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

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Arrives Detroit	12:15 P. M.

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Leaves Detroit	12:45 P. 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	1:20 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.
" Washington	6:42 a. m., 6:42 a. m.
" New York	12:43 p. m., 12:43 p. m.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which Is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Taft says conditions are good for peace in the Philippines.

A Chinese cruiser called at Manila to honor General Chaffee.

Appraiser Wakeman, of New York, has been removed from office.

Fire at Clarksville, Ark., destroyed property valued at $100,000.

The transport McClellan has sailed from Bermuda for New York.

Fire in Baltimore, Md., caused a loss of $210,000, fully covered by insurance.

The first ground for the St. Louis exposition was broken with imposing ceremonies.

Engineer who caused the recent California train wreck, says he forgot his orders.

The American Lumber Company, capital $8,000,000, was incorporated in New Jersey.

Fire at Huntington, Pa., destroyed the opera house block, including several stores. Loss, $150,000.

The Atlantic Rubber Shoe Co., capital, $10,000,000, has been incorporated at Trenton, N. J.

The bodies of two shepherds, partly burned, were found at Cabra Springs, N. M. They were murdered and their flocks stolen.

A St. Petersburg capitalist has promised to supply 140,000 roubles for the expense of a north polar exploring party, which will leave next year.

A pro-Boer orator caused a riot at Birmingham, England.

Numerous engagements have occurred recently in Batangas.

German sailors assaulted a United States consul at Hong Kong.

Anti-anarchist bills have been introduced in both branches of congress.

Major Heinz, a medical officer, is recommended for his bravery in Samar.

Andrew Carnegie has offered $10,000 for a public library at Canyon City, Colo.

The navy department has announced the final acceptance of the battleship Wisconsin.

It is probable that there will be several more changes in President Roosevelt's cabinet in the near future.

The body of Major Hugh R. Belknap, who died in Manila, reached San Francisco on the transport Thomas.

Yuan Shai Kai, the new viceroy of Chi Li, intends to employ British and American officers to reorganize the navy.

Upon the termination of the Boer war, drab will be substituted for khaki for the working costumes of the British soldier.

Within 10 days at Constantinople, 70 Turks have been denounced by spies as hostile to the present regime. All of them were arrested.

Two sentries were frozen to death at Lisbon.

Severe earthquakes have occurred in New Zealand.

The debate on the Philippine tariff is on in the house.

Kruger may abandon his demand for Boer independence.

General French has captured Boer Commandant Kirtzinger.

Many Schley resolutions have been introduced in the house and senate.

Oregon and Washington senators did not fare well in committee assignments.

Chicago school children have subscribed $23,000 to the McKinley memorial fund.

Judge Darling, of Vermont, has formally assumed the duties of assistant secretary of the navy.

Pastmaster General Smith has resigned. He will be succeeded by Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin.

Fire in Bloomington, Ill., destroyed property valued at $50,000.

By the explosion of a gasoline stove in St. Louis, two women were fatally burned.

Emperor William has decorated Marquis Ito, of Japan, with the Order of the Red Eagle.

According to a London correspondent, the Northeastern Railway has given an order for 20 American locomotives.

Telegraph company ordered Marconi to cease his experiments in Newfoundland, as they owned exclusive control in that country.

Power for the St. Louis exposition is to be generated by the use of Texas oil as fuel.

The official report of the finances of the Pan-American exposition shows that the exact deficit will be $3,326,114.

A new office has been created by Governor Yates, of Illinois. Its incumbent is entitled "orderly to the governor," and his general duties are those of a detective and policeman.

TO ASIA VIA ALASKA.

Seattle Chamber of Commerce Takes Up the Pacific Cable Matter.

Seattle, Dec. 21.—The matter of telegraphic communication with Alaska and the Orient has been recently presented by Attorney Joseph Shippen to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, which unanimously resolved "that the governmental and commercial interests of the United

JOSEPH SHIPPEN.

States require submarine electric communication from Puget sound to Alaska, Manila and the centers of Asiatic commerce."

This has led to the careful drafting of a bill about to be introduced in congress by Senator Foster, providing for the laying and maintaining by the United States of an ocean cable, or rather a series of connecting cables, to Alaska and the Orient by the northern route. It is earnestly hoped that despite the pressure of manifold business, this measure may be adopted and speedily carried into execution.

TRAVELERS IN CHINA.

Precautions Necessary to Insure Their Personal Safety.

