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SCIO, LINN COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1901.

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Shampooing 15 "
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All kinds of watches, clocks and jewelry repaired promptly.

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TIME TABLE.

No. 2, for Yacinta—
Leaves Albany 12:30 P. M.
Arrives Corvallis 1:30 P. M.
Arrives Albany 6:45 P. M.

No. 1, returning—
Leaves Yacinta 6:10 A. M.
Leaves Corvallis 11:20 A. M.
Arrives Albany 12:15 P. M.

No. 3, for Detroit—
Leaves Albany 7:00 A. M.
Arrives Detroit 11:30 A. M.

No. 4, returning—
Leaves Detroit 12:10 P. M.
Arrives Albany 5:45 P. M.

No. 1 and 2 connect at Albany and Corvallis with Southern Pacific trains, giving direct service to and from Newport and adjacent beaches.

Trains for the mountains arrive at Detroit at noon, giving ample time to reach camping grounds on the Breckenridge and Snake rivers the same day.

H. L. WELDEN, EDWIN STONE, J. TURNER, Agents, Albany.

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—VIA—

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO.

SHASTA ROUTE

Trains leave West Side for Portland and way stations at 10:45 a. m. Leave for Albany at 2:35 p. m.

Leaves Portland 8:30 a. m., 7 p. m.
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

IF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

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

Council-General Pierce says the Boers are not beaten.

Governor Nash says he will prevent the Jeffries-Rubia fight.

Falacies to the late Senator Davis were delivered in the house.

State of Washington cannot have one of the new battle-ships named for it.

Edwin Markham read a poem in Philadelphia dedicated to Queen Victoria.

Ex-Senator Hill declares that he is not a candidate for the presidency in 1904.

Iron Dyke copper mine in Eastern Oregon changes hands; consideration \$50,000.

A plot was discovered to tar and feather Mrs. Nation, the saloon wretcher.

Fire in the trimming department of the Krug Packing Company's plant, St. Joseph, Mo., did \$100,000 damage.

Fire from an unknown cause destroyed the large plant of the National Wire Company, at Fairhaven, Conn., entailing a property loss estimated at \$25,000.

Fire at the W. B. Farham Lumber Company's plant, Nashville, Tenn., destroyed lumber, warehouses, 12 tenement houses, and nine freight cars. Loss, \$100,000.

The worst storm of the winter prevails throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Michigan and Wisconsin. Railway traffic is somewhat interfered with.

Mrs. Thomas Green, an aged woman, wife of an old-time mine prospector, was burned to death in her home in the suburbs of Aspen, Colo. It is supposed the fire was of accidental origin.

The Union Pacific Railway Company, by purchasing the entire holdings of the Huntington estate and Standard-Crocker estates, has secured control of two-fifths of the Southern Pacific railway stock.

The president has issued new credentials to Mr. Choate as ambassador of the United States to Great Britain. They are similar in form to those held by Mr. Choate, with the exception that they credit him to King Edward VII instead of Queen Victoria.

The Duke of York is sick.

The senate passed the Indian appropriation bill.

Bethoun will try to drive the Boers out of Cape Colony.

President McKinley may visit Portland, Or., this spring.

A revolutionary plot has been discovered in Prussian Poland.

A prisoner escaped from the Grants Pass jail and is still at liberty.

Generals Wade and Ludlow have been ordered to the Philippines.

New York men sue A. B. Hammond for part of Astoria railroad bonus.

Minister Louisa has postponed the presentation of his ultimatum to Venezuela.

The president recommends that additional copies of the consul reports be printed.

The citizens of Skagway are greatly agitated over the decision of the secretary of the interior granting the greater part of the townsite to B. Moore.

The body of Judge N. Pearl, of Port Gibson, was found in the Mississippi river near that place with heavy weights tied around the hands and ankles. He had been missing about two weeks.

