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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.

New cases of cholera are very few at Manila.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw says her husband is incurable.

Chicago has started a movement to systematically care for its hungry.

Official reports show that the number of cholera cases in Russia are decreasing.

Tests of submarine boats are being conducted by the government at Newport, L. I.

The lumber rate case heard at San Francisco has been referred to the supreme court.

The state land commissioner of Minnesota says some of the best timber has been burned.

For the first time in a number of months the Burlington shops are running on full time.

Chinese steamship companies are endeavoring to secure a portion of the Pacific coast business.

So far cost of prosecution of Thaw for the shooting of Stanford White is said to have been \$54,837.

Taxicab drivers of New York have gone on strike for better pay. Many strikebreakers are said to be available.

Deaths from the flood in India are now estimated at 50,000.

A son of Admiral Evans must stand court-martial on several charges.

Longworth proposes that Roosevelt run for president eight years from now.

San Francisco saloonmen accuse one of the police captains of attempted extortion.

Six persons were injured at Los Angeles by the collision of a switch engine and an electric car.

The Turkish army is moving toward the Bulgarian frontier and Bulgaria is preparing for war.

The Congo Independent State upholds King Leopold's rule and denies that cruelties have been practiced.

Jean Dunsuir, Canada's richest woman, is dead. Her son was one time lieutenant-governor of the province.

Utah Democrats have selected J. William Knight as their candidate for governor. His father was first offered the nomination.

Government inspectors are investigating the wreck of the Star of Bengal. The ship's officers will testify that the vessel could have been saved together with the 111 lives had the tugs not abandoned her.

The American fleet has arrived at Manila and was received amid great rejoicing.

English trainmen threaten to strike for better pay and fully \$50,000 would go out. Wages range from \$5 per week for signalmen to \$16 for the best engineers. Conductors get \$8 per week.

France will back Russia in a move to make Bulgaria give Turkey a disputed line of railroad.

Richard Croker, ex-Tammany leader, will visit New York.

Roosevelt has declined an invitation to visit Australia.

A freight train collided with an excursion near Toledo, O., and six persons were killed and a number injured.

The first lid-test case at Portland was won by the defendant, a billiard hall proprietor who kept his place open on Sunday.

The Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Union Pacific railroads are to start suits to prevent the new lumber rate to the east being put into effect.

Cholera at St. Petersburg is reported to be at a standstill.

Whole pages from the city directory were copied at Los Angeles in preparing a petition for a popular vote on a new ordinance. Prosecutions will follow.

The American battleship fleet will visit China in November.

John D. Rockefeller has assumed active charge of Standard Oil business since the breakdown of H. H. Rogers.

Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, has married a daughter of ex-Senator Dietrich, of Nebraska.

The Fulton Iron works, one of the pioneers of San Francisco, is to go out of business. This firm has built more than 500 vessels.

Thousands of native houses have been washed away and there has been great loss of life in India by flood waters of the Musi river.

## SPOKANE NEYT YEAR.

Washington City Secures Meeting of Irrigation Congress.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 5.—Spokane was selected as the meeting place for the seventeenth national irrigation congress, at the close of the sixteenth congress Saturday. Pueblo withdrew at the last moment, and the vote was made unanimous.

The new governing board of the congress, created by this meeting, was elected Saturday at a meeting of the executive committee. This board has full powers to manage the affairs of the congress and to continue its work between sessions. The members are: President, G. H. Barstow, of Texas; secretary, B. A. Fowler, of Arizona; W. A. Beard, of California, chairman of the executive committee, and Fred J. Kiesel, of Utah; Dr. W. J. McGee, of Washington, D. C.; John Dixon, of Montana, and one other member, who is to be selected by the board.

The closing session was made interesting by a strong address by Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, president of the national rivers and harbors congress, who urged co-operation between his organization and the national irrigation congress. That an international congress will be held at some one of the South American capitals in 1910 is now fairly assured, although the matter will not be determined until the congress meets in 1909.

The industrial exposition will continue until October 10. Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in trophies and prizes will be awarded at the close of the exposition.

## RUNS ON TIES.

Fast Passenger Makes Mile a Minute Without Rails.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Passengers on the Lake Shore Twentieth Century Limited thought they were taking breakfast in a wreck as the tender trucks of the giant locomotive hauling the fast train left the tracks a half mile west of Gary at 8 A. M. yesterday. For a mile the wheels of the tender bumped over the ties, while the engineer sought to halt the flyer, speeding to Chicago at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The dining car and the smoker also left the rails.