Washington, Dec. 24 — Minister Conger has reported to the state department certain correspondence between himself and the Chinese government regarding the precautions to be taken by foreigners traveling in the inland districts of China to insure their personal safety. The board of foreign affairs has requested that, in accordance with treaty provisions, travelers in the interior of the country and away from the vicinity of the treaty ports should always be provided with passports. It is further desired that travelers give the local authorities notice in advance of their intention to go further, in order that the authorities of the province toward which they are traveling may be notified and suitable guard be dispatched with them to protect them from harm.

Banks in the Orient.

New York, Dec. 24.—Three distinct movements are at the moment under way, having in view the establishment of American banking facilities in the Orient, says the Journal of Commerce. These include first, the establishment of branches at Shanghai and Manila, by the Guaranty Trust Company; second, the establishment of a bank particularly organized for Oriental business by a syndicate of which Edward H. Cragin is the head, and third, the establishment by a New York national bank of a branch at Manila, as soon as suitable legislation can be secured.

Hall of Tara to Be Sold.

New York, Dec. 23.—The place in which the Irish kings were crowned, the historical Hall of Tara, at Navan, county Meath, has been offered at auction, says the Dublin correspondent of the Journal and American. A wealth of legendary interest clusters about the spot, and authentic records show that the monarchs of Ireland were crowned there from 30 B. C. to 56 A. D. There were only two bidders when the place was offered at auction, and the highest bid—£2,920—was rejected and it has been reserved for sale privately.

Trainmen Must Talk Spanish.

Mexico City, Dec. 24.—The government has issued the long contemplated order that all railway employes in contact with the public shall be able to speak Spanish in such a manner as to be able to deal directly with the passengers and the public in general. The order will probably affect Pullman Company employes. It is asserted that many accidents of late have been due to the inability of trainmen to speak Spanish, causing a mistaking of orders.

Earl Li's American Secretary.

Pekin, Dec. 24.—William H. Pethick, an American who had been private secretary and diplomatic adviser to Li Hung Chang for 30 years, died here today. Mr. Pethick inspired most of Li Hung Chang's progressive schemes and was author of his famous anti-opium manifesto. He leaves an unfinished book on Li Hung Chang and his times. The book contains valuable revelations concerning recent Chinese diplomacy.

NEWS OF THE STATE

TEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth —Latest Market Report.

Boring for oil has been commenced near Springfield.

Secretary of State Dunbar has returned from a trip East.

Oregon City treasurer has issued a call for warrants up to January 1, 1900.

Salem city council, in order to stop the numerous hold-ups, has increased the police force.

The O. R. & N. steamer Ruth sunk in the Willamette river near Corvallis. The accident was caused by striking a snag.

The industrial building at the state reform school at Salem burned. The cause of the fire is unknown. Loss, $25,000, with $8,000 insurance.

Port of Portland commissioners have practically decided that it will be economy to build a wooden dry dock at a cost of $225,000, and renew it every 15 years, than to spend $540,000 for a steel structure.

A farmers' institute will be held at Cove, December 30-31.

A new creamery is to be startetd at Fairview, Tillamook county.

Frank Brehm, a convict in the penitentiary, committed suicide by hanging.

Jack rabbits are so numerous in Eastern Oregon that they becoming a pest.

Hold-up men in Salem are carrying on very extensive operations in Salem at present.

There is about three feet of snow in the Cracker creek district and five in Cable Cove district.

The recent snow, while not very heavy, was very welcome to the loggers of Eastern Oregon.

Another rich strike has been made in the Columbia mine, Cracker creek district, Eastern Oregon.

A snydicate of mining men has purchased mining property on Upper Cow creek. The price paid was 25,000.

Extensive preparations are being made for the annual Douglas county poultry show to be held in Roseburg December 26-28.

The wholesale slaughter of Mongolian pheasants in Linn county is thinning them out so that it will be necessary to take steps to prevent their killing.

The discovery of three new and rich quartz ledges have been made in Josephine county. One is in Coyotte creek district and the other two on Rouge river.

Sheriff Cooke, of Clackamas county, has sold all porperty on 1900 delinquent tax list. The amount of taxes on the roll amounted to less than $3,000.

The Braden quartz mines, a few miles from Grants Pass, which have been shut down for some time, will resume operations in a short time, on a much more extensive scale.

Portland Markets.

Wheat — Walla Walla, 59@60; bluestem, 60@61c; Valley, 59½c.

Flour—Best grades, $2.65@3.20 per barrel; graham, $2.50.

Oats—Nominal 95@$1.00 pr cental.

Barley—Feed, $16@16.50; brewing, $16@16.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $16.50@17; middling, $20; shorts, $17; chop, $16.50.

Hay—Timothy, $11@12; clover, $7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, $5@6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12½@14c per pound.