Major-General Arthur MacArthur will be relieved from duty as the commanding general of the division of the Philippines in April next, and will be succeeded by Brigadier-General James F. Wads.

The dead body of Jacob Kuntz a hermit, was found in a miserable cabin near Peoria, Ill. The body was clad in rags. On his person was \$138 in money and a dead to 80 acres of valuable land. He had literally starved himself to death.

The president has sent a message to congress recommending the appropriation of \$100,000 for the payment of the claim of Spain for Sibutu and Cagayan islands, in the Philippine archipelago, in accordance with the terms of the treaty recently ratified by the senate.

Some troops escorting laborers engaged in opening roads in the southern part of the peninsula of Yocatan were desperately attacked by 1,000 rebel Indians, who were only driven off by the employment of machine guns. The engagement took place near Santa Cruz.

Columbia university has appealed to its friends for \$100,000.

The school children of Mississippi have voted in favor of the magnolia as the state's flower.

American, Canadian and English iron interests have practically united to push trade in Europe.

Consular reports say British merchants and manufacturers continue to worry over commercial invasions by Americans.

KILLED A BURGLAR.

San Francisco Barber's Struggle With a Desperado.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Edward H. Hall, a barber shot and killed a burglar here tonight in a lodging house at 122 Taylor street. Hall, who lives in the house, went to his room, which was opened by one of two men who were engaged in rifling the apartment.

The burglar instantly drew a revolver, placed his muzzle against Hall's forehead and pulled the trigger. The cartridge failed to explode and Hall grappled with the man. A desperate struggle ensued, resulting in Hall getting possession of the pistol. The other burglar then rushed toward him in an attempt to escape. Hall fired at him as he reached the door. The bullet entered his brain and he crashed headlong down the stairs, falling dead at the bottom. Not until then did Hall release his grip on the other man, who at once took flight, jumping over the dead body of his companion, and reached the street. He was captured by a citizen a block away from the scene of the tragedy. He was identified as Fred Keeler, alias Wilson, who has served terms in the house of correction. He refused to give the name of his dead companion.

TO INTERCEPT ANDRADE.

Venezuelan Gunboat Goes to Head Off the Supply Party.

San Juan de Puerto Rico, Feb. 1.—It is reported here that the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, formerly George Gould's yacht Atlanta, is on her way from Brooklyn with orders from President Castro, to intercept in the Caribbean sea, Senor Andrade's filibuster expedition. Passengers on board the "Rest 17" include General Aguinaldo, from La Guayra, January 2, which left for New York today, asserted that Caracas was in a state of suppressed excitement when the steamer left Venezuelan waters, that President Castro's troops had defeated the insurgents near Comana and that a comparatively unimportant military amount of the troops in the barracks at Caracas had been quelled. They also reported that the Venezuelan congress would meet February 20 to legalize the act of President Castro, who, since the expedition of Andrade, has been a dictator, acting without official sanction. It was further gathered from the passengers that a general uprising might take place about the time of the assembling of congress, but that the Nationalist party, a prominent organization in Venezuela, had offered its services to Castro to maintain peace.

Held Up by Drunken Yaquis.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 1.—La Canea, the mining camp of the Green Consolidated Mining Company, in Sonora, was held for three days by a band of Yaqui Indians, and the people of the camp were at the mercy of the Indians. It seems that a large number of the Indians who are employed at the camp got drunk when paid and purchased all the mescal in the camp. The Mexican police were driven from the camp and held outside by a number of Yaquis. Their guns were taken from them, and the Yaquis also took guns from Americans who attempted to interfere with the Yaquis. There were a number of serious cutting affairs, but no one was killed. The Americans set about to quiet the Indians and sober them, and with the assistance of the Mexican cavalrymen, were successful in quelling the drunken rebellion.

Creek Trouble Ended.

