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Leaves Corvallis ..... 11:30 A. M.
Arrives Albany ..... 12:15 P. M.

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Arrives Ashland	12:35 a. m., 11:30 a. m.
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" San Francisco	7:45 p. m., 8:15 a. m.
" Ogden	5:45 a. m., 11:45 a. m.
" Denver	9 a. m., 9 a. m.
" Kansas City	7:25 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Chicago	7:45 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Los Angeles	1:30 p. m., 7 a. m.
" El Paso	6 p. m., 6 p. m.
" Fort Worth	6:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
" City of Mexico	9:55 a. m., 9:55 a. m.
" Houston	4 a. m., 4 a. m.
" New Orleans	6:25 p. m., 6:25 a. m.
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

West Point cadets agree to abolish hazing.

Enraged Omaha citizens burned a pesthouse.

Germans contemplate a cable line around the world.

The naval appropriation bill provides for four new warships.

Astoria's big export sawmill will be located at Tongue's Point.

The term of duty in the Philippines may be limited to two years.

Minister Wu urges Americans to enter into trade with China.

Havana citizens petition congress to lower duty on Cuban products.

America's protests against Venezuela have been defied by that government.

The house will devote most of its time this week to the appropriation bill.

British ship Muel Tryvan foundered in English channel and 11 lives were lost.

T. W. Bartley, of Moscow, has been appointed fish and game warden for Idaho.

Anarchist plot to kill prominent Americans disclosed by member in a court trial.

Severe cold weather prevails in Cuba. There has been much suffering at Santiago.

Count de Lubersac and Baron de Rothschild fought a duel in France in which the former was wounded.

An Idaho bill for the repeal of the stringent law against gambling has been introduced in the house.

The Oregon legislature will be asked by the managers of the Spokane exposition to appropriate $50,000 for an exhibit at the fair.

Two men, while rowing across Niagara river, lost control of their boat and were carried into the rapids. One of them was swept over the falls and drowned. The other was rescued.

All hopes for the recovery of Queen Victoria are gone and the announcement of her death is hourly expected. All members of her family are either at her bedside or going there as fast as steam can carry them.

The British met with severe losses at Murraysburg.

Reinforcements will be sent to Kitchener at once.

Two hundred mill hands at Florence, Colo., have struck.

Fred T. Dubois was elected United States senator from Idaho.

The sentencing of Alvord, the embezzler, has been postponed.

Colombian rebels were defeated by the government troops near Panama.

The president has appointed Vada Moore postmaster at Ironside, Oregon.

Fred Alexander, the Negro murderer, was burned at the stake at Leavenworth, Kans.

A sawmill for Astoria, with a daily capacity of 200,000 feet, has been financed in New York.

The O. R. & N. Co.'s wharf at Salem was carried away by high water. Loss about $1,000.

Two carloads of Portuguese laborers bound for the sugar plantations of Hawaii passed through Chicago en route for San Francisco.

Chicago detectives raised a counterfeiter's den, captured J. P. McGarry, the supposed leader of the band and secured three bags of spurious coin.

Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, engineer-in-chief of the United States navy yard, says that English made warships are not near as stable as those of our own build.

The Venezuelan government has seized two steamers flying the British flag. The company owning the vessels has an American president and several of the principal stockholders are Americans.

Scott Wilke, who served in the lower house of congress two terms, beginning with 1886, and who was assistant controller of currency during President Cleveland's last term, is dying at his home near Barry, Pike county, Ill.

Coquard, the man who defied the Paris police, has committed suicide. He was pursued by the police to his house where he barred the doors, and, from an upstairs window, warned all to keep away or he would shoot them. Later an army officer with a detachment of troops forced the door and found Coquard hanging in the garret with a bullet hole through his chin.

Mayor-Elect Hurley, of Salem, Mass., will give his salary of $2,500 to the poor.

Chairman Johnson and Secretary Walsh will keep national Democratic headquarters in Chicago open till 1904.