For what seemed to the passengers three or four minutes the train dashed ahead, but with slackening speed. After about a mile it was brought to a stop and it was found that no one was injured. At the point where the accident occurred the tracks of the Lake Shore are elevated so that an embankment of eight or ten feet descending on either side promised a dangerous plunge if the bouncing cars left the rails.

The airbrake on the diner, loosened from its fastenings, fell to the ground. This derailed the diner, the smoker and the tender. An angle-bar of the track was uprooted and tore through the floor of the diner, causing a panic among the passengers at breakfast.

## WRIGHT'S LATEST WONDER.

Beats World's Record With Passenger on Board.

Le Mans, Oct. 4.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, who holds the world's record for an airplane flight, established another world's record yesterday afternoon for the time and distance with a passenger. With a French journalist by his side, he remained in the air for 55 minutes and 37 seconds, circling the field 24 times and covering a distance estimated at 58 kilometers, or about 36 miles. His best previous flight with a passenger was 11 minutes 35.2 seconds.

By his feat Mr. Wright practically fulfills the conditions of a contract signed by him and Lazare Weiller, who represents a syndicate, whereby Mr. Wright receives \$100,000, and the syndicate takes in return the patent rights of the Wright machine for France and the colonies, with the privilege of manufacturing aeroplanes on this model.

The sun was setting when Mr. Wright and his passenger started, and the flight was completed in the moonlight. When they alighted, the French journalist in his enthusiasm threw his arms around Mr. Wright's neck, and the great crowd of spectators was hardly less demonstrative in its manifestations of delight.

## Sue for Timber Value.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Suit for the recovery of \$5174.87, said to be the value of timber cut from the government lands allotted to the Indians of the Klamath tribe and sold by the Indians to the defendant corporation was filed by the government attorneys here Saturday against the Klamath Mill & Transportation company. It is a similar suit some years ago United States District Judge DeHaven held that the Indians had no right to sell timber off their allotments unless the proceeds of such sale went to the government.

## Central America Sends Gold.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—The mines of Salvador and Mexico have contributed \$108,508.76 to the wealth of this country in the form of gold and silver bullion. It came up in the treasure vault of the Pacific Mail steamship Newport. Half comes from the Batters gold mine in Salvador, the remainder from widely known mines back of Masatlan. It is the largest amount of treasure brought from the southern coast in one consignment in months.

## NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

### LAND FOR HUNDREDS.

Harney and Malheur Acres Removed from Predatory Ownership.

Burns.—The stock companies which have been fencing government land will have to tear down their fences and allow homesteaders to file on the land. Recently the government has been active in Harney and Malheur counties, and the predatory land interests have received their ultimatum as the result. The William Hanley company, which bought the holdings of the French Glenn Livestock company, has about 300,000 acres of land practically under one fence, which starts near Malheur Lake and ends in Catlin valley, a distance of 90 miles. Most of the land in Dimond and Happy valleys, besides a part of Steins mountain, is fenced. About 100,000 acres of this large tract is owned by the government. Several fine homesteads have been taken in these fields lately, which were formerly supposed to be owned by the stock company.

The Pacific Livestock company, which is the largest livestock company on the coast, also had large tracts fenced in Harney and Malheur counties. One field containing 40,000 acres, 15 miles south of Burns, has been found to contain several hundred acres of government land, and several homesteads have been taken in the past few months.

### TEN ACRES, \$16,000.

Record Price Paid for Hood River Orchard Land.

Hood River.—Sixteen thousand dollars for a 10-acre fruit farm was the price paid here a few days ago by Frank E. Deem, an Illinois man. The tract bought by Mr. Deem has no buildings on it and the price is therefore a straight one of \$1,600 per acre. This is the highest price for \$900 per acre that orchard land has ever sold for in Hood River, and is said to be the highest ever paid in the state. The orchard is in 7-year-old Spitzenberg and Newtown trees that had a fine crop last year and also have a good yield this year.

The purchase is part of a 50-acre orchard of young trees owned by M. M. Hill, a former Iowa man, who came here a few years ago and set it out and is located on the east side of the valley near the Mt. Hood railroad. While the price is the highest that has ever been received here, orchard men say that Hood River bearing orchards have not yet reached their top prices.