Henrietta, I. T., Feb. 1.—Peace among the warring Creeks has apparently been reached, and all that now remains to be done is to give Chitto Harjo, the chief Snake, who has caused all the trouble, a preliminary hearing and send him to Muskogee for trial for treason. In the meantime a few more of the minor leaders will be arrested and confined in the military prison. Lieutenant Dixon will probably remain here a few days longer, until the last vestige of an uprising has disappeared. Last night the Indians burned signal fires on the hills surrounding the town, and, fearing an attack, the soldiers remained up until daylight, armed and ready for instant action, but the Indians attempted no depredations.

New German Warships.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—According to the Berlin Post, eight new German warships will be placed in commission this year, including the battleship Wilhelm der Grosse, with a displacement of 11,152 tons; the twin vessel Kaiser Barbarossa and Kaiser Karl der Grosse, the cruiser Prinz Heinrich, with a displacement of 8,081 tons, and four small cruisers, each of 2,600 tons. Five battleships, one armored cruiser and one gunboat are building, and two battleships, one armored cruiser and three protected cruisers will be placed under contract during the present year.

Jap Soldiers Killed by Explosion.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—The North China Daily News asserts that while a quantity of Chinese gunpowder was being destroyed at Shan Kai Wan there was an explosion and 40 Japanese soldiers were killed.

Fortune for a Recruit.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Louis de Burgh, a recruit in the provisional battalion at the Presidio, claims to have fallen heir to a fortune of \$10,000, while Whites' correspondent, writing from Paris, which has been bequeathed to him by the Countess de Lavon, of France, who, he says, was his aunt. He claims to have served in the Boer army, and says he was taken prisoner by the English, but escaped on a Portuguese sloop while on the way to St. Helena.

CHARGE OF TREASON

Petition Filed Against Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii.

SOME SENSATIONAL LETTERS SHOWN

Offered His Services to Aguinaldo to Fight Against the United States—His Election Was Illegal.

Washington, Feb. 4.—A petition containing charges was submitted today to the house committee on elections No. 1, against Delegate Robert W. Wilcox, the Hawaiian representative in the house of representatives. The charges are made in writing by George D. Gear, of Hawaii, and admitted letters purporting to be copies of letters written by Wilcox to Filipino officials. The alleged letters are of a highly sensational character.

One of the letters said to be written by Wilcox is given in duplicate. It is dated Honolulu, January 31, 1899, and addressed to Dr. J. Joseph Lomda, Captain Masti Burgos and Senor J. Loma, and introduced to them as "friend of mine who is a very able man to help you in your cause."

Among other things, the letter says: "Mr. ——— will be a useful ally to fight for the cause of the Philippines. One thing is sure, that you could resist any army of invasion—you have a population of 12,000,000 and already a disciplined army of 30,000 will be equipped with modern arms. I have already made up my mind to join with you in your country against America in case they insist to ignore the right, the justice of your cause. I know well my profession as an artillery officer. I have no fear of the whole world when I fight for a legitimate cause like yours. Between General Aguinaldo's determination and myself, it will be but a very little chance left to the invading army of the United States to conquer your country. Tell General Aguinaldo already giving my service for your country and I am ready to obey orders to go to your country and fight for the independence of your people and country at any moment."

The letter bears the alleged signature of Robert Wilcox.

Another letter dated Honolulu, March 8, 1899, says:

"I am thinking of going to the Philippine Islands and give my assistance to Aguinaldo against the invaders—the hypocritical Yankees, the carpet-bag politicians."

Mr. Wilcox declined to make any extended answer to the charges filed by Mr. Gear. He says he has no fears of the charges made. He admits that he wrote a letter to Dr. Lomda, Captain Burgos and Senor Loma, General Moreno, an Italian of this city, who he had known while the latter was in Hawaii in the '90s. Moreno had a meteoric career in Hawaii. For a few days he was secretary of state. Wilcox says Moreno is the person to whom the unadmitted letter filed by Mr. Gear was addressed. He says he was unable after a cursory examination to say whether the letters filed were exact copies of those he sent.