An experiment farm will be started 200 miles from Manila by the United States Philippine commission for the growth of all sorts of seeds and plants from this country.

THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS.

Ministers at Pekin Will Clear the Way of Minor Matters.

Washington, Jan. 19.—So far as our state department can influence the negotiations now about to begin at Pekin it will seek to clear the way of all minor matters and of points upon which there is no disagreement whatever among the allies, before undertaking the solution of the more difficult problems involved in the settlement of the questions of indemnities, guarantees and commercial treaties. It is fully expected that the Chinese representatives will offer opposition to almost every point, in order to secure more favorable terms, such as an undertaking to dismantle, instead of destroy, the Chinese forts between Taku and Pekin; some abatement of the restrictions upon the importation of arms, and a considerable limitation upon the size of the legation guards to be maintained in Pekin.

It is said at the state department that Mr. Rockhill has signed an intention to return to the United States in a short time. He has not retired, but returns voluntarily.

China Wants Easier Terms.

London, Jan. 19.—"Although the United States government and the American papers accuse Mr. Conger of severity toward the Chinese," says the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, "the Americans had regarded him as inclined to leniency.

"The Chinese commissioners handed to the foreign envoys with the signed proctocols a dispatch from Emperor Kwang Hsu, asking a foreign occupation instead of destruction of the Taku forts. The emperor's dispatch asked also of the fixing of a definite period for the prohibition of the importation of arms, and requested that the punitive expeditions be stopped, asked for particulars as to the amount of land to be retained for the legations, the number of legation guards, the probable cost of the military operations and the date when the foreigners propose to restore the public offices and records in Pekin to the Chinese. The emperor does not mention the demand of the powers for the punishment of the principal offenders."

First Sitting of Peace Conference.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—An official of the German foreign office informed a correspondent of the press today that the first sitting of the peace conference in Pekin would be appointed immediatsly after the different foreign envoys had convinced themselves that their copies of the joint note had been properly signed and sealed by the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

A DESPERADO CAUGHT.

Officers Located Marvin Kuhns, the Indiana Outlaw

Logansport, Ind., Jan. 19.—Marivn Kuhns, the desperado who has terrorized Northern Indiana for weeks and defied the officers of two states, was captured last night at Greenhill and is now in Logansport jail. Kuhns and his brother, who was released from the Columbus prison shortly after Marivn escaped, were taken after a desperate fight. Before the outlaw was overpowered he shot two men and was himself shot in the head, but not seriously.

Kuhns and his brother and a confederate stole a team at Plymouth Sunday night and started south. Ex-Sheriff Marshall and Marshal Cheney traced them to La Fayette last evening and by telephoning neighboring towns located them at Greenhill, near Otterbein. At Otterbein the posse surrounded the house and rushed in at midnight. Marvin was awake and seized a revolver at his bedside. Before he could fire, Elmer Switzmer shot him in the face and the posse closed in. One man jumped from the second-story window and escaped, but the brothers were overpowered after a struggle, in which a number of shots were exchanged. Wounded as he was, Marvin partially shook off the attacking party and shot H. V. Volt in the back and Lewis Hawkins in the arm. Neither was fatally injured.

Fire at Phoenix.

Phoenix, B. C., Jan. 19.—Fire tonight caused a loss of $30,000. It started in McBean & Co.'s dry goods store, spread to the Imperial hotel and thence to the buildings of the Phoenix News Company. Giant powder was used to blow up buildings in the path of the flames. McBean & Co. lost on their stock $12,000. The loss on the building was $2,000; Imperial hotel loss, $10,000; Phoenix News Company, $2,000; T. A. Hicks, dry goods store, $1,800. There was partial insurance on some of the buildings and stock.

Would Develop Danish Islands.

Copenhagen, Jan. 19.—The leaders of the syndicate of merchants who are petitioning the government to make the investment of Danish capital profitable in the Danish West Indies, declare they have no intention of agitating against the sale of the islands to the United States. Their idea is to develop the islands in the event of their not being sold.

Master of the Geyser.

