropriation bill carrying \$11,000,000. This is the first law created by the present session of congress.

Odell has attacked Roosevelt for alleged political interference in New York. The president is accused of wrecking the party to gratify ambition, but does not seem to worry over the charge.

Montenegro has adopted a new constitution.

Poland is again the scene of rioting and troops cannot be spared to suppress the trouble.

MACKENZIE PROMISES AID.

Recommends Total Appropriation of \$1,400,000 for Jetty.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senators Fulton and Gearin today called on General MacKenzie, chief of engineers, in regard to the needs of the Columbia river jetty. General MacKenzie gave them renewed assurance of his friendliness and said he was doing everything in his power to secure money to keep work in progress.

He has recommended not only an appropriation of \$400,000 in cash, but has urged that authority be granted for the expenditure of an additional \$1,000,000. He explains that \$400,000 is required for "rocking" the jetty as far out as the end of the present tramway, but will not be ample for any extension. If authority can be secured for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 additional, it will be possible next season to push the jetty much farther seaward, and in fact approach the point where it is expected to end.

Major Roessler, in his report, recommended an appropriation of \$1,900,000 to complete the jetty. This is a higher figure than the previous estimate, but his estimate is reduced materially by the War department.

The Oregon senators will exert their best efforts to secure the appropriation recommended by General MacKenzie, and will furthermore insist upon the authorization of additional work to the extent of \$1,000,000. The other Northwestern senators and representatives will work in accord with them.

INVESTIGATES INSECT PESTS.

Government Solves Problems of Cotton and Wheatgrowers.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to the annual report of L. C. Howard, in charge of the Bureau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture, the main work of the bureau for the past fiscal year, ended June 30, 1905, was in connection with the cotton boll weevil, the cotton boll worm, importation of beneficial insects from abroad, investigations of insects damaging forests and deciduous fruit trees, work on insects injurious to vegetable crops and effecting the great staple field crops, and work in silk and bee culture.

The investigations into the cotton boll worm were such that cotton planters will, it is stated, be enabled to control that injurious pest.

Experiments on a large scale, extending over practically the whole of the wheat growing area, have been looking toward the elucidation of certain as yet unsolved problems in the propagation of the Hessian fly and of the joint worms of wheat, and also to determine the best time to sow wheat in the autumn in order to ward off the autumn attack of the fly. Investigations of the same insect in the spring wheat regions have been begun, since only recently has the Hessian fly spread into this new country.

IRRIGATE YAKIMA RESERVE.

Jones' Plan to Secure Water and Admit White Settlers.

Washington, Dec. 26.—As the first step in the direction of adjusting conflicting water rights on the Yakima Indian reservation, Representative Jones will introduce a bill, when congress reconvenes, authorizing the Yakima Indians to sell 60 acres of their respective allotments, and directing the secretary of the interior to apply a portion of the proceeds to the purchase of water rights for the remaining 20 acres of each allotment.

The passage of this bill will permanently provide for the irrigation of Indian lands and at the same time open the way for the settlement of a large portion of the Yakima reservation. This Indian land has been selling for from \$40 to \$50 per acre, and a large surplus will be realized for the benefit of the Indians.

Indian Commissioner Leupp is in favor of this plan and will lend his assistance to secure its favorable consideration by congress.

Strike Against Sugar Tax.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Dec. 26.—The government has ordered the enforcement of taxation on the sugar produced in 1904, and has declared that shipments will be prohibited unless this tax is paid. The planters, however, refuse to pay, basing their refusal on certain government decrees and on contracts entered into with them, by which the sugar industry was to be freed from all taxation for a period of 20 years. As a result of this situation, the plantations may cease cultivation.

Alfonso Betrothed at Last.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Figaro this morning declares that a definite agreement has been reached between the British and Spanish governments regarding the betrothal of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg, but that the official announcement will not be made for several weeks.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

BUY FORESTRY BUILDING.

State Board of Agriculture Proposes Moving It to Salem.

Salem — At the meeting of the state board of agriculture last week John H. Albert, of the Lewis and Clark fair commission, submitted a communication suggesting that the board take steps to secure the forestry building erected at the Lewis and Clark fair and move it to Salem.

Mr. Albert said that neither the city of Portland nor the Oregon Historical society has taken action toward preserving the building, and he thought it would be a good plan to move the structure to Salem and erect it in the state fair grounds near the Southern Pacific track, where all persons passing on the trains could see it. He thought the huge structure of logs would not only be an attraction at the state fair, but when so situated would be a perpetual advertisement for Oregon's timber resources.

The Board of Agriculture appointed a committee composed of W. H. Downing, J. D. Matlock and Frank Lee to ascertain the cost of transporting the building to Salem, and also whether the owner of the land upon which the building now stands will permit it to remain there until the legislature meets in 1907.