The petition of Gear recites that there was no election machinery when Wilcox was elected delegate, November 6, 1898, and that many voters did not believe that a valid election could be held without it and therefore made no attempt to vote. The petition then brings forward personal charges against Wilcox, relating to his marriage and also to his career, under the kingdom of Hawaii. It is also alleged "that Wilcox, in his speeches prior to the election, made use of anti-American utterances for the purpose of carrying the election, telling the native Hawaiians that the Americans had stolen their country and that a vote for him was a vote for the restoration of the queen, and that, if he were elected, the queen would be restored; that Wilcox was and is guilty of treason against the United States, in that he did, as petitioner is informed and believes, since the annexation of said Hawaiian islands, write and send through the United States mails letters highly treasonable in their nature, wherein he did counsel and incite others to engage in open rebellion against the United States, and did offer his service to General Aguinaldo to go to the Philippines to fight and engage in open rebellion against the United States, copies of which letters are herewith filed."

Kansas City Theater Fire.

Kansas City, Feb. 4.—In the total destruction by fire last night of the old Opera house an aggregate loss of \$150,000 was suffered. The building was valued at \$125,000, the furniture at \$50,000, and the property of the Walker Whitehead Company, which had just begun a week's engagement, at \$25,000. The opera house and contents were insured for but \$40,000, while Whites' correspondent, writing from Paris, which has been bequeathed to him by the Countess de Lavon, of France, who, he says, was his aunt. He claims to have served in the Boer army, and says he was taken prisoner by the English, but escaped on a Portuguese sloop while on the way to St. Helena.

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Belgium has no navy except a training ship for the merchant marine.

Accepted a Reduction.

Youngstown, O. Feb. 4.—At all the blast furnaces throughout the Mahoning valley today the bottom-bilers and helpers have accepted a reduction of 10 cents per day in wages, taking effect today.

Killed by Highwaymen.

Dr. James Gibbons, nephew of Cardinal Gibbons, was shot and killed by highwaymen at New Orleans.

Rumor of Earl's Death.

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ONLY FOUR BIDDERS.

Contracts Will Go to Newport News, Bath Works and Neale & Levy.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Bids for the construction of three protected cruisers were opened at the navy department today.

The attendance of bidders was neither as large nor as representative as in the case of the last opening. It is doubtful if the Cramps or the Union Iron Works have been unrepresented before in any bidding since the birth of the "new navy." One of the Moran Bros., of Seattle, was the solitary representative of the Pacific coast interests, but did not bid. There were only four bids in all.

The first bid opened was that of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. They offered to build a 5,700 ton cruiser with a speed of 22 knots in 36 months for \$2,741,000. The Bath Iron Works offered to build a cruiser of the same proportions for \$2,750,000. The William B. Trigg Company, of Richmond, offered to build one cruiser for \$2,780,200, being the limit of cost fixed by congress, or two cruisers for \$3,490,000. The last bid was the one of the Neale & Levy Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia. It offered to build a cruiser on the department's plan in 36 months for \$2,740,000.

These cruisers are designed to be the most formidable vessels in the world of their class. They will resemble closely the type of second-class armored cruisers and might be easily mistaken for such. The act of congress authorizing this class of cruisers states that the vessels should carry "the most powerful ordnance for vessels of their type, and have the highest speed compatible with good sailing qualities and great radius of action." Admiral Highborn, chief constructor of the navy, who has been tenacious in the preparation of plans for the building of the "new navy," says that in an engagement the new cruisers would be able to cope with and prove more than a match for some of the armored cruisers of foreign navies.

The new vessels are to be named the St. Louis, the Milwaukee and the Charleston, the last to continue the name of the ship wrecked November 2, 1899, in the Philippines.

THE NEW YORK FIRE.

Caused by an Explosion of Chemicals in the Wick Factory.