Eggs—Storage, 20@22½; fresh, 27@28c, Eastern 22@25c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 14@15c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2.50@3.50; hens, $4.00; dressed, 9@10c per pound; springs, $2.50@3.00, per dozen; ducks, $3 for old; $4.50@5.50 for young; geese, $6@6.50 pr dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12c; dressed, 12½@15c per pound.

Mutton—Lambs, 3½c gross; dressed 6½c per pound; sheep, $3.25@3.50 gross; dressed, 6@6½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, $5.12½; light, $4.75@5; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Small, 8@8½c; large, 7@7½c per pound.

Beef—Gross top steers, $3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, $3.50; dressed beef, 3@7c per pound.

Hops—8@10c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 11@14c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12½c; mohair, 21@21½c per pound.

Potatoes—85@95 per sack.

Agent Fullerton estimates that 2,000 deer and 200 moose have been killed in Minnesota this season.

A movement has begun in France to put corsets under state control and to forbid women under 30 from wearing them.

In the constitutional convention at Richmond, Va., an amendment was adopted providing for the compulsory education of children between the ages of eight and 13 years.

EXPLOSION AT A FURNACE.

Ten Men Met a Frightful Death at Pittsburg in Sight of Many Spectators.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Ten men were burned to death and four injured by an explosion of gas at the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin, Ltd., today. The explosion was caused by a slip in the furnace, and gas and flames belched upward through the bell. The men were on the furnace platform 85 feet above the ground.

There were 19 men on the furnace when the explosion occurred. Fifteen of them were caught in the flames, two of them escaping with slight injury. The other four men were the regular men employed as top fillers and escaped without injury. The explosion was caused by the gas becoming encased in a crust of cinder formed at the bottom of the furnace. A wheelbarrow containing ore had been sent up to the men and when they went to dump it into the bell of the furnace, they pushed it over too far and it rolled into the hopper. The barrow weighed 900 pounds and was too heavy for the four men to raise. The 15 laborers, all Hungarians, were then sent up to assist them. Had it not been for the barrow accident no one would have been hurt.

FOUR BOILERS BLEW UP.

Another Bad Accident at Pittsburg—Four Men Killed and Twelve Injured.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Three or four men were killed and 12 injured by a terrific boiler explosion at the Black Diamond Steel Works today, and another man is missing.

Reuben Miller, Jr., superintendent of the plant, states that the boilers were examined last week and pronounced to be in excellent condition. No known cause can be given for the explosion, but a thorough investigation is now in progress.

It was about 4:15 o'clock, as the night crew was about to turn over the mill to the day force, that four boilers in the 10 inch bar mill No. 3 exploded with terrific force. The mill was completely wrecked and the debris piled from 50 to 70 feet high. The boiler works of James McNeill, adjoining the Black Diamond mill, was also destroyed. A force of men went to work as quickly as possible after the explosion, searching in the debris for the bodies.

The mill had 60 men on each turn, and it is thought that almost 120 men, both crews, were in the plant at the time of the explosion. The injured and the dead were found underneath the wreckage in the millyard, where they had fallen in their race for life.

One of the boilers was blown across the street and wrecked a dwelling house.

GAGE WOULD RESIGN.

Secretary Anxious to Leave Roosevelt's Cabinet at Earliest Possible Day.

Washington, Dec. 24.—It is Secretary Gage's intention to relinquish the treasury portfolio as soon as President Roosevelt can find a suitable successor, and he has so informed the president. Mr. Gage would like to be relieved before spring. The president has done all he could to dissuade Secretary Gage from retiring, and will probably continue to use his efforts in that line. Secretary Gage's determination to retire was made known to the president some little time ago. Just how long it is not known. After the cabinet meeting Secretary Gage declined to say anything about the rumors of his resignation, beyond the simple statement that he had not "formally" resigned.

"What I may or may not do eventually I am not prepared to say now," said the secretary. "But I can say that the relations between the president and myself are perfectly cordial. He would do almost anything I would ask, and I would do almost anything he might ask."

Cold Wave in the South.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—The cold wave, which for the last week has covered the south, today equalled all records since 1884 for December, and lowered in some localities all former minimum temperature readings. As far south as Louisiana and the gulf border intense cold prevails, though no serious damage to vegetation has been reported.

Held Up a Bank.

Fayetteville, Ark., Dec. 21.—At noon today the bank of Springvale, 10 miles from here, was robbed by one man. No one was in the bank except the assistant cashier. The robber drove up in a buggy and walked to the cashier's desk. He compelled the assistant cashier to go to the vault and give him all the money, about $7,000. While this was taking place the cashier walked into the bank. He was at once covered by the robber's revolver and the robber then hurriedly left the bank.

