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.

The Indiana legislature has pussed local option law.

A steamer has arrived at San Francisco with a case of cholera.

Turkey is arranging for its first ele when a parliament will be selected

The American battleships Maine and Atlanta have left Naples on their way

English authorities declare the sav-ings banks in schools of London have proven a failure. The Canadian Pacific is said to have

bought the White Pass railroad, which runs from Skagway to Whitehorse, Some of the railroads are almost short

on rolling stock after months when

The coroner's jury hold the freight crew to blame for the wreck on the Northern Pacific at Youngs Point, Mon-

The first word from Peary has been received by the Peary Arctic club. He left North Greenland for the north Au-

Miss Katherine Elkins, of West Virginia, will marry an Italian duke. On their way home the couple will be escorted by several Italian warships.

Leslie Carter, one-time capitalist and promoter of Chicago, is dead.

Cholera in Manila will prevent the reception to the fleet as planned.

Fire at Oakland, Cal., destroyed al most an entire block, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

The wind has died down and dan-ger from the Eureka, Cal., forest fires has greatly abated.

J. E. W. Clark, an Alaskan, is on a visit to Pacific coast cities and has just seen his first trolley car.

The epidemic of cholera at Manila seems to be under control. The daily average of new cases has fallen be-low 30.

Roosevelt has refused to grant a petition to stop Sunday baseball in the army, declaring that the game is fine exercise for the men. A combination has been formed by

Pacific and Atlantic steamship com-panies to secure European trade in competition with the transcontinental Representatives from the principa

etties of the Pacific coast have started on a trin to Japan to cultivate the friendly relations of the brown bus-iness men and offset anti-Japanese

Thaw has been summoned to Pitts burg for contempt in connection with his bankruptcy proceedings. This is said to be a part of the scheme to liberate him.

Charges of bribery are bein in Indiana's local option fight.

Rockefeller had a narrow escape from injury in an automobile acci

Eastern Oregon has had its first snow. Only a flurry lasting a few minutes fell.

Portland is to close up its red ligh district, and extra police have been provided for the purpose.

A fire believed to be of incendiary origin destroyed \$100,000 worth o property at Redding, Cal.

Wu Ting Fang. Chinese minister to the United States, is to be replaced in November. Chung Men Yew is to be his successor.

The French bark Vendee, from Portland for the United Kingdom, has gone ashore off the California coast, and may be a total loss. She

General Bell, while in the Yellow stone park, rode 300 miles on horse-back, averaging 100 miles a day, thus proving his fitness, according to the

Roosevelt test. As special officers were about t raid a counterfeiter's den near Seattle the building took fire and burned One man was caught with bar metal

By the explosion of a gun at Toulon 13 French sailors were killed and

a cruiser badly damaged.

Hearst may run for governor of Authorities believe that the vigor

ous methods employed have checked the spread of cholera in the Philip

Fire destroyed the plant of the Portland Mill & Fixture company at Portland, entailing a loss of \$35,000

The legislative halls of Indiana was the scene of a small riot until police interferred. Local option was the trouble.

RUSSIA BEGRUDGES MONEY.

Bureaucracy Weighs Dollars Heavie Than Human Life.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—The bu eauerney of St. Petersburg is weighing dollars against human life, and as a result Russia is today threatened with bne of the gravest cholera scourges in the history of the empire.

Premier Stolypin into whose hands the work of enforcing imperative sani-tary reforms was recently placed, is meeting with discouragement from those in authority on every hand. They are protesting vigorously against the enor-mous expense involved in cleaning up the city, and as a result of their oppo-sition the work will probably be only half done.

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One of Premier Stolypin's proposals is a complete new system of sewerage, the estimated cost of which is \$40,000.

It is being pleaded that the advent of cold weather will put an end to the cholera spread, whereas the history of all cholera plagues has been that cold

all caolera plagues has been that cold weather is but a temporary check, being followed in the ensuing spring by a recurrence of the scourge.

Bad as conditions are in St. Peters burg, they are hardly to be compared with the menacing aspect of the disease in other parts of the empire. In scores of towns the wrateful recovery of scores of towns the wretched poverty of the people, covered with the ignorance and superstition against remedial meas-

and superstition against remedial measures, makes the work of guarding against the fearful outbreak in the spring an utter impossibility.

Doctors are appalled at the prospect and say that whatever the outcome in St. Petersburg, there is no hope of improvement elsewhere.