WOOLEN MILL FOR ALBANY.

Subsidy of \$15,000 Will Insure Rebuilding on Larger Scale.

Albany — The Commercial club appointed a committee of leading business men to secure \$15,000 in subscriptions toward reorganizing the Bannockburn Manufacturing company, to rebuild the woolen mill recently burned, replacing it with a mill double the capacity. The company is to have \$100,000 capital and a practical woolen manufacturer is to run the mill. The new factory will give employment to 100 people.

The proposal is to bring machinery for a six-set mill from Massachusetts, the owner to take stock in the mill for the machinery and run the plant. The old building is to be rebuilt with money subscribed for stock in Albany, the old company to put in its property at half cost and raising \$40,000 additional stock. This will give the company a complete plant with a working capital of \$40,000. Business men here are taking hold with a will and the plans promise success. Over \$2,000 was subscribed by three men on the spot.

The Commercial club re-elected the entire board of directors and officers, President M. H. Ellis and associates holding another year.

Statistics of Feeble-Minded.

Salem—An effort has been made by the commission authorized by the last legislature to inquire into necessity or the advisability of establishing a school in this state for the feeble minded, to find out how many unfortunates of this character are to be found in the state. A report received at the office of the secretary of the State Library commission, compiled from a census taken in several Eastern states, shows the average number of feeble minded persons is 2 to 1,000. On this basis there would be about 1,000 feeble minded persons in Oregon.

Candidates Must File Notice.

Salem—Secretary of State Dunbar calls attention to the fact that it is necessary for candidates for state or district offices to first file a notice of intention to become a candidate with the secretary of state, before or at the time of beginning the circulation of petitions for the primary elections. A candidate is permitted to write a platform, not exceeding 100 words, to be filed with this declaration, and to have printed on the official ballot a condensed platform, not exceeding 12 words.

Smelter for St. Johns.

Portland — An extensive smelting plant will be established at St. Johns within the coming year, an option on a prospective site for the location of it having been secured. Negotiations are pending to close the deal. Further than that the parties who are negotiating for the purchase of the site and contemplating the erection of a smelter are Portland capitalists, who are heavily interested in Oregon and Alaska mining properties, nothing more definitely could be learned. The site decided upon is centrally located.

Lincoln County Shows Decrease.

Salem—Lincoln county's assessment summary for 1905 has been received at the office of the secretary of state. It shows a decrease of 10 per cent in the valuation of taxable property, the total for 1904 being \$1,039,592, as compared with \$939,454 in 1905.

Mill at Enterprise.

Enterprise—Otto Brothers have installed a chop mill near here, a large race affording power. The flouring mill in Enterprise is frequently compelled to close down, but the chop mill can be run at any time.

MAKING READY IN KLAMATH.

Government Engineer Lippincott Now On the Ground.

Klamath Falls — Supervising Engineer J. B. Lippincott, for the Reclamation service in California, and having charge of the Klamath project, arrived here Sunday. Mr. Lippincott came to Klamath Falls to clear up all preliminaries and arrange for paying all obligations against the government in connection with the Klamath irrigation project.

Several private companies were bought out by the government officials, or arrangements were completed for the purchase of all conflicting irrigation ditches put here previously by private concerns, and though the payments had been authorized by government, none of these private companies received their money. This had caused considerable speculation, and the coming of Mr. Lippincott, with the announcement that his mission here was to clean up all these claims, so that the contractors awarded the contracts for work on the irrigation canals could proceed at once after the bids were let, places all who heretofore had wondered if the government would proceed with actual ditch work in much clearer position regarding the future of the project.

Mitchell Estate Small.

Portland—David M. Dunne has been appointed administrator of the estate of Senator John H. Mitchell upon the petition of John H. Mitchell, Jr., in the County court. The petitioner stated that the estate is valued at \$2,000, and the heirs are Mattie E. Mitchell, wife of deceased, and Mattie E. de Rochefoucauld, a daughter, residing in Paris; John H. Mitchell, Jr., and Hiram E. Mitchell, sons, and Alice and Mildred Chapman and Mitchell and Robert Handy, grandchildren.

Want Trees Destroyed.

Oregon City—Fruit Inspector James H. Reid will appeal to the courts of Clackamas county to compel E. J. Riley, an attorney of Portland, to submit to the destruction of his fruit trees. Inspector Reid says Mr. Riley's orchard, which is located in Minthorn addition, near Milwaukie, is infected with the San Jose scale, and that the only way in which the pest can be eradicated is to destroy the trees. Mr. Reid says he is determined to make a test case.

Say Agents are Frauds.