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 19.—The owners of the Lucas oil geyser, which has been shooting oil 50 feet high since last Thursday, have succeeded in controlling the well. A valve was placed on the mouth of the well today, and Captain Lucas thinks he is now master of the geyser. It is estimated that 150,000 barrels of oil have already flowed from the well. Prospectors and spectators continue to arrive.

WILL BE ON HAND

Farquhar's Squadron Ready to Move on Venezuela.

IF THE TROUBLE IS NOT SETTLED

Minister Loomi's Dispatches Tampered With—The Scorpion Will Remain at La Guayra, Where Her Presence is Necessary.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Nothing has been heard over night from Minister Loomis regarding the situation in Venezuela. Navy department officials deny that any instructions have been given to the North Atlantic squadron to move over from Florida to Venezuela. The ships, however, are in perfect cruising trim, and could sail within a few hours after the receipts of orders, though it is not believed here that there will be any necessity for their movement toward Venezuela.

The orders to the Scorpion to proceed to Guanoco from La Guayra have been countermanded, and she will remain at La Guayra, where her presence is regarded as necessary. By direction of the state department, Minister Loomis has protested to the Venezuelan government against the exercise of censorship over any of his official communications, and it is understood that the protests have been effective.

It cannot be gathered that any very late advices have caused the change in the department's plans relative to the movements of the Scorpion. In fact, it is said that nothing has been received to show any marked change in the status in Venezuela since yesterday, when Minister Loomis spoke of the suppression of a rebellion among the troops in Caracas, the inception of which was unknown to the department of state. The fact that such a movement could gain headway in Castro's own capital, however, is very significant, and this rebellion among the troops may have led to the decision to retain the Scorpion at La Guayra, the nearest port to Caracas.

The naval authorities were consulted during the day as to the feasibility of re-exforcing the American naval force now in Venezuela, but while some such thing is in prospect, it cannot be learned that any positive orders have yet gone out. The Hartford is not within reach of the cable, being on a cruise from Port of Spain for Barbadoes, at which place she is due in about two days. She may be turned back from that port, unless the situation improves. The Lancester sailed from Port of Spain for the Cape Verde islands, so she is entirely beyond reach.

There is no disposition on the part of the authorities here to go to any unusual length in dealing with this situation, as they say frankly that it is not a part of their purpose to browbeat or coerce the Venezuelans by a formal naval demonstration, unless such a course is forced on them, which is not believed to be at all likely. But it is quite certain that Amiral Farquhar will shape the movements of the North Atlantic squadron so as to keep in close touch with the navy department and he will not be far away from a cable end for many days at a time after he leaves Florida.

Mr. Loomis' protest against any censorship of his official mail on the part of the Venezuelan government was not idly lodged, and he acted by the department's direction only upon a well grounded suspicion that his cables were being tampered with or unreasonably delayed.

WATCHING AN EMBEZZLER.

The Confidential Clerk of a New York Wholesale House Sails for Europe.

London, Jan. 21.—The alleged forger for whose extradition the United States authorities are asking is said to be Sigmund Hertz, alias Emden, of New York city. He is supposed to be on board the steamer Corinthian, which left Halifax, Sunday, Jan. 7, for Queenstown and Liverpool. The police of those cities are watching for him.

Acting under instructions from Chief of Detectives George F. Titus, the Scotland Yard officials were cabled yesterday to arrest at Queenstown or Liverpool as he steps off an incoming steamer, the alleged defaulting confidential clerk of a large wholesale house on Walker street, New York City, who is said to have embezzled $50,000 of the firm's funds at the time of his flight, and to have embezzled nearly $200,000 before he was even suspected.

Want Back Pay.

Barre, Vt., Jan. 21.—Many granite cutters and tool sharpeners are taking action toward pushing their claims of back pay for work done in the service of the government of the United States nearly 80 years ago. The claims arise out of the building of the Boston and New York postoffices, the work on Dix, Hurricane and Fox islands, and work in navy yards. The claimants worked 10 hours a day instead of eight, and they are now trying to collect pay for the extra two hours a day. The navy yard men got their pay two years ago.