### Fine Sized Italians.

Monroe.—A careful estimate of the prune crop, based upon the yield as already gathered, shows less than one-half the usual amount of this fruit in this section. The petites are showing a tendency to dry faster than usual; they were taken from the trays in some instances within 18 hours from the time they were put on to dry, and from those already taken off it seems that this prune will be of excellent quality this season. On account of the poor crop this year some orchards will not pay picking expenses, but a yield of from one-third to one-half will be taken from a few.

### Operations Resumed.

Eugene.—The Eugene excelsior factory, one of the leading manufacturing institutions of this city, employing about 30 men, has resumed operations after a shutdown of about three months. The mill is operating with a full crew day and night and has orders enough ahead for its product to keep it in operation for an indefinite period. Besides the men employed in the factory, a large number are kept busy in the woods, felling trees and cutting them up into suitable lengths for the manufacture of excelsior.

### Buyers Milking Machines.

Hillsboro.—Ex-Sheriff John W. Connell has bought two milking machines for his dairy ranch four miles north of this city. These are the first milking machines ever brought into the county. Washington county milks more cows than any other section of like area in the Pacific northwest, and dairymen are striving to get the cost of furnishing milk to condensers reduced as much as possible.

### 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.

### BIG PROFIT IN HOGS.

Yamhill Farmer Gets Over \$570 in Cash from 57 Porkers.

McMinnville.—Among Yamhill's diversities hogs follow dairying pretty closely in point of profit. James Reid, living a short distance east of town, sold a bunch of 57 hogs lately, fattened at a cash outlay of \$42, receiving for them the sum of \$616.87, or a profit of \$574.87.

Besides giving the porkers 1½ tons of millfeed at \$28 a ton, Mr. Reid allowed them to have the run of a 100-acre field of clover early in the season. He then let them have a 3-acre clover field, then an 8-acre field of wheat and later a 4-acre patch of peas. The 100-acre field of clover was mowed for seed, the pasturing being a benefit rather than a detriment.

Thus, the hogs used only the product from 15 acres, giving a profit of a little more than \$38 an acre net, fair interest on land at a valuation of \$400 an acre, after deducting the cost of putting in the crop. The hogs did all the harvesting.

### Fishways Uncovered.

Klamath Falls.—Old Indian rock fishways have been uncovered in Link river, the second time they have been seen in 24 years. On account of the unusual low water this season two fishways are now visible. The oldest Indians claim no knowledge of the building of these dams, indicating that they were constructed many years ago. They are built in runways, with platforms on either side, evidently where the Indians stood to spear the salmon as they made their way up the swift current in the runways. For the last quarter of a century the river has been higher than in the early days and the Indians have learned to fish as the white man does.

### Lane County Is Short.

Eugene.—The prune crop in Lane county this fall is thought to be about one-half what it was last year, when one of the best crops in the history of the county was raised. This year the late frosts largely affected the crop and in some exposed places in the county there is scarcely a prune in some of the orchards. This condition prevails to some extent in the prairie country west of Eugene, where there are no protecting woods to keep off the heavy frosts, but along the river bottoms, especially north of Eugene, the crop is heavy, and in some orchards it is said to be as heavy as it was last year.

### Boom at Tillamook.

Tillamook.—Tillamook is taxed to its utmost to find sufficient rooms to accommodate parties wishing to rent them. Since the announcement that work would start on the railroad people have been flocking here from all directions and many people are kept away owing to the fact that every available Tillamook house is rented.