New York, Feb. 4.—The extent of the destruction wrought by the conflagration which destroyed nearly a whole block of buildings at Thirty-first street and First avenue last night could be better appreciated this morning. The huge factory of the William Wick Company was almost level with the ground. Contractor Joseph Cody, of the building department, with a force of 100 men, had labored at the ruins all night pulling down dangerous sections of the walls.

Other property destroyed was the six-story building, numbers 404, 406 and 408 East Thirty-second street, the five-story tenement at 546 and 548 First avenue, the five-story tenement at 462 East Thirty-first street; Jackson's iron foundry and a two-story brick building on Thirty-first street, occupied by the Swift Dressed Beef Company. About 10 families were rendered homeless by the burning of the tenements.

Fire Chief Croker said today he believed the fire was caused by an explosion of chemicals in the Wick factory. He was informed that a watchman had gone into the vault in the cellar with a light and that the vault contained a great quantity of chemicals. He added that he did not know what had become of the watchman or who he is. He said the explosion that started the conflagration might have been caused by illuminating gas getting into the cellar from the gas main, but he did not think this was the case.

Policemen Thomas J. Fitzpatrick and John B. McMillin, who were on duty at the fire, are reported missing today.

BATTLE IN ABYSSINIA.

It is Supposed the Chiefs Rebelled During the Absence of Menelik.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Francois from Cairo says news has been received there from Abyssinia of a great battle in which 7,000 were killed. It is supposed the chiefs rebelled during the absence of King Menelik, who has gone to the Egyptian frontier in connection with the delimitation of the Egypto-Abyssinia frontier.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Cairo says severe fighting is reported in Abyssinia. The casualties are said to number 7,000.

The foreign office officials know nothing of any difficulty in King Menelik's territory, but it is not unlikely they think that certain malcontent chiefs may have taken advantage of King Menelik's absence from the capital to foment an insurrection.

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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 Blue Mountain Ice Company of Jersey, is storing ice at the rate of 500 tons a day.

An old man of the name of Webster was found dead in his cabin on Deadwood a few days ago.

Rainier school district has levied a special tax of 13 mills. The total tax in Rainier district is 42 mills.

O. W. Williams has sold the Vanlermolen farm, near Island City, containing 157 acres, to a Mr. Stein, a late arrival from Utah, for \$9,500.

J. Bonner's grocery store at Baker City was burned. He had an insurance of \$400. The stock was small.

The machinery in Clayton Bros.' broom-handle factory at Coquille, is being moved to a place eight miles below Hamilton.

Malcolm McFarlane has resigned as justice of the peace at Westport precinct, and David West was appointed by the county court to succeed him.

The breaking of the boom on the Sixtling during the late flood caused a heavy loss of logs belonging to loggers on that stream, but the Lake Creek loggers report their losses were small.

The Astoria Box Company is making preparations to increase the capacity of its box factory. The old machinery is being replaced by the most improved kinds, and several new machines are to be added.

A fine team of horses was killed at a logging camp near Barry. A tree, in falling, knocked another tree down, which fell in an unlooked for direction and struck the horses, killing them almost instantly.

Sam White, an old and well-known resident of Kerby, was drowned in the Illinois river. He had been at Kerby and started home in an intoxicated condition. He succeeded in crossing the river, but after landing walked around dazed and fell into the river.

Andrew Hook, a miner was accidentally killed near Eys valley. He was working alone at the time and was in the act of placing a set of timbers when a cave-in occurred. One of the timbers struck the unfortunate man on the side of his head, breaking his neck.

Mrs. George F. Egin died at Corvallis of pneumonia. She was a native of Dallas, Or., and was united in marriage to George F. Egin at Albany, October 20, 1884. Her maiden name was Cynthia Ellen Moots. She was aged 34 years. The survivors are a husband and four children.

Jacob L. Myers, a Mexican war veteran, died at the Soldiers' home at Roseburg, aged 79 years. He was one of the oldest members of the home, having entered the institution soon after its opening. The remains were shipped to Olympia, Wash., for interment.