The Peace Protocol.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A message was received today from Minister Conger, at Pekin, stating that the Chinese plenipotentiaries had signed and delivered the protocol. This removes the last doubt that had arisen a to the sealing of the government agreement, for it would not have been accepted by the Spanish minister, who is dean of the corps, unless it bore all the seals and signatures necessary to give it full force.

DIAMOND SMUGGLER CAUGHT

Had Them Snugly Hidden in the Pockets of a Belt He Wore Around His Waist.

New York, Jan. 21.—United States Marshal Alcott, of the Ferry district, has formally seized in this city $17,600 worth of diamonds, which were brought into this country by Antonio Ansenias without paying duty on them. The goods were found on Ansenias' person by United States customs officials as Ansenias was leaving a steamer of the Hamburg-American line at Hoboken.

Ansenias was not arrested, but the diamonds will be held pending a decision of the Treasury department as to whether he is guilty of smuggling. His defense is that he is a Cuban merchant, and that he is merely passing through this country on his way to Cuba. The diaomnds were concealed in the pockets of a large belt which Ansenias had around his body, and were accidentally discovered by a customs inspector who happened to place his hand on Ansenisas' back as the latter was leaning over a trunk. There are 126 separate articles, of an appraised valuation of $11,000, which with 60 per cent duty added would make them worth $17,600.

THE IRRIGATION MOVEMENT.

It Receives Strong Support From Secretary Hitchcock.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock was to have been heard today by the house committee on public lands on the subject of irrigation, which is attracting attention in many Western states, but being unable to come to the capitol, he submitted a statement. This strongly supports the policy of irrigation, and says that a vast acreage capable of supporting 50,000,000 people should not be left a desert. Mr. Hitchcock points out the remarkable results experienced in the valley of the Nile, practically redeeming Egypt from bankruptcy. Professor Newell, of the geological survey; Professor Pinchott, of the agricultural department, and Representative Newlands, of Nevada, who started the movement by a bill for irrigation storehouses along the Humboldt river in Nevada, also strongly supported the plan. The hearings today were on the Newlands bill, but this has brought up the whole subject as applicable to Western states, and particularly California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kanasa, Nebraska, South and North Dakota.

DARING HOLD-UP.

Two Men Tried to Rob a Fifth Avenue, New York, Restaurant.

New York, Jan. 21.—Two robbers, armed with 32-caliber Colt's revolvers, entered Maillard's restaurant and confectionery store, near the Fifth Avenue hotel, just as the place was being closed at midnight, and ordered the cashier to throw up his hands. In the place were a half dozen waiters, and the very boldness of the robbers attracted attention. The cashier had several hundred dollars of the day's receipts on the desk before him, and it is supposed that he did not move quickly enough to satisfy the robbers, for one of the men discharged his revolver. The bullet crashed into the wall back of the cashier, who caught up the cash and dodged underneath the counter. The waiters concealed themselves underneath tables. The shot attracted a Broadway crowd, and the police were notified. Brandishing their weapons the robbers dashed from Maillard's, the crowd falling back and giving them all the room they wanted. One turned into Twenty-fourth street and succeeded in making his escape. The other dashed across the pavement of Fifth avenue to Madison square, and was captured by a policeman. He said he was Edward Burgess, a steamfitter.

Conference on Cannal Treaty.

London, Jan. 21.—United States Ambassador Choate and the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, had a second conference today on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty. An outline of the action Great Britain intends to pursue was not developed, and no definite decision is likely to be reached by Great Britain for several days.

General A. J. McKay Dead.

New York, Jan. 21.—General Andrew Jackson McKay, a distinguished veteran of the civil war, died in this city today. He was quartermaster-general on the staff of General George W. Thomas in the army of the Cumberland.

Burned by Molten Copper.

Tuscon, Ariz., Jan. 21.—Juan Lopez, a workman at the Copper Queen smelter, was burned to death by molten copper which fell from a swinging pot under which he stood. His clothes were set on fire and his body horribly disfigured by the liquid metal.