Ordered to Panama.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The Bulletin says: "Rush orders have been received from Washington, directing that here tomorrow with all speed for Panama. Affairs on the isthmus are approaching a crisis; Venezuela and Germany are arguing a point or two of diplomacy, and there are other important matters of international interest on the southern coast at present."

IN REMEMBRANCE

PLANS OF THE M'KINLEY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Address to the People of the United States Regarding Contributions to the Fund for the Erection of a Memorial at the Grave of the Late President—Resolution Adopted by Memorial Arch Association.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Judge William R. Day, president of the McKinley National Memorial Association, has issued the following statement to the public, adopted by the trustees at their recent meeting in Washington:

The McKinley National Memorial Association was organized by the immediate personal friends of President McKinley to afford an opportunity for the people of the United States to express their personal love and devotion to the late President by the erection of a fitting memorial at his grave. The trustees were appointed by the President of the United States, the first meeting for organization having been held at Cleveland, October 26th. It is the distinct purpose of the Association to erect such a memorial as will fittingly symbolize those exalted qualities of character, simplicity, dignity, devotion to duty and high ideals that were so eminently exemplified in his life and purposes. This memorial is to rise above the grave at Canton, Ohio, where he will finally rest in accord with his own expressed wish.

In bringing the purposes of this Association before the people, the earlier work has been necessarily one of organization. This has progressed rapidly and satisfactorily. It is desired that an organization be perfected in every state and territory, and local organization in cities, towns and rural districts with a committee in charge, working in connection with the state auxiliary, is urged. The public should be given the earliest opportunity to subscribe.

The trustees desire to express their deep sense of obligation to the press of the country for its earnest support thus far, and to recommend that all newspapers act as agents for the receipt of subscriptions.

By a resolution passed by the American Bankers' Association, all banks have been designated depositories for subscriptions. All postmasters will receive and forward monies and all express companies will issue money orders free of charge, and, when necessary, forward money free.

In foreign countries, the ambassadors, ministers and consuls of the United States will receive and forward subscriptions.

In every case the name and address of the subscriber should be forwarded to the treasurer, Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland, Ohio, for preservation in the permanent archives of the Association, and in order that souvenir certificates may be sent to each. The souvenir certificate adopted by the trustees will be worthy of preservation as a work of art and as evidence of the holder's participation in the erection of the national memorial. It has engraved upon it a portrait of President McKinley, and in shadow pictures of the President's home at Canton, the Capitol and White House.

The public is especially cautioned against any enterprise attempting to make capital out of the sentiments of affection which inspired the desire to rear at the grave of our late President a memorial which shall fittingly honor his memory. It is the desire of the trustees that all contributions shall be the free-will offering of the people, and they respectfully request the public to discourage all propositions which may seem to have as their object the obtaining of money by giving all or part of the proceeds to the memorial fund. The public are hereby notified that The McKinley National Memorial Association has no connection with or relation to any other association or to any enterprise of a commercial nature.

After a conference at this meeting with representatives of the William McKinley Memorial Arch Association of Washington, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That it be the sense of the Trustees of the McKinley National Memorial Association that the field of popular subscription should be left to it for raising the sum necessary to provide a suitable memorial to the late President at Canton, where his body lies; and that this Association should join with the William McKinley Memorial Arch Association of Washington in memorializing congress to erect a national memorial at the capital of our country to commemorate his services to the nation.

The Arch Association acquiesced in this resolution and has ceased to solicit subscriptions, leaving the field to the McKinley National Memorial Association, through which the people of the United States will build a memorial of affection at the last resting place of their beloved president, William McKinley.

COAL FAMINE AT CHICAGO.

With Temperature Low and Falling Much Suffering Is Inevitable.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Chicago is facing a coal famine, and 15 degrees below zero within 24 hours is predicted by the weather bureau. Throughout the entire city big consumers of hard and soft coal are begging shippers to supply them, but without avail. The severe weather and the floods throughout the coal mining districts have tied up railroads to such an extent that shipment is almost impossible. To add to the serious shortage, railroad companies are exerting their prerogative of confiscating car lots of coal as fast as they arrive here, and are putting them to their own use. Large business houses are suffering severely for the want of coal, and many concerns are hampered by reason of insufficient steam. Today many owners of large buildings are besieging coal dealers and begging that they be supplied with enough coal to tide them over the zero weather. At midnight a number of coal dealers who had been canvassing the city reported that there was not more than 30 hours' coal supply in the city. If relief does not come by that time there will be much suffering and many plants will be forced to close. The prediction of the weather bureau is for a new record in low temperature for Chicago for the month of December. At midnight the mercury showed five above zero and was falling slowly.

