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## BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Detroit, Michigan, is endeavoring to stop Sunday ball games.

Michigan forest fires are destroying much valuable timber and imperiling the lives of many.

Nearly 25 square miles have been swept by the forest fire in San Gabriel reserve, California.

Thaw may be punished for contempt by failing to attend a meeting of his creditors at Pittsburg.

Moving picture machines have been added to the talking machines to help along in the political campaign now on.

Following a decision of the department, immigration officers at Boston have refused Mormons the privilege of landing.

Serious trouble may result over conflicting fish laws enacted by Oregon and Washington covering the Columbia river.

In international auto races at Brighton Beach, N. Y., the American cars won first and second places and an Italian third.

The United States gunboat Vixen was run down by a tug boat and badly damaged. The accident occurred in the Delaware river.

Thomas A. Edison is at present touring the Pacific coast.

Forest fires are burning in Canada just across the line from Maine.

A 20-story office building costing \$30,000,000 is to be erected in Chicago.

The American battleships Maine and Alabama have left Port Said for Naples.

The forest fire near Los Angeles continues to do heavy damage. One town has been wiped out.

Four troops of cavalry, together with people of that vicinity, are fighting forest fires near Sturgis, S. D.

A hurricane swept Turks Island, British West Indies, destroying the capital and killing many people.

Official statements show that the cholera situation in St. Petersburg and throughout Russia is much worse.

The number of unemployed in London was strikingly illustrated when 3,000 men surrounded a hospital which had advertised for a porter at \$4.50 a week and meals.

A general investigation of the Pullman company, its schedule of rates and its alleged discriminations, is to be made by the Interstate Commerce commission at Chicago.

The Pacific fleet has left Honolulu for Samoa.

The battleship fleet has arrived at Albany, West Australia.

Russia was almost united in the celebration of Tolstoy's 80th birthday.

Great Britain has just launched a battleship larger than the Dreadnaught.

Germany will reject the note on Morocco and relations with France are strained.

H. B. Miller, American consul general at Yokohama, is on his way home for a vacation.

A forest fire is raging in the valley west of Los Angeles and several small towns are threatened.

In a suit against the Standard Oil in New York the company has been ordered to produce letters containing evidence of bribery.

The extra session of the Iowa legislature has adjourned to meet November 24, when another effort will be made to elect a United States senator.

Governor Hanley, of Indiana, charged the Indianapolis school board \$25 for addressing a graduating class last June. The fact has just become public through the auditing of the bill.

A Los Angeles preacher 76 years old has just married a woman of 31.

Kansas City negroes fear a race war, and are arming for the conflict should it come.

A rumor of an attempt to shoot President Roosevelt is found to be without foundation.

Methodists of Illinois are joining in the fight against the re-election of Cannon to congress.

A New York man has committed suicide because the anti-betting law drove away his business.

A crank who wanted to see the president has been sent to an asylum. He claimed to have located all the bad men in Boston, and wanted Roosevelt to let him have 10,000 troops to capture them.

## BREAKS MORE RECORDS.

Great Aeronaut Excels Former Feats in Three Particulars.

Washington, Sept. 14.—In two flights at Fort Myer Saturday afternoon, Orville Wright, in the Wright flyer, broke three records. Staying up nine minutes and six and one-third second in the first flight, in which Major George O. Squiers, acting chief signal officer, accompanied him. Mr. Wright broke the record for a two-man flight, which he established on Tuesday. The first flight was at 4:29 o'clock.

In the second flight, which started at 5:17, Mr. Wright broke the record for time and distance of a heavier-than-air flying machine, which he established by remaining in the air for one hour, fourteen minutes and twenty-four seconds. In this flight he also went higher than an aeroplane has ever gone, rising to an altitude of 250 feet.

Mr. Wright also maintained a higher speed than in his other flights at Fort Myer, traveling around the drillgrounds at the rate of 38.75 miles an hour on the first flight, when Major Squiers accompanied him.

The distance of this flight was 5.88 miles. In Saturday's flight, Mr. Wright broke the world's record for time and distance for the fifth time last week.

A crowd of 5,000 persons gathered to witness the flights and their enthusiasm knew no bounds. It was all the cavalry, detailed to guard the aeroplane from damage, could do to keep the crowd back. They cheered Mr. Wright until he went away in the signal corps automobile.

## AIRSHIPS ARE CRUDE.

Edison Criticizes Both Dirigible Balloon and Aeroplane.