Salem—Agents are traveling over this state soliciting orders for books for traveling libraries. In some instances they represent themselves as being authorized by the State Library commission to solicit orders for books. The commission has no traveling book agents, nor has it authorized any one to solicit orders for traveling libraries, or books to be included in traveling libraries. Wherever such cases have been reported to the Library commission steps have been taken to advise people not to patronize these agents.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 71@72c; bluestem, 73@74c; red, 67@68c; valley, 72c per bushel.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27; gray, \$26.50 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; brewing, \$22.50@23; rolled, \$23@23.50.
Rye—\$1.50 per cental.
Hay — Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14.50@15.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$8.50@9.50; grain hay, \$8@9.
Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box.
Vegetables — Beans, wax, 12c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 45@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50@60c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; pumpkins, 1/2@1c per pound; sprouts, 7c per pound; squash, 1/2@1c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.
Onions—Oregon, \$1@1.25 per sack.
Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 55@60c per sack; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90; crates, \$2.15.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 30c per dozen.
Poultry—Average old hens, 10@11c per pound; young roosters, 9c; springs, 10@11c; broilers, 12@13c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 17@21c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 15c.
Hops — Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11 1/2c; prime, 8 1/2@9 1/2c; medium, 8c; olds, 5@7c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@21c; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c per pound.
Beef — Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 4@4 1/2c.
Veal—Dressed, 3@8c per pound.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6@6 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7 1/2c.
Pork—Dressed, 6@7c per pound

CZAR IS WARNED.

Revolutionists Will Not Be Responsible for His Safety.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—There is a persistent rumor in circulation here, a well known revolutionary leader being the authority, that the czar has been warned to leave Russia. This communication was sent to the ruler in three different ways in order to guarantee its reaching him. The czar was notified that the limit of patience had been reached and that he had ceased to be ruler of Russia, save in name only. The czar was advised, for his own sake as well as for his family's, to leave the country at once.

The communication is also said to have stated:

"We do not want to harm any member of the imperial family, but we will not be responsible for their safety in the present critical time."

It is stated on high authority that one copy of the warning was taken to the czar's private apartments at Tsarskoe-Selo a few days ago.

The czar is heavily guarded in the palace, which is surrounded by a formidable array of troops, while dozens of maxims and large supplies of ammunition are stored away. Few of the officials have access to the czar.

MOSCOW REDS RAISE SIEGE.

Escape From Meeting Hall by Breaking Through Railings.

Moscow, Dec. 25.—The 12,000 persons who were besieged in the Aquarium since last night forced the railings surrounding the building at 9 o'clock this morning and escaped through an adjacent schoolhouse. A few were wounded in their attempts to escape the military cordon.

Seventy of those attending the meeting were arrested, but they were subsequently released. A few revolvers were seized and many daggers and revolvers were left behind in the garden surrounding the schoolhouse.

Demonstrations of the strikers were continued all day, but in every case they were dispersed by Cossacks and dragoons. Several persons were injured, but no one was killed. During the day wholesale arrests were made.

All business has been stopped. Several of the bakery shops have been plundered.

The strikers are using the strongest measures to enforce the complete cessation of business, but notwithstanding this the postal operations are being maintained. It was decided today it was to be tomorrow.

BLAZE ON CROWDED FERRY.

Thousand Passengers Nearly Jump Into Hudson in Terror.

New York, Dec. 25.—While the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western ferryboat Montclair was crowded from end to end on a trip tonight from the foot of Christopher street to Hoboken, fire burst out beneath the midst of the inner row of seats in the men's cabin on the starboard side. So sudden was the outbreak of flames that those sitting on the seats had narrow escapes from burning.

The shouts of fire sent the passengers in a rush to the open ends of the boat, men almost pushing one another into the water. The panic spread to the women's cabin, which was also crowded, there being 1,000 passengers on the boat. The Montclair was in midstream. As quickly as they could make their way to the fire extinguishers, the deckhands took them down and played on the fire, which quickly became only a smudge of stifling smoke.

The boat was driven full speed, with whistle shrieking, to the Hoboken slip. The passengers rushed ashore and the fire department put out what remained of the blaze. It is supposed that a smoldering cigar stub communicated fire to rubbish and started the blaze.

Honor for Choate.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Post tomorrow will say: Joseph H. Choate, who recently was succeeded at the Court of St. James as United States ambassador by Whitelaw Reid, in all likelihood will be named by President Roosevelt as chairman of the American delegation to the second Hague peace conference. This selection virtually is decided on by the president. It is understood that he desired that ex-President Cleveland should head the delegation, but Mr. Cleveland expressed a disinclination to undertake the work.

Traffic of Soo Canal.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 25.—The government report places the total freight tonnage of the Soo canal for the year at 44,270,860 tons, an increase over last year of 40 per cent.

Martial Law for Poland.

Warsaw, Dec. 25.—A proclamation of the governor general was gazetted here today, establishing martial law in all the 10 governments of Russian Poland and appointing ten temporary military governors general.