

# 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.

Japan has opened Manchuria to foreign trade.

Witte again threatens to resign as premier of Russia.

Dowie savagely denounces his wife and vows he will not live with her again.

Many troops in the Philippines are suffering from malaria caused by impure water.

Another attack on engineers and other officials of the Lens, France, coal mines has been made by the miners wives.

Nearly all countries have joined with the United States in asking for a later date as the time of the second Hague conference.

Anthracite coal operators say they are willing to arbitrate, but have presented new terms to the miners as a basis for the arbitration.

Burlington officials claim no knowledge of a wreck on its road near Lincoln, Neb., while men who were on the train say there was a wreck and they saw at least two persons who were killed.

Officials of the Chicago & Alton and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads must stand trial in Kansas for giving rebates. The United States District court at Kansas City has refused to grant them immunity.

Roosevelt and Tillman may become reconciled.

Gorky and other Russian revolutionists will tour America.

Tugmen of Chicago have struck for a raise of \$5 per month.

There are many candidates for Alger's seat in the senate.

Al great majority of the bituminous coal miners are at work.

The governor of Tver, Russia, has been blown up by a bomb.

The Democratic victory in Russia may lead to the granting of a constitution.

Dowie's European converts refuse to believe that their leader has fallen from grace in Zion City.

Bryan will also tour Russia during his present trip around the world. He is in India at present.

Dowie's enemies are bringing more charges against him and preparing a hot reception for the aged prophet.

The street car strike at Winnipeg has ended, the car men getting an advance of 1 cent an hour after asking for 2.

Experts who have gone over the auditor's books of Indiana have found a shortage of \$390,0595. The shortage covers every year back to 1883.

Senator Alger, of Michigan, is not a candidate for re-election.

Dowie promises to perform a miracle when he reaches Zion City.

Returning merchants say Chinese are now buying American goods.

Vesuvius is in violent eruption and thousands of people are fleeing in terror.

More rioting has taken place at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on account of the street car strike.

The soft coal mine operators of the East have offered to arbitrate their differences with the miners.

All the independent coal operators of the Pittsburg district have signed the scale. This will insure work for about 20,000 men.

The United States Circuit court of appeals of New York says the patent for daylight loading film cartridges for photographic cameras is void.

A steamer has arrived at Philadelphia from Bombay, India, with what is believed to be bubonic plague among the crew.

One hundred printers have been discharged from the government printing office as the first step toward economy in that department. The mechanical department will be completely reorganized.

Many lives were lost by the collapse of a hotel in Germany.

Speaker Cannon admits the present tariff laws should be revised.

The kaiser abandoned his trip to the Mediterranean for fear of assassination.

The New York chamber of commerce urges congress to pass the Philippine tariff bill.

## TRADE WITH ISLAND OF CUBA.

Imports and Exports for 1905 Far Exceed Any Previous Year.

Washington, April 10.—A report issued by the department of Commerce and Labor on the Cuban trade says:

Cuba ranks second in importance in the trade relations of the United States with other American countries. The total trade of the United States with the principal countries of America in the calendar year of 1905 was: Canada, \$203,000,000; Cuba, \$125,000,000; Brazil, \$111,000,000; Mexico, \$92,000,000; Argentina, \$39,000,000. The value of merchandise imported into the United States from Cuba in the calendar year 1905, according to figures prepared by the department of Commerce and Labor, was \$95,857,856, against \$57,228,229 in 1903, \$31,747,229 in 1900 and \$16,233,456 in 1897, in which year our imports from Cuba touched the lowest point in the last half century. The exports from the United States to Cuba aggregated \$44,569,812, against \$23,504,417 in 1903, \$26,934,524 in 1900 and \$7,296,613 in 1896, in which year they were smaller than in any preceding year in the last half century. In both imports and exports the figures of the year 1905 are larger than those of any earlier year in our trade with Cuba.

Sugar and molasses, tobacco, cigars and fruits are the principal articles forming the imports into the United States from Cuba. The value of sugar imports in 1905 was over \$72,000,000; molasses, \$1,097,153; leaf tobacco, \$11,879,938; cigars, \$3,855,820; fruits, \$1,236,028 (of which all but \$5,803 represented the value of bananas), and iron ores, \$1,537,890.

## SWEPT BY TIDAL WAVE.

About 150 Lives and Much Property Lost in South Seas.