Seattle, Sept. 14.—Thomas A. Edison, the noted inventor, who is taking a vacation on the Pacific Coast, says that neither the aeroplane nor the dirigible balloon will successfully solve the question of navigating the air. Asked if, in giving up the commercial side of his work, he would make a study of the airship, he said:

"It is likely that I shall pay some attention to the navigation of the air. I have done so in the past, but I had not the time to make serious effort. I am firmly convinced that the time is near at hand when it will be possible to sail through the air as easily and as safely as we now go by land or by water."

"I have little faith in the aeroplane or the balloon as a means of aerial navigation. The aeroplane of the Wright brothers depends too much on the personal equation. Place some other man in that aeroplane and it would not work. It depends upon the skillful handling of the machine by the inventor."

"It is also unlikely that the efforts of inventors who have pinned their faith to the dirigible balloon will meet with success. When you have something that is lighter than air it is apparent even to the layman that it is a toy of the winds. It is wafted about like a thistle-down when a strong wind is blowing. The aeroplane and the dirigible balloon will be improved, I have no doubt, but I look to see the application of a principle different from either in the successful airship."

## MORE CARS IN SERVICE.

Decrease of 30,371 in Number Idle Helps Railroads.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Another big boost toward prosperity is indicated by a weekly report of the car efficiency committee of the American Railway association, which was issued Saturday. The total of surplus cars on railroads of the United States and Canada has been reduced to 222,632, a decrease of 30,371 since the last report. Of this decrease, 21,723 are boxcars and 7,252 coal and gondolas.

The decrease in boxcars is the largest since the maximum surplus of 413,005 was reached. An increasing activity in repairing cars is shown by a reduction of 7,662 in the number of bad-order cars.

Small shortages are reported on a few railroads, the shortages totaling 4,418. Regarding this condition, Arthur Hale, chairman of the committee, says:

"Whenever these shortages are of such a nature and extent as to justify action by the committee, conditions are brought to the attention of the roads reporting a surplus, and arrangements are made to transfer equipment to the roads having use for it."

## Race Trouble Feared.

Seneca, Kan., Sept. 14.—A clash between whites and blacks is feared here following an attack on Samuel Murphy, a farmer, by two negroes, Jim and Allie Johnson, Friday night. The negroes assaulted a white boy who wanted them about a horse race they had lost, and Murphy interfered in behalf of the lad. A mob quickly pursued and overtook the negroes, and armed with ropes were beat on a lynching, which was only avoided by the pluck of a deputy sheriff, who, gun in hand, stood in the door of a vacant house and held the mob at bay.

## New Jap Man to England.

Tokyo, Sept. 14.—Taka Akira Kato, proprietor of the Tokio Daily, an influential Japanese paper, has been appointed ambassador to England, to succeed Count Komura, who was recently recalled from England to assume the post of minister of foreign affairs in the new cabinet. Kato is an influential citizen of Japan. He has twice been minister of foreign affairs.

## NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

### APPLE SALES SLOW.

Dealer Looks for Improved Market Later in the Season.

Hood River.—H. F. Davidson, president of the Davidson Fruit company at Hood River, has arrived home after an extended trip through the fruit growing sections of the East and Middle West. Mr. Davidson attended the annual meeting of the International Apple Shippers' association held at Niagara Falls, August 5 and 6, and also visited the large dealers in New York and Chicago.

He states that the East, from Michigan to the Atlantic coast, will have good crops of apples this year, but that the crop in the Middle West is very light. Until he reached Colorado on his return trip he found no evidence of abundant fruit crops and in some sections of that state the apple yield will be small.

He states, however, that there is an abundant yield all over the country this year of farm produce, particularly corn. Apart from apples he found big crops of other varieties of fruits, more especially pears and peaches.

In one of the districts he visited had winter apples as yet been bought, although usually at this season of the year most of the crops are contracted for.

### WILL GET STATE AID.

Monmouth Normal Has Been Maintained by Subscription.

Salem.—At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the normal school board of regents, President Ressler, of the Oregon State Normal School, at Monmouth, was present and assured the committee that sufficient funds had been secured to place the school on a maintenance basis until January 1, when it is expected the legislature will appropriate enough to maintain all three normal schools properly. The Monmouth school has not received state support for several years, having been maintained by subscriptions from the business men of Monmouth and neighboring towns.

A meeting of the normal school board of regents will be held at Salem next month for the purpose of making recommendations to the legislature for the support of the three normal schools—the Eastern Oregon Normal School, at Weston, the Southern Oregon Normal School, at Ashland, and the Oregon State Normal School, at Monmouth. The board at a meeting in June decided it should recommend the Central Oregon State Normal School, at Drain, to be discontinued, and consequently that school will not open this fall.