It is estimated that throughout Russia there have already been 18000

sia there have already been 18,000 deaths from cholera. In many towns 75 per cent of the cases have terminated

ABOLISH COLONIST RATES.

Plan Almost Unanimously Approved by Western Railroads.

Chicago, Sept. 28 .- The colonization of the western country is going to be of the western country is going to be materially retarded if railroads be tween Chicago and the Paeific Coast carry out a plan which has been advanced by exceutive officials. A proposition has received the approval of nearly every railroad in the Western Passenger association to abolish all low or reduced rates after January 1, 1909. This determination has been reached

This determination has been reached cocause of the alarm felt over the re duction in net passenger revenues of western roads. This reduction is laid at the door of reduced rates, and genuine alarm is felt for the future. Railroad officials declare that with the 2-cent rate generally there can be no reduced without passing the margin

It is estimated that western roads It is estimated that western roads have lost this season several millions of dollars in passenger revenues, compared with what hey would have enjoyed bad they maintained a minimum 2-cent rate west of Chicago. This conclusion is based upon careful statistics prepared by the Alton and other railroads, which show that railroads have carried more passengers than ever, but at a less net revenue than accrued from a smaller movement. This can mean a smaller movement. This can mean only one thing, it is said, and that is the return of a minimum 2-cent rate

is not expected that this change can be brought about until the first of the year, but it now seems certain that, if the public desires reduced rates, they can be had only by a return to the

CHINESE AVOID HEAD TAX.

Hundreds Admitted Into Canada or False Statement.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 28 .- A scheme has inst been laid bare by the controller of Chinese immigration at Ottawa, which is believed to be the most elaborately conceived fraudulent device for effect-ing the Chinese "invasion" of Canada er perpetrated.

means of this device hundreds o oung Celestials have been flocking in young celestiats have been flocking in ut the eastern ports of the Dominion and escaping the \$500 head tax by nassing themselves off as merchants or other privileged classes. Canada has thus been victimized through honoring certificates of the charge d'affaires ad interim and consul general at the im

perial Chinese legation in Mexico. Statistics in the trade and commerce lepartment here show that 280 Chinese immigrants were admitted into Canada recently at the ports of Montreal and Halifax alone, without paying the head tax and that not more than 15 Chinese should have been so favored.

Land Grab Thwarted.

San Francisco, Sept. 28 .- State Mineralogist Aubury after a long fight has compelled H. H. Yard & Co., speculator associated with the Western Pacific to release their hold on 13,000 acres of rich mineral land in Plumas and Butte counties. This land was located by Yare ond his associates some years ago. Later Aubury filed an action in the land of fice on the ground that while it had been taken as mineral land and was known to contain minerals, the land was desired for railroad purposes. The land office has now cancelled the filing

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is to begin service with the Hartford Carpet Works at Thomp-sonville today. It is thought he will enter the operating department.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

SURVEYORS ARE BUSY.

Be Assured. Klamath Falls,--Engineer B. F. company, is establishing a large surey camp near Merrill, and is buying scale. The survey is supposed to be he California Northeastern railway at Midland, eight miles below Klamith Falls. Incorporation papers were iled some weeks ago for the Modoc Northern railway, and Engineer Knowlton's surveying party is beleved to be here for the purpose of determining the location of this road rom northern California into southrn Oregon.

A railroad construction camp has also been established two and a half miles south of this city, where a sub-contractor of Ericson and Peterson has a contract for a mile and a half of grade, to connect with the grade

WALNUTS IN HIGH FAVOR.

Hundreds of Acres to Be Planted in

Yamhill County. McMinnville.—The planting of Engish walnuts in this county will be done on a grand scale during the coming season. This year over 1000 icres were planted. A tract of 1000 acres has been platted near Amity and sold to be planted to walnuts. The Oak Hill farm, near North Yamhill recently sold, has 40 or 50 acres in trees, a good portion of them bearing. coming season. This year over 1000 rees, a good portion of them bearing. and the remainder of the 1016 acres will be planted to trees. The Jacobs Stine company, of Portland, has late ly acquired title to the Riverside or chards tract lying east of this city, and comprising 500 acres, which is platted to sell to walnut planters.

Business and professional men and the neighboring farmers have sel apart at least 1000 acres for immediate walnut planting in the vicinity of McMinnville, whose name, the "Wal-nut City," is no empty one, since it will soon have 1500 acres of walnuts in its vicinity.