### Leaves for Washington.

Salem.—Railroad Commissioner Clyde B. Aitchison has left for Washington, D. C., where he will represent the Oregon railroad commission at the meeting of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, which will be assembled at Washington from October 6 to 10.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 93c; club, 88c; five, 85c; red Russian, 86c; 40-fold, 91c; valley, 90c.  
Barley—Feed, 82c per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.50.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 per ton; gray, \$30@30.50.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, 49; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.  
Fruit—Apples, new, 60c@1.50 per box; peaches, 40c@50c per box; pears, 75c@1.00 per box; plums, 50c@1.00 per box; grapes, 40c@1.25 per crate; Concord, 20c@25c per basket; huckleberries, 8c@10c per pound; quinces, 1.25 per box; cranberries, \$10 per barrel.  
Potatoes—90c@95c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.  
Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; watermelons, 5c@1c per pound; casabas, \$1.75@2 per dozen.  
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; artichokes, 65c per dozen; beans, 5c@10c per pound; cabbage, 1½c per pound; cauliflower, 25c@75c dozen; celery, 75c@1 per dozen; corn, 75c@1 per sack; cucumbers, 15c@20c per dozen; egg plant, 50c@1.25 per crate; lettuce, 75c@1 per box; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8c@10c per pound; pumpkins, 10c@15c per pound; radishes, 12½c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 9c per pound; squash, 1½c per pound; tomatoes, 60c@81c.  
Butter—City creamery, extras, 32½@34c; fancy outside creamery, 30c@32½c per pound; store, 18c.  
Eggs—Oregon extras, 31c@32½c; firsts, 27c@30c; seconds, 23c@26c; eastern, 25c@28c per dozen.  
Poultry—Fancy hens, 13½@14c; spring, 14½@15c; ducks, old, 12c@12½c; spring, 14c@15c; geese, old, 9c; young 10c@11c; turkeys, old, 17c@18c; young 20c.  
Veal—Extra, 9c per pound; ordinary, 7c@7½c; heavy, 5c.  
Pork—Fancy, 8½c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.

## CAR JUMPS TRACK.

Six Men Killed and Six Others Injured Near Scappoose.

Portland, Oct. 2.—Six men killed and six injured. That was the toll claimed by a sudden shower of rain which wet the tracks on a steep spur of the Portland & Southwestern Logging railway, just as a construction train was nearing the summit of a hill at a point eight miles north and west of Scappoose, early yesterday afternoon.

Five men, in charge of the train and crew, were on the locomotive. These escaped. Twelve men were on the one gravel car which was being pushed uphill by the locomotive when the runaway occurred. Not one of these men got away unhurt. They clung to the car as it swept back down the hill and jumped the track at a sharp curve. Three of them were killed outright, two more died while being taken to Scappoose, and another died after being brought to the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland.

None of the unfortunate 12 had seemed really to understand their danger until their car had leaped the track and death and destruction were in their midst. The locomotive went around the curve easily. The car followed, but just as it swung clear the momentum sloughed it aside. The pin which held it to the locomotive snapped and the big engine continued its mad flight on the tracks to the bottom of the grade, where it stopped on an uphill stretch.

## PEARY OFF FOR POLAR SEA.

Steamer Erik Returns With Latest News of Explorer.

St. Johns, N. F., Oct. 2.—Having safely transferred a large supply of stores to the Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt at Etah, West Greenland, the auxiliary steamer Erik has arrived back in this port.

The Roosevelt left Etah on August 18, bound north through Kane basin, Kennedy channel and Robeson strait. It is the explorer's plan either to enter the Polar sea or to reach a point from which he can easily get to Cape Columbia by February next. Then he will make a dash across the ice floes toward the pole.

The Roosevelt has on board three Americans beside Commander Peary, the regular crew of the steamer, 23 Eskimos and 350 dogs. The Eskimos, Captain Bartlett said, are eager to assist the explorer.

The Erik started on her return voyage to St. Johns on August 20. In Davis strait the Erik struck an iceberg, which battered her bows above the water line. She made the harbor at Mukovik, Labrador, where she effected temporary repairs, then proceeded. The remainder of the voyage was without incident.

## EMBEZZLED TEN MILLIONS.

Danish Minister of Justice Sold Titles and Decorations.

Copenhagen, Oct. 2.—Having fixed the amount of his actual thefts at \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000, the Danish government is attempting to determine to what extent the defaulting former minister of justice, Alberti, profited by the sale of titles and decorations, in which he is asserted to have done a wholesale business for 14 years. The inquiry promises to be intensely embarrassing to scores of prominent men whose elevation to the aristocracy Alberti is said to have secured on payment of heavy sums, which he afterward lost, along with his stealings, in unlucky speculation. The skill with which the fallen minister covered up these transactions is seriously handicapping the investigators. From Alberti himself they are getting little assistance, the culprit having utterly collapsed since his surrender to the police. Physicians say there is no pretense concerning the partial loss of his memory, and it is the general opinion that he will not live to be punished.

Failures growing out of his operations continue to be of almost daily occurrence. Of the former minister's thefts about \$5,000,000 were from large banks and syndicates, and the balance from private individuals and commercial houses.