New Ships Building.

Ships that will be worth in the aggregate $29,725,000 are now in process of construction at the shipyards along the Delaware river.

Mail Boxes for Rural Routes.

Salem, Jan. 21.—Twenty-five dozen mail boxes required by the government for the rural mail routes, have been received in Salem, and the balance are expected in a few days. They are made of galvanized iron, 16 inches long, six inches wide and six inches high. Each family or person on the route desiring mail by the carrier must put up one of these boxes and pay $1 each for them.

NEWS OF THIS AND NEIGHBORING STATES

Interesting Events and Gossip of the Past Week Reported From Cities and Towns in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

OREGON.

The Dalles has levied a 6-mill tax.

Burns has received a chemical fire engine.

The Southern Pacific is storing ice at Ashland.

The Dalles will purchase 500 feet of fire hose.

The Oregon legislature deficit foots up $50,000.

Machinery for the new laundry at Eugene has arrived.

The Grant county tax levy as been fixed at 25¼ mills.

Coyotes are numerous in Coles valley, Douglas county.

The Douglas county tax levy has been fixed at 20 mills.

The Pendleton school district has levied a special tax of 8 mills.

Several herds near Montgomery have been visited by coyotes of late.

It is reported the Dallas organ factory may be moved to Albany.

The approach to the Upper Calapooia bridge was carried away by the flood.

Baker City has rescinded street lighting contract, and is in darkness.

The walls of the first story of Malheur county's new court house are finished.

Collision of a train and handcar near Woodburn, Or., was narrowly averted.

Famous Uncle Ben group of mines in Idaho has been sold to a New York syndicate.

The coal shaft being sunk by W. A. Maxwell of Coos City, is now down about 300 feet.

Plans for the new creamery at Summerville are taking shape. It will cost about $4,000.

Athena has invested $1,500 in school warrants. The city, besides, has a balance on hand of $1,100.

Lincoln county has awarded the contract for building the depot bridge to George McCoulou for $325.

The old Coos Bay road is said to be in better condition than for several years at this time of the year.

Henry Zutz, Jr., a 17-year-old boy, of Vale, Or., accientally killed himself while examining a revolver.

I. J. Straw, of Klamath county, rode off a bridge into a snow bank last week, and had to dig his horse out.

Contract for building the Wheeler county court house has been let to A. F. Peterson, of Corvallis, for $9,025.

Sixty-five thoroughbred sheep belonging to O. F. Knox were drowned near Cottage Grove by the recent freshet.

Howard & Stearns are feeding 500 cattle on Crooked river and about 600 head at Silver Lake, in Lake county.

A petition is in circulation asking that the public road from Cottage Grove to Lorane be widened to 60 feet.

J. W. Walters & Son, proprietors of the Elmira mills, have floated their logs into the Long Tom from the Noti river.

Several car loads of Weston bricks have been shipped to Mission station. They will be used for government buildings.

An acetyline gas plant belonging to J. P. Williams, of Long Creek, exploded last week, and slightly injured Mr. Williams.

A petition is being circulated asking an appropriation of $1,000 to repair and improve the state buildings and property at Sodaville.

A herd of 110 sheep was shipped from Huntington to Salt Lake City by the Baldwin Sheep & Land Company, of Crook county.

It is reported that Ed Lambson, of Willamina, has leased a large tract of land on Salmon river, which he intends to stock with cattle.

The sale of land belonging to the Leonard Lang estate in Pine valley, which escheated to the state of Oregon recently, has been confirmed by Judge Eakin, of the circuit court.

A meeting was held at McMinnville in the interest of the woodcutters of the county. Every precinct was well represented. They advanced the price of cutting oak wood from 75 cents to 90 cents a cord, and fir from 70 to 90 cents.

The farmers and stockmen of Malheur county feel confident that the coming season will be a prosperous one for them. While the winter thus far has been an open one compared with those generally experienced here, the indications are that there will be plenty of water for irrigation during the coming summer, and that the feed on the range will be good.