Democrats File Nominations.

Salem.-The Democratic party filed ts nominations for presidential electors with the secretary of state Sepember 18. It was the last day for iling. The names of electors are as follows: E. S. J. McAllister, Portland; Samuel White, Baker City; August Huckenstein, Salem, and O. D. Coshow, Roseburg. The Democrats were last to file their nominations. The Socialists filed their nominations first on July 29, the Republicans and Prohibitionists together on Septem-ber 10, and the Independents followed on September 16.

Spring Wheat Goes 40 Bushels.

Hillsboro. - E. W. Dant, who breshed out of Reedville for 29 seaons, states that he recently turned unt 3000 bushels of wheat raised on he Hare ranch, a mile south of Hills-boro, that produced 40 bushels to the acre. This has not been uncommon acre. This has not been uncommon in this county this season for winter wheat, but this grain was sown this spring. Spring oats, however, are reported as light all over the county.

Wallows to Have Courthouse

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

Multnomah's Good Showing.

Portland.—That only 1 per cent of the taxes imposed in Multnomah county will be delinquent on the first Monday in October is the showing ex-pected from figures now available in the tax collection department of the sheriff's office. The estimated delinquency is \$32,209 12, on a tax roll that totals \$3,226,564.25.

La Grande Faces Coal Famine.

La Grande—Unless the coal strike in Montana comes to an abrupt end La Grande will experience a coal famine. In fact, there is only suf-ficient coal on hand with the local lealers to fill passenger orders, and no more can be had. The coal situa-

Athena Wheat Nearly Sold.

Athena.-Nearly all of the wheat in this section has not only been sold, but has been delivered and shipped. This is contrary to the usual order of things, inasmuch as the shipping season heretofore has lasted for several months.

HORSES FOR HAWAII.

Alturas-Midland Line Now Believed to Island Planter Has Buyer in Klamath Falls Country.

Klamath Falls.-John T. Baker, a Knowlton, of the Southern Pacific large land owner and influential man of affairs of the Hawaiian islands, has and passengers were saved. The Star been hunting in Klamath county the horses and supplies on an extensive past two weeks, and has just ordered a carload of Klamath county horses line from Alturas to connect with shipped to his ranch in the islands. Mr. Baker came to the United States with Prince David and a party, expecting to hunt in the wilds of Oregon, Washington and Alaska. On account of the death of Prince David in San Francisco all plans were changed, and Mr. Baker went back to Honolulu with the body. On his teturn to San Francisco the Klamath country was recommended to him as excellent hunting grounds mear jat hand. He was delighted with his hunt, and expects to come back next year with a party of friends.

Henry Straw, a local horse dealer, has charge of the buying of a carload of horses for Mr. Baker, and is to deliver them at the ranch in Hawaii. ountry was recommended to him as

Send Eugeue Apples East.

Eugene.—The Lane County Fruit will ship from 20 to 30 carloads of apples to Eastern and Southern States this fall, with the purpose of establishing the reputation of this section out of the country. But this year the association is in control, and nothing but the best apples will go to make Lane county's reputation

Rare Ones on Beach.

Waldport.-George W. Blodgett, lapidist of Portland, is camped with a party of Portland people on the beach south of Waldport. Mr. Blodgett has found some very beautiful and valuable stones while here, one in particular being a large, clear agate containing pyrites of iron on fernlike forms. The stone is large enough to be cut into seven smaller stones about an inch long. Just such a stone is an inch long. Just such a stone is not described in geology. Mr. Thomas, the veteran lapidist at Newport, says the small pieces are worth \$100 each.

Will Rebuild Sawmill.

Tillamook.-Several Tillamook citizens have made arrangements to re-build the sawmill of the Tillamook build the sawmin of the Intamook Lumbering company, which was burned down last October, and have incorporated the Tillamook Lumber Manufacturing company for that pur-pose, with a capital stock placed at \$10,000.

PORTLAND MARKETS,

Barley-Feed, \$26 per jon; rolled \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.50. Oats—No. 1 white, \$30 per ton;

gray, \$29.

Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; fortyfold. 92c; turkey red, 92c; fife, 89c;
bluestem, 93c; valley, 91c.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, 91c
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sterday heavy clouds of smoke hung over Windber, Johnstown and intermary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50;
mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11;
alfalfa meal, \$20.