### Quality, Not the Price.

The Dalles.—Apple growers of this vicinity and of Hood River are not very much alarmed over the prospects of an advance in apple rates to eastern points, as the consensus of opinion is that as the apples of this vicinity and Hood River are principally shipped to New York and other far eastern points for consumption by the wealthy class, that a few cents additional per box will not make any difference. The Oregon apples are carefully packed and selected and are much in demand by the wealthy sections of the east, while the poorer classes buy the cheaper Minnesota, Michigan and New York apples, which are not selected, and which are sold in barrels, and are not selected or packed and are not worth so much.

### Dealers Boost Hops.

Eugene.—The first hop sales of the season in Eugene were made last week when S. H. Friendly and William Seavey sold to E. Clemens Horst Co. a lot of Early Eagles at 7 cents per pound. The agent of this firm has also purchased Glenn Anderson's growing crop at 8 cents per pound. It is thought that every grower in Lane county will pick his crop this year, although the prospect for a higher price is not very encouraging. The price to be paid the pickers will be 80 cents per 100 pounds, and the miller, J. J. P. Terndrup, said:

### Begins Grinding New Wheat.

La Grande.—The first of a chain of five flour mills in this valley commenced operations last week and thereby is commenced the grinding of the output of local wheat. The elevators have been running in these mills for several weeks and the starting of the mill owned by the Island City financiers in this city commenced operations for this season. The same parties own the other four mills and they will all be running before the week is over.

### Strong Flow of Gas.

Ontario.—While sinking a deep well at the Valley View school house, four miles south of this city, a strong flow of natural gas was encountered, which forced the water to within 10 inches of the top of the ground. It is probable that a company will be organized to thoroughly prospect the land.

### Build Library at Baker.

Baker City.—Contracts have been signed for the building of the Carnegie library and the contractor has begun the laying out of the building. When finished it will represent an expenditure of about \$25,000.

### ACCEP TABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Yule Tide Period Will Mark Completion of Klamath Line.

Klamath Falls.—Klamath Falls will have the railroad within its limits by Christmas. This is the latest schedule announced, and at the rate work is progressing as doubt is felt. The Southern Pacific company has established a camp at Wild Horse butte, and work has commenced on the concrete piers for the bridge across the straits. Two more dredges are ordered on the marsh work, and camps are now established within four miles of this city.

Maney Bros., contractors on the government canal, having finished their contract, are moving to the railroad right of way to throw up the grade between this city and Midland, the first station south.

Klamath citizens are eagerly anticipating their coming Christmas gift—the steam cars.

### Valley Bumblebees Die.

Oregon City.—The red clover crop in many parts of the Willamette valley will not average more than one-third of the usual yield, due to the absence of bumblebees, which evidently succumbed to the severe weather last spring. These bees are the only insects that successfully pollinate the blossoms, moving about the fields, as the pollen sticks to their fuzzy legs. The honeybee performs a like service for the alsike clover, which has a more open blossom than the red clover. Seed was worth about 10 cents a pound last season, and it will probably take a sharp advance. This is the first season in the memory of Willamette valley farmers that bumblebees are not plentiful. Yellow jackets have entirely disappeared.

### Investigate Land Clearing.

Astoria.—Forestry Expert Thompson, of the agricultural department, who is investigating the methods employed in removing stumps from logged-off lands, has returned from a trip to Tillamook county. The local chamber of commerce has invited Mr. Frye, of Seattle, to come here and give a demonstration of his patent process for removing stumps, which is said to be economical and successful.

### Wallows to Have Courthouse.

Enterprise.—The county court has accepted plans for a courthouse, to cost \$30,000. Bids for foundation and basement will be advertised for immediately in order that the foundation at least may be put in this fall. Wallows county has been set apart from Union county 20 years, and this will be the first courthouse erected in the county.

### Another Line for Harriman.

Dec.—Current rumors that Harriman intends taking over the Mount Hood railway, which connects Hood River with Dec, a distance of 17 miles, were further borne out last week when Manager J. P. O'Brien of the O. R. & N. made a trip of inspection over the line in his private car.