San Francisco, April 10.—The steamer Mariposa arrived today from Tahiti, bringing additional particulars of the storm which swept the Society and other South Sea islands last February. According to the latest estimates about 150 lives were lost and the property damage amounted to \$1,500,000. Among the Mariposa's passengers were B. Chalee, C. Brown and J. Harris, members of the crew of the British ship County of Rogburgh, Captain J. Leslie, which went ashore during the hurricane at Tokarva, in the Paumotu group of islands. Out of her crew of 24, ten lives were lost.

Other vessels lost during the storm were the French schooner Tahtienne, 53 tons, with Captain Dexter and eight of her crew, and the French schooner Iouture, 28 tons, with all on board. The French schooner Hituimi, 19 tons, went ashore at Monihi. Her crew was saved. The French schooner Morurora, 37 tons, went ashore at Tikehou, but the crew was saved.

The French schooner Elmeo, 150 tons, is overdue and it is supposed that she is lost with all on board off Tikehou. Thirty seven cutters of 12 to 15 tons were also lost in the storm.

## NEW JERSEY FOREST FIRE.

State Was About to Purchase Large Tract for Reservoir.

Egg Harbor City, N. J., April 10.—A forest and swamp fire was started here early this morning and in the course of a few hours assumed threatening dimensions. The fire's origin is unknown. It started a short distance from the home of Congressman John J. Garriott and did considerable damage. High winds fanned the flames into a roaring furnace and drove it in a westerly direction toward the towns of Weymouth and West Egg Harbor. The village of Carmentown was completely encircled and several buildings destroyed.

A path over a mile wide and over four miles long was covered by the flames. Thousands of acres of valuable timber which the state of New Jersey was about to purchase as a forest reserve were destroyed, making a tract of 25,000 acres almost worthless.

## Bold Diamond Thieves.

New Orleans, La., April 10.—That he was robbed of diamonds valued at \$5,000 at the muzzle of a revolver in a store in a crowded street is the story told to the police by L. Moss, a jeweler. Moss said that while at work in his store, with hundreds of people passing, late last night, two men entered and asked to look at some diamond rings and brooches. After several trays had been put out, Moss says one of the men shoved a revolver in his face and the other took the jewels and escaped into the crowded street.

## Cruiser Ready for Trial Spin.

Rockland, Me., April 10.—The new cruiser Washington, which has just been completed for the United States government, arrived there today and anchored outside the breakwater in readiness for her speed trials, which will take place off this port during the week. The Washington's contract calls for a minimum speed of 22 knots per hour.

# NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

## NOT SO BAD AS PAINTED.

Most Crops in Pendleton Section Are Turning Out Well.

Pendleton—Investigation of the condition of growing wheat in various parts of Umatilla county shows the damage sustained in the March cold spell was slight. Instead of many thousand acres to be reseeded, as at first reported, not more than 2,000 acres in the entire county have been reseeded. Many farmers secured seed wheat and vitrol, in many instances paying fancy prices for bluestem, which was scarce, only to find that their grain was not injured or only slightly. The only section where there was any loss was the northwestern part, where the soil is light and there was comparatively no snowfall. The scare was due to the fact that the tops of the grain in some places was frozen, but this is considered a benefit instead of an injury by many, as they say that it has caused the grain to stool out more than otherwise.

The fruit is also coming out nicely and the damage will not be nearly so great as was feared. The peaches suffered most, but there will be a partial crop and unless a later frost occurs there will be a full crop of all other varieties of fruit.

## TWO CENTS AN ACRE.

Estimate for Coming Year by Secretary of Waterusers' Association.

Klamath Falls—Secretary Applegate, of the Klamath Waterusers' association, in his annual report to the stockholders' meeting here, April 7, stated that the receipts of the association to March 31, 1906, were \$6,728,666, while disbursements were \$6,851,200, leaving a deficit of \$122,534. Principal expense was filing and recording deeds, etc., \$1,405,200; salary of attorney, \$1,500; salary of secretary, \$1,200, and directors' per diem and expenses, \$603.19.

He estimates expenses for the coming year at \$3,000. As there are about 150,000 acres subscribed to the association, the assessment per acre will only be about 2 cents. There are about 20,000 acres of private land under the project as yet unsubscribed.