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\$1.25@1.50 per box; ground cherries,
75c per box.
Potatoes — \$5@90c per hundred;
sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.
Melons—Cantaloupes, 50@75c per
crate; watermelons, 1@1c per pound;
casabas, \$1.75 per dozen.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack;
carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets,
\$1.50; artichokes, 65c per doz; beans,
3@4c per pound; cabbage, 2c per lb.;
auliflower, \$1.25 dozen; celery, 75c@
\$1 per dozen; corn, 75c@\$1 per sack;
cucumbers, 30@40c per box; egg \$1 per dozen; corn, 75c@\$1 per sack; cucumbers, 30@40c per box; egg plant, 50c@\$1.25 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, s@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@15c per pound; radishes, 125c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 15c per pound; tomators, 175@25c.

Rutter — Extras, 34c per pound;

per pound; squash, lic per pound; tomatoes, 174@25c.

Butter — Extras, 34c per pound; fancy, 32ic; choice, 30c; store, 18c.

Eggs — Oregon extras, 29@30c; firsts, 27@28c; seconds, 23@26c; Eastern, 20i@27c per dozen.

Poultry—Fancy bens, 13ic; spring, 14@18c; ducks, old, 12@12ic; spring, 14@18c; gerse, old, 9c; young, 10@11c; turkeys, old 17@18c; young, 20c.

Veal—Extra, 8@8ic per pound; ordinary, 7@7ic; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 8ic per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.

Hops—Oregon, 1908, 7@8c per lb; 1907, 2i@4c; 1906, 1i@1ic.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@16ic per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@15ic, Mohair, choice, 18@18ic per pound.

Star of Bengal Loses 110 of Crew and Big Salmon Cargo.

STEAMER ON ROCKS.

Seattle, Wash, Sept. 23.-Advicelast night from Alaska by the United States signal corps say that 110 men, including nine whites, were drowned in the wreck of the American bark Star of Bengal, on Coronation island west of the Prince of Wales archi pelago.

of Bengal belonged to the Alaska Packers' association, and was on her way to San Francisco with a cargo of 54,000 cases of salmon.

In addition to her crew she carried 100 Chinese and Japanese who were employed in the canneries of the company and taken aboard at Fori

Wrangel.

The Star of Bengal took aboard cargo at Fort Wrangel, consisting of canned salmon, and started down Summer strait in tow of the tug-Hattie Gage and Kayak. As the vessels neared the open sea, where the sailing craft would have sea room to work off shore, the wind was steadily freshening, blowing on shore. The tugs struggled valiantly to keep the ship clear of the rocks, but the wind drove it down on the rocks lining the shore of Coronation island, which lies at the mouth of Iphigenia bay, and to save themselves from destruction the steam vessels were forced to cast off the lines and head out to sea.

The Star of Bengal went onto the rocks in such a position that the tugs could not get near enough to give any assistance, and the Gage headed for Fort Wrangel with news of the disaster. Wrangel.

RUSSIANS DIE BY HUNDREDS

Official Reports Don't Account for Al Cholera Victims.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.-Up to oon yesterday the municipal hos pitals reported for the preceding 24 ours 417 cholera cases and 176 deaths. There is a total of 1587 patients in he various hospitals,

That the municipal statistics are in omplete is conclusively proved by the number, of interments. At one cemetery they aggregated 424 for the last three days, or within 20 of the total number of deaths reported.

The cholera dead are being interres at Preobrazhenskoe, which is about one hour distance on the railroad. A train of several coaches, carrying the nourners and a dozen freight cars with the dead in rude coffins, goes daily to the place. The scenes are heart-rending in the chapel, where service is conducted uninterruptedly

caused a painful delay in the past few days, 150 coffins containing bodies now being stored in the adjoining woodshed. Some of the mourners have been waiting their turn for several days.

Pennsylvania Fires Checked.
Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—Reports received yesterday from Ashtola. near Johnston, where a forest fire has been raging for several days, are to the effect that the fire is now under control. At Ashtola 10,000,000 feet of logs were burned, and at Arrow, near of the service is conducted uninterruptedly might and day.

Could Have Been Saved.

Wrangel, Alaska, Sept. 24.—One hundred and ten whites and Chinese were swept to death when the cannery bark Star of Bengal broke to pieces on Coronation island. Twenty-seven, including Captain Wagner, were rescued, and are now here, physical and mental wreeks which they underwent.