### PORTLAND MARKET'S.

Wheat.—Club, 88c per bushel; forty-fold, 90c; turkey red, 90c; fire, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 88c.  
Barley.—Feed, \$34.50 per ton; rolled, \$27@28; brewing, \$26.  
Oats.—No. 1 white, \$27@27.50 per ton; gray, \$26@26.50.  
Hay.—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$15.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.  
Fruit.—Apples, new, 50c@1.15 per box; peaches, 30c@70c per box; pears, 75c@1.25 per box; plums, 65c@75c per box; grapes, 85c@1.50 per crate; Potatoes.—90c@95c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 25c@30c per pound.  
Melons.—Cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1@1.25 per 100 loose; crated, 1c per pound additional, caabaas, \$2 per dozen.

Vegetables.—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; artichokes, 65c per dozen; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate; celery, 75c@1 per dozen; corn, 35c@30c per dozen; cucumbers, outdoor, 30c@40c per box; egg plant, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8c@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1.1c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 43c per dozen; tomatoes, 35c@50c.

Butter.—Extras, 31c per pound; fancy, 27c; choice, 25c; store, 18c.  
Eggs.—Oregon extras, 27c@28c; firsts, 25c@26c; seconds, 23c@24c; thirds, 15c@20c; Eastern, 24c@25c per dozen.  
Poultry.—Mixed chickens, 11c@11.5c per pound; fancy hens, 12c@12.5c; roosters, 10c; spring, 13c@14c; ducks, old, 12c@12.5c; springs, 14c@15c; geese, old, 8c; young, 16c; turkeys, old, 17c@18c; young, 20c.  
Veal.—Extra, 8c@8.5c per pound; ordinary, 7c@7.5c; heavy, 5c.  
Pork.—Fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.  
Mutton.—Fancy, 8c@9c.  
Hops.—1907, prime and choice, 20c@4c per pound; old, 11c@12c per pound; contracts, 7c; Faggies, 6c.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10c@11c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 15c@15.5c. Mohair.—Choice, 18c@18.5c per pound.

## VIOLATES STATE RIGHTS.

Pennsylvania Court Holds Commodity Clause Invalid.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11.—Declaring it to be drastic, harsh and unreasonable, and an invasion of the rights of the states and therefore repugnant to the constitution, the United States Circuit court for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania today dismissed the suits of the Federal government to enforce the commodities clause of the Hepburn railroad act against the anthracite coal carriers of this state. Judges George Gray and George H. Dallas filed opinions dismissing the suits and Judge Joseph Buffington dissented, but did not file an opinion.

The commodities clause prohibits railroad companies to transport in interstate commerce any article or commodity manufactured, mined or produced by them or under their authority. The case was argued in June, United States Attorney General Bonaparte delivering the principal argument for the government. The effect of the commodities clause, if constitutional, would be to confine the mining of anthracite coal by the railroads to that for use in Pennsylvania only, and compel the railroads to sell all the mining property they are interested in, either directly or indirectly. It is almost certain that the case will be appealed directly to the United States Supreme court.

## UNEMPLOYED RIOT.

Glasgow Socialists Incite Thousands of Men to Violence.

Glasgow, Sept. 11.—Following a night of rioting and fighting between a mob of 7,000 unemployed and mounted and foot police, this city today presents the spectacle of a town in the throes of a siege.

Hundreds of citizens are guarding their property with firearms, fearing a recurrence of the outbreak, and terror-stricken women and children have been compelled to stay indoors all day.

Scores of houses are damaged, windows are broken and the streets are deserted but for a strong police guard that is making the rounds in military fashion.

The trouble started at midnight. A mob of unemployed under the leadership of Socialists who had inflamed them to action by violent speeches made another onslaught on the aristocratic section of the city. They raided several shops at the foot of the hills overlooking the wealthy quarter of the city and started to pillage the houses of the wealthy residents.

The police, aided by the householders, fought off the rioters until dawn, when they were dispersed. The number of injured is unknown. It is estimated that there are between 25,000 and 30,000 unemployed in the city at the present time.

## SHEEPMEN SUE ROOSEVELT.

Seek to Enjoin Him From Enlarging California Forest Reserve.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 11.—For the first time in the history of this country, a United States president and other Federal officials are being sued to prevent the government from withdrawing timber lands for government reserves. In the Federal court at Carson City today the case of the Eureka Livestock company against President Roosevelt, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Chief Forester Pinchot and Forester Barnett is being argued, attacking the right of the defendants to withdraw for forest preservation purposes a large portion of the Monitor forest, in Eureka county.

The plaintiffs say they were grazing about 10,000 sheep on the reserve before it was withdrawn, and now they are refused that right.