Naval Arch Project Given Up.

New York, Dec. 19.—Park Benjamin, president of the Naval Arch Commission, which has charge of the proposed naval arch and water gate at the Battery in this city, announced today that the project has been temporarily given up. The arch and gate was to have cost $1,300,000 and $250,000 had been pledged. Mr. Benjamin said that the Schley controversy had destroyed public interest in the undertaking.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

Bill Passed the House by a Vote of 163 to 128—Last Day of the Debate.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The bill to provide revenue temporarily for the Philippine Islands passed the house today by a vote of 163 to 128. Five Republicans voted against the bill, and three Democrats for it.

In the course of the debate upon the measure, the Democrats were several times taunted with their failure to present an alternative proposition for the pending measure, but just before the vote was taken on the passage of the bill, the attitude of the minority was defined in a motion to recommit, offered by Richardson, the minority leader. It instructed the ways and means committee to report the bill back amended so as to reduce the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States to a revenue basis, and to extend them to the Philippines until the latter, with the aid of the United States, should be able to set up a stable, independent government. This proposition did not command a Republican vote and the three Louisiana Democrats voted against it.

The bill as passed, imposes the Dingley rates on goods entering the United States from the Philippines and the rates established by the Philippine commission on goods entering the Philippines from the United States. It also provides for the collection of tonnage tax on vessels plying between the United States and the Philippines, and that foreign vessels may ply between these ports until January 1, 1905. The duties and taxes collected under the provisions of the bill shall go into the Philippine treasury.

SAMAR WILL BE MADE A DESERT.

Plan to Exterminate Lukban's Rebel Army—Large Ammunition Factory Captured.

Victoiar, B. C., Dec. 20.—The Manila Times, referring to the plan of campaign in Samar says:

"The Cavite marines, to the number of 330, are stationed at Balaguingan. They, in conjunction with the Eleventh infantry, will operate from the south, scouring and burning the country northward until they meet the Twenty-sixth, Twelfth, Seventh and Ninth regiments. This is the first part of the plan of campaign. Operations will then be removed from Luzon and other points in the vicinity to Samar, rounding up Lukban's army for extermination. Samar Island will be made a desert.

"There is a bare possibility that Lukban and his followers will throw themselves on the mercy of the Americans. Lukban's friends have become so terrified that they have besought General Hughes to postpone his measures of retaliation until the rebel chief can be advised of the situation and given a chance to present himself to the Americans.

"The fleet of gunboats which has been patrolling the coast of Samar has not been idle. Besides the work of capturing Bancas and escaping insurgents, they are also engaged in burning the coast towns and forcing the insurgents into the interior.

"The pueblos on the shores of Leyte have also been devastated. A large ammunition factory at Parasan, which has been supplying the insurgents with powder and projectiles, has been captured."

THREE VICE ADMIRALS.

Bills for the Promotion of Schley, Sampson and Clark.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Representative Pearre, of Maryland, has introduced a bill reviving the grade of vice admiral of the navy and authorizing the appointment of Admirals W. T. Sampson, W. S Schley and Charles T. Clark to the grade of vice admirals. As Pearre represents the district from which Admiral Schley comes, and has been an active adherent of the admiral, the proposition to unite Admirals Sampson and Schley and Captain Clark, of the Oregon, in advancement to the rank of vice admiral is regarded as a conciliatory step. A similar bill was introduced in the senate by Penrose.

Christmas Gift for Express Employes.

New York, Dec. 20.— James C. Fargo, president of the American Express Company, has announced that each of the 10,000 employes of the corporation in the United States will receive a Chrsitmas gift of $10. Last year the company gave each of its employes $5.

Wreck on the Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Trains Nos. 9 and 10, the north and southbound overlands, on the coast division of the Southern Pacific, came in collision about 2 o'clock this morning near San Ardo, Monterey county, 180 miles south of this city. No particulars are obtainable at this time, further than that No. 9, the northbound train, due to arrive in this city at 7:30 this morning, is on fire. Train No. 10 left San Francisco last night.

Skirmishes in Batangas.

Manila, Dec. 20.— There were six skirmishes in various parts of Batangas province yesterday. The insurgents did not make a single stand. Several Filipinos were killed. The Americans had only a few men wounded. Additional troops have been sent to General Bell, who is carrying on an aggressive campaign in Batangas, Tayabas and Laguna provinces.