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Late last night another fire started in the Hayden woods, near Greens-burg. Yesterday the flames were

spreading rapidly.
In practically all the churches Sun day special prayers were offered up that the drouth in western Pennsyl-vania, eastern Ohio and West Vir-ginia might be ended.

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Chicago, Sept. 23.—For the first time since the appearance of Upton Sinclair's packing house expose. "The Jungle," the British government yesterday contracted for an order of American meat. closing a contract with Libby McNeil & Libby, packers, for 5,000,000 pounds of fresh beef, According to the contract, which was made through Thomas Arskine, British consul at Chicago, the price to be paid for the consignment of meat is \$500,000. Erskine requested the submission of bids for several million pounds of canned meats

Adirondack Towns in Peril

New York, Sept. 23.—Alarm is felt in many sections of the state because of the rapid spread of the big forest fires that have been burning for many days in the Adirondacks. According to dispatches received by the Associated Press here last night, dangerous fires are burning in some score of places, and a number of small towns and summer resorts are threatened.

San Francisco Sept. 23.—Cable dispetches from Manila report that a crose of cholera broke out on the transport Sheridan shortly after her departure from that port on September 15. The vessel put back to port and in own in ownerating.

CHOLERA STRIKES RUSSIA'S RULERS

High and Low Suffer in St. Petersburg from Dread Disease.

Many Victims Found in the School Court Councilior Stricken While Entertaining Guests-Dead Arrive at Cometeries Faster Than the Sextons Can Bury Them.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24 .- Asiatic cholera is spreading so rapidly that it has invaded the families of the aristocracy and merchants, and one case has been discovered in the palace of Prince Alexander of Oldenburg, a cousin of the emperor. Schools have become infected and the deaths are so numerous that the sextons cannot bury the bodies as fast as they arrive at the cemeteries.

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Twenty-four cases have been reported in the town of Peterhof. The imperial family is expected to return soon to Peterhof palace from its cruise in Finnish waters.

The disease has broken out among the cadets at Pavlovsk military academy, one of the most important higher military schools in the empire. Porty students have been sent to hospitals, and two deaths already have been announced. Several attendants at the academy also have been stricken. The academy has been closed and the remaining cadets sent into camp at Krasmoe-Selo.

Among the cases reported in St. Petersburg yesterday was that of Court Councillor Nechiporenko, who was stricken while entertaining a party of guests. Two prominent merchants, several officials of the various ministries and other members of the better classes in the capital are down with the disease.

A servant in the second military school has developed the cholera, and measures are being taken to prevent an outbreak in this institution. The disease was conveyed to these two schools in the rations served to the students.

The accumulation of corpses at the graveyards continues. There were 12 unburied bodies at the Preobrazhenskoe cemetery yesterday morning, and the regular mortuary train brought down 146 more. The sextons are able to inter only 120 bodies a day.

The report for the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday shows 436 cases and 157 deaths in St. Petersburg, an increase of 19 cases and a decrease of 18 deaths, as compared with Tuesday's statistics.

TUGBOAT MEN CURYED.

Captain of Startof Bengal Says Crew Could Have Been Saved.

sunk to a hoarse whisper, the captain of the wrecked bark cursed the masters of the Hattie Gage and Kayak as cowards, who, he said, stood by and saw human being perish by the score when they could have saved every one of

them.
Sobbing like a child, the captain of the Bengal told how his vessel was allowed to drift on the rocks while these tugs stood by without making an effort to rescue her until she broke into three

to rescue her until she broke into three pieces.

"They cut loose from us and ran like the cowards they are and let us go to certain death. We were in 10 fathoms of water. The wind was not blowing hard, and they could have held on to us as well as not. We were in plenty of water for four hours while they were standing by, and we hoped every minute that they would come alongside. For four long despairing hours we burned blue lights, hoping against hope, and those cowards hung off in fear and saw good men swept away. We blew upon the rocks and pounded to pieces. Something hit me and when I came to I was on the beach."

Kansas Warns Rail Magnates.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 24.—Alleging that the Missouri Pacific tracks in this state are in such poor condition that the line is unsafe, the state radway commis has notified George J. Gould and E. H. has notified George J. Gould and B. H.
Harriman that, repairs must be made immediately. The commissioners remind Gould of promises to repair the road which have been made in the past by his company, and warn him that mere words will not be acceptable in future. The board threatens to send inspectors and publish weekly reports of the defects found.