## Kaiser Receives Wood.

St. Johns on the Saar, Sept. 11.—Emperor William received Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., in the field this morning. The meeting took place on a lofty hill in front of the position occupied by the "red" army. The general was introduced by Captain von Livonius, the German military attaché at Washington, and his majesty held him in conversation for several minutes. The emperor was extremely gracious and expressed the hope that General Wood had been given every opportunity to witness the maneuvers.

## Pledges Help to Mulsai.

Paris, Sept. 10.—A dispatch received here today from El Kazar says that Dr. Vassel, the German consul at Tangier, who is on his way to Fez, convoked a number of notables on his way and informed them that Mulai Hafid could count upon the support of Germany and that Germany would undertake to assure the integrity of the country and help Mulai Hafid out of his difficulties.

## German Spy Confesses.

Orleans, France, Sept. 11.—The German who was arrested here a few days ago on the charge of being a spy, confessed today that he had been acting in this capacity for several years under the direction of German military authorities of Alsace-Lorraine.

## COSGROVE AND PATTISON LEAD

Political Parties of Washington Hold Primary Elections.

Gubernatorial Race Exceedingly Close—Republicans Show Preference for W. L. Jones for United States Senator and Democrats Favor George F. Cottrill.

Seattle, Sept. 10.—Election returns, although late last night still incomplete, indicate that Samuel G. Cosgrove, of Pomeroy, a second choice selection, will receive the nomination for governor of the state of Washington. Cosgrove's lead on second choice votes, and the split on first choice votes between Albert E. Mead and Henry McBride, together with first choice votes divided between five other candidates in the field, have brought about a situation peculiar in Washington state politics.

The latest returns from all parts of the state indicate that when the count is completed Cosgrove may have a plurality of about 10,000 votes, leading both McBride and Mead. Up to nearly midnight the count showed McBride leading Cosgrove, but belated returns from remote county districts are adding to Cosgrove's total. Mead is third in the race.

Washington's new direct primary law has eliminated Senator Ankeny from the race for senator. Wesley L. Jones, by a majority reaching well into the thousands, has been given the nomination and the number of Republicans who are pledged to vote always for the candidate of their choice receiving the highest popular vote, precludes the possibility of the election of Ankeny by the next legislature.

From the best analysis of the tabulations at hand, the following Republican ticket is nominated:

Congressional—Representatives, William E. Humphrey, F. W. Cushman, M. C. Poindexter.

State—Governor, Samuel G. Cosgrove; lieutenant governor, Charles E. Coon; secretary of state, Sam H. Nichols; state auditor, C. W. Claussen; state treasurer, Edward K. Erwin; attorney general, J. H. Easterday; commissioner of public lands, E. W. Ross; superintendent of public instruction, Henry B. Dewey; insurance commissioner, John H. Schively.

Preference for United States senator, Wesley L. Jones.

Democratic state and congressional nominations are as follows:

Congressional—Representative, Charles H. Miller.

State—Governor, John Pattison; lieutenant governor, A. C. Edwards; secretary of state, Otis Johnson; commissioner of public lands, Albert Schooley; superintendent of public instruction, Eldridge Wheeler; insurance commissioner, Edwin F. Masterson.

Preference for United States senator, George F. Cottrill.

Following are the nonpartisan nominees:

Judiciary—Judges of Supreme court, Herman D. Crow, Milo A. Root and Stephen J. Chadwick.

## Kaiser's Subjects Love Him Little

San Francisco, Sept. 10.—Judge Karl von Lewinski, president of the Imperial court at Berlin, is today wondering what surprise he will next receive at the hands of his countrymen. The German judge was a guest in the court of Judge Van Fleet yesterday, in which naturalization examinations were being heard. Several of his countrymen were questioned in the usual manner. The supreme test of citizenship qualifications was the requirement that the applicant renounce his allegiance to the mother country and take up arms against that country, if necessary. Imperial Judge von Lewinski was painfully surprised at the avidity with which his countrymen agreed to make war on the kaiser if necessary.

## Crocker's Iowa Brigade.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Sept. 10.—The fourteenth biennial reunion of Crocker's Iowa brigade, consisting of the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth regiments of Iowa infantry volunteers, began here today. The hotel Lacy was headquarters of the reunion, and the business sessions were held in the courthouse. President H. H. Root, of Mount Vernon, presided. The reunion will continue over tomorrow. The biennial address is to be delivered by Colonel Charles A. Clark, of Cedar Rapids.

## Congress of Americanists.

Vienna, Sept. 10.—The sixteenth international congress of Americanists opened today under the presidency of Baron Weckbecker at the University of Vienna and will continue in session for the next four or five days. The object of the congress is to promote scientific inquiries into the history of both Americas and their people.