Former Premier Christensen, who though suspected of no personal dishonesty, aided Alberti to raise money through public channels to such an extent that he was forced to resign, has spent entire days under painful cross-examination by the investigators.

## Tom Lawson Very Sick.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 2.—Thomas W. Lawson, author of "Frenzied Finance," is seriously ill at his home in this city. His private secretary announced yesterday that the financier was suffering from grip, but it is feared the real trouble is the result of a general breakdown following his arduous work during the past few years. It was said at his office that he would be confined to his home for several days. It is rumored among the brokers, however, that his condition is more serious than is admitted by his family and employes.

## Chinese Emperor Insane.

Pekin, Oct. 2.—A peculiar mental derangement from which the Chinese emperor is suffering has been puzzling the attendants at the royal palace for some time and yesterday a consultation of the most eminent physicians in China was called by the empress dowager to discuss the case of their royal patient.

## WORK OF PINCHOT AGAIN INDORSED

Enemies Fail to Sustain Charges at Irrigation Congress.

Work of Government Bureaus Developing West Approved—Timber and Stone Law Indorsed—International Congress Called for in 1910—Create New Reserves.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 3.—The struggle in the National Irrigation Congress between the supporters and opponents of the present government forestry policy resulted in a sweeping victory for the friends of Chief Forester Pinchot yesterday. With a few recommendations for change in the forest regulations the congress adopted resolutions indorsing the forest service as well as other government bureaus conceived in the work of development and reclamation. It also took advanced ground in favor of conservation of natural resources in general.

The resolutions give sweeping indorsement to the work of the reclamation service, the forest service and the geological survey and urge on congress continued support and increased appropriations for all of these bureaus; urge the repeal of the timber and stone act, "to the end that the accumulation of the public lands in the hands of a few great corporations may be arrested"; urge the speedy creation of the southern Appalachian and White mountain national forests; ask congress for an adequate appropriation for the use of the hydrographical division of the geological survey to determine by experiment and measurement and observation the practical effects of grazing and lumbering on the supply of water for irrigation and on the erosion of the soil and that such investigation extend over the various watersheds, both in and out of the national forests and that such investigation be prosecuted simultaneously throughout all the states and territories of the arid and semi-arid west.

A strong resolution against free sugar is included, also resolutions for the creation of immigration bureaus by the western states and territories; requesting co-operation with the national conservation commission, a conservation committee of the irrigation congress being authorized; urging that the Carey act be made applicable to the territories; indorsing the movement to hold a session of the congress in Washington in 1910, to be known as an international congress on irrigation, and asking appropriations from the state and the federal governments for this congress; and authorizing the present congress to appoint a committee of five, to be known as the congressional committee, charged with the duty of urging the recommendations of the irrigation congress.

## PERMIT NO SHORE LEAVE.

Admiral Sperry Decides to Run No Risk of Cholera Infection.

Manila, Oct. 3.—Rear-Admiral Sperry has finally decided not to land any men here and to maintain a practical quarantine of the ships during their stay. Admiral Sperry discussed the question with Governor-General Smith this morning, and the above action was determined upon.

There are still several new cases of cholera daily, and it was decided that it would be safest and best not to take any chances of its spreading to the fleet. The officers will be allowed brief shore liberty under close restrictions.

Forty steamers and launches, gaily decorated, paraded today around the outer lines in which the fleet is anchored. Governor-General Smith and Brigadier-General A. L. Mills, accompanied by their staff, and Frank Strong, chairman of the general reception committee, boarded the flagship Connecticut and spent a half hour with Rear-Admiral Sperry. Rear-Admiral Sperry returned their call later in the day.

## Harriman Orders New Cars.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—It was announced here yesterday that the Pullman Car company will begin delivering an order for 220 steel passenger cars for the Harriman lines within 60 days. The order is but a starter of orders that are to be placed for steel cars by all the big railroad lines, it is stated. The adoption of the steel cars was decided upon after a long series of experiments conducted by the Harriman lines. The cars are to be steel shells with but very little wood in their construction.

## Hole Inch Deep Burned.

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—While sitting at the receiving instrument of the wireless telegraph station on Russian Hill yesterday, L. T. Crow, an operator, received a shock of electricity that burned a hole an inch deep in the marble top of the table on which the instrument was resting. Crow escaped with slight injury, and estimated that 30,000 volts passed through his body.