WASHINGTON.

The new $16,000 school house at Davenport is finished.

The railroad agent at Hamilton, Harry Beeardsley, was robbed of $200.

A school house will be built at Dayton to cost between $20,000 and $30,000.

Ed Sievers, of Iowa, is considering a proposition to buy a shingle mill at Everett.

WASHINGTON.

Tacoma butchers have formed an association.

A petition is being circulated to have the postoffice name of Guy changed to Albion.

The Simpson Lumber Company, of South Bend, has accepted plans for a pony band saw mill.

Fire partially destroyed the ship chandlery store of J. C. Todd & Co., on the water-front, Tacoma. Loss $4,000, fully covered by insurance.

Mr. H. P. Harrington, a prominent citizen of Rosalia, died of pneumonia. His remains were taken to the home of his parents in Monroe, Mich., for interment.

During the recent snow 30 tons of ore was hauled from the Cedar Canyon district to Davenport for shipment. Had the sleighing continued good, still more would have been brought out.

Larkins' hotel at Garfield, leased by J. W. Keown, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with most of the contents. Loss on the building, $1,500; insurance, $650; loss on contents, $1,000, with $650 insurance.

While fording Toppenish creek, near North Yakima, Will Carrat was nearly drowned. He was on horseback and the swift current of the stream carried horse and rider several yards, when they lodged in some willows, from which, with difficulty both succeeded in landing safely on shore.

Owing to technical error in writing the boundaries of a small strip of land, amounting to nearly three sections, lying on the east side of North Bay, between Mason and Pierce counties, is left out of the jurisdiction of both counties. An attempt will be made to have the neutral strip incorporated with Pierce.

Oscar Bates, ex-sheriff of Stevens county, received fatal injuries at the Drummer's mine, near Curliew. He had set three shots in the 125-foot level, and started to climb the ladder, but missed his footing on the second landing and fell back 20 feet. The shots exploded before he could regain the ladder.

Hopkins D. Jones, until recently a hotel porter at Wilbur, Wash., who was arrested at Spokane on a charge of horse stealing, has been released. Word came from Wilbur that the man Chance, whose horse and saddle Jones had appropriated, would not prosecute Jones. The Wilbur man said he owed Jones money, and that he would be satisfied to have him keep the horse and saddle to settle the bill.

IDAHO.

A free ferry at Weiser is proposed.

Caldwell merchants have made an early closing agreement.

John Hunt was arrested at Orofino, on a charge of cattle stealing.

A public meeting was held at Lewiston to protest against division of Nez Perces county.

The postoffice of Leduc, Blaine county, has been moved two miles southeast, without change of postmaster.

At Weiser's regular city election in April, the citizens will vote whether or not they want the city bonded for $60,000.

It is announced that shipments of crude ore and concentrates from the Coeur d'Alene last year aggregated 175,000 tons.

There were several snow slides in Bear gulch last week, but no damage is reported except that the Orofino blacksmith shop was swept away.

Several carloads of steel rails have been unloaded in the Weiser yards. They are to be used in extending the Pacific & Idaho Northern next summer.

Meetings have been held and resolutions adopted by several G. A. R. post protesting against the proposed plan of moving the soldiers' home from Boise to Fort Sherman.

H. M. Merrin, of Spokane, has taken a bond on the Father Iode and two claims adjoining in the Coeur d'Alene district. It is understood that work will commence immediately.

Lew Granger, who is charged with stealing eight head of cattle out of a pasture near Moscow, has been arrested. Granger has a number of aliases, but it is said his true name is Larkins.

Plans are being perfected whereby 300 feet more tunnel will be driven in the claims of the Silver Eagle Mining Co. There is also talk of building a cog-wheel road from the Silver Eagle to the summit.

A Mountain Home drug store was broken into and an attempt made to rob the place. The proprietor, who has sleeping apartments in the rear, was awakened by the noise of the robbers. Upon his appearance they ran, having secured nothing.