## Favors Spelling Reform.

Salem—State Superintendent Ackerman is a firm believer in the reformed spelling, so much talked about by Andrew Carnegie. He says that there is only one way to bring about the reformation speedily and effectively, and that was for the newspapers of the country to agree to adopt the new mode of spelling. Should this be done, Mr. Ackerman says that the country at large will accept the new form and forget the old inside of one year. He said that the National Educational association had adopted the new form.

## Initiative Printing Bill.

Salem—There has been much speculation as to the probable expense entailed upon the state by the initiative measures which have been proposed for the people's adoption at the June election this year, hence the following figures, obtained from the secretary of state, will be of interest showing the amount thus expended: Paper, \$1,017; printing, \$3,472; binding, \$1,610; total, \$6,099.

## Postpone Booth-Kelley Indemnity Bill.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has wired Senators Fulton and Gearin to have the senate postpone action on the Booth-Kelley Lumber company's indemnity bill, authorizing the company to select lands in lieu of its holdings in the Klamath Indian reservation, until a copy of the bill is received and the matter investigated by state land authorities.

## Curry Healthiest County.

Wedderburn—Curry county is one of the healthiest in Oregon. This county boasts only one physician, showing that it is a desirable place to live, even if it is off the map of homeseekers. No epidemic of any kind ever visits this place, and the physician is not often needed.

## Discovers Black Diamond.

Wedderburn—While panning in the creek near Langlois, this county, W. E. Elliott discovered a black diamond. The stone is as large as a kernel of corn, and has all characteristics of the diamond. It shines at night and is an excellent glass cutter.

## Money for School Fund.

Salem—Receipts of the State Land board from sale of public school lands, deferred payments and interest on loans amounted to \$27,636.65 for March. This sum has been paid to the state treasurer to be added to the permanent school fund.

## REALLOT WENAHA RESERVE.

Sheepmen Jubilant Over Confirmation of Reconsideration.

Pendleton—There is joy among sheepmen of Umatilla county over the news that the Wenaha reserve will be redivided, for it is understood that the allotment is to be made again. Several days ago J. E. Smith received a letter from Ranger J. M. Smith, inviting the Oregon men to meet at Walla Walla April 27 to consult regarding the division of the reserve. It was supposed that the meeting would be merely to hear complaints, and that little or no good would result to the Oregon sheepmen. However, Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the Umatilla county association, has been informed that the reserve was to be redivided.

When the Wenaha reserve was first allotted among stockmen several months ago Oregon men complained bitterly because in making the division the Oregon part of the reserve had been practically given over to Washington growers, thus cutting off many Umatilla county men from their summer ranges.

There is a general belief that a more equitable division will be made this time, as the Umatilla county men will be on hand to assert their rights.

Perry Gould, president of the Umatilla county association, has called a meeting of that body April 26, at which time a line of action will be agreed upon.

## Oregon's Boundary Dispute.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford and State Engineer Lewis, after visiting Astoria to look up evidence in the boundary line suit pending between Oregon and Washington before the United States Supreme court, are more thoroughly convinced than ever that Oregon is in the right. Mr. Lewis contends that congress must have been guided in fixing the boundary line by the latest government surveys of the mouth of the Columbia river. By stipulation, oral evidence will be taken before a notary.

## Land and Lot System To Be Used.

Astoria—County Assessor Cornelius has decided to use the land and lot system in preparing the 1906 assessment roll in place of segregating the property under the names of the various owners, as has been the custom heretofore. Mr. Cornelius believes the new system will result in a great saving to the county.

## Governor Would Sign Protest.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain says that he does not think the United States quartermaster's office should be moved from Portland to Seattle, because Portland was the more central point. The governor expresses willingness to join in a protest to the secretary of war against the proposed change.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 68c; bluestem, 68@69c; red, 66c; valley, 68c.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50; gray, \$27 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24.50@25.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17@18 per ton; common, \$13@14; valley timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7@8; alfalfa, \$12.

Apples—\$2@2.75 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 8@12½c per pound; cabbage, 2½c per pound; cauliflower, \$2 25 per crate; celery, 75@90c per dozen; head lettuce, 25c per dozen; onions, 40c per dozen; radishes, 20@25c per dozen; rhubarb, \$1@1.25 per box; spinach, \$1 per box; parsley, 25c; turn ps, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, 65@70c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions—No. 1, 70@90c per sack; No. 2, nominal.

Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 65c per hundred; ordinary, 50@55c; new California, 5c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22½c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 16@16½c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13@13½c per pound; mixed chickens, 12½@13c; broilers, 25@30c; young roosters, 12½@13c; old roosters, 10½@11½c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@21c; geese, live, 8@8½c; geese, dressed, 10@11c; ducks, 17@19c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, 7@10c; olds, 5@7c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 15@20c; valley, 24@26c per pound; mohair, choice, 25@29c.

Veal—Dressed, 3½@7½c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3c per pound; cows, 4@5c; country steers, 4½@5½c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 9@9½c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, with pelt on, 10@11c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@8½c per pound.

## FLEE IN TERROR.

Peasants Seek Refuge in Naples from Fiery Vesuvius.

Naples, April 9.—Mount Vesuvius is a colossal cauldron of fire and the town of Boscatrecase, on its southern declivity, has been transformed into a gray island of ruin by the ashes from the crater of the volcano. Torrents of liquid fire, resembling in the distance serpents with glittering yellow and black scales, are coursing in all directions, amid rumblings, detonations and earth tremblings, while a pall of sulphurous smoke that hovers over all makes breathing difficult.

The streams of lava are relentless. They snap like pipestems the trunks of chestnut trees hundreds of years old, and blight with their torrid breath the blooms on the peach trees before the trees themselves have been reached. The molten streams do not spare the homes of the peasants, and when these have been razed they dash into the wells as though seeking to slake their thirst, and, after filling them, continue their course down the mountainside.

Everywhere in the vicinity of the volcano pitiful scenes are witnessed—women are tearing their hair in their grief and old men are crying aloud at the loss of their beloved homesteads.

New craters have opened at different points on the mountain, but it is impossible to ascertain their number or where they are situated.

Naples is the mecca of the alarmed country people and they have been flocking into the city in great numbers.

The lava flow approached the outskirts of the village of Clarem and then suddenly ceased advancing. Fifty acres of ground about the village were overflowed and the crops ruined.

The eruption has caused a great deal of damage, as the heating lava streams have withered vegetation, while the ashes have settled on everything.

## NEW RECIPROCITY TREATY.

America Getting Worsted by Present Agreement With Cuba.

Washington, April 9.—Acting under instructions from the State department, Edwin Morgan, minister at Havana, has been in conference with the Cuban Foreign office, with the purpose of framing a new reciprocity treaty. The treaty may be ready for submission before the adjournment of the the present senate session.

The reason for the preparation of this new treaty is that the officials here have become convinced that America is getting by far the worst of the bargain under the present arrangement. While nearly all of the exports from Cuba come to our ports, only a little more than one-third of the imports into Cuba are furnished by the American farmers and merchants, Europe furnishing practically the balance.

The Cuban government did not care to make the concessions, but it was confronted with the fact that otherwise there would be no treaty at all at the expiration of the present convention, and, without the preferential rates of the treaty it would be impossible to market Cuban sugar and other staples in America at profitable rates, thus threatening ruin to Cuba.

## HUMPHREY'S USGENT PLEA.

He Predicts Disaster if Ship Subsidy Bill Should Fail.

Washington, April 9.—Representative Humphrey, of Washington, today informed the president that, unless the ship subsidy bill is passed, Japan will soon control the entire Oriental commerce of the Pacific coast. He hoped so to alarm the president that he will actively take up the cause of the subsidy advocates and compel the speaker and house leaders to let this bill pass.

Mr. Humphrey said the Japanese already have an option on six ships of the Pacific Mail, and can buy them, if the subsidy bill is defeated. He also said the Japanese are trying to get the Hill ships on Puget sound. He went on to say that there is a British-French-German shipping trust that now fixes rates between Pacific coast ports and Liverpool, having recently doubled the rate on wheat. Unless the subsidy law is enacted, Mr. Humphrey says Pacific coast exporters shipping to Liverpool will remain at the mercy of this trust.

## Desperate Express Robbers Foiled.

Des Moines, April 9.—A desperate attempt to rob the Wells-Fargo offices in this city of over \$100,000 was thwarted by the prompt action of the police last night. Express Messenger Painter was assaulted by masked men while in charge of the company's safe, but the robbers were driven off. This afternoon four men entered the office and after they left a mask was discovered on the floor. Fearing a second attempt at robbery, a detail of police guarded the express company's safe all night.

## Will Reappoint Judge Moore.

Washington, April 9.—It was announced at the White house today that Judge Alfred S. Moore would be reappointed United States judge at Nome, Alaska.