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WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Mrs. Maybrick has arrived in New York.

The loss by the tornado at St. Paul will reach $2,500,000.

Late reports from Port Arthur say the fort has all but fallen.

Souvenir Lewis and Clark coins will be ready early next month.

The Japanese continue to sacrifice thousands of lives at Port Arthur.

A Santa Fe passenger train was derailed near Topeka and six persons injured.

The Russians estimate that the siege has already cost the enemy 28,000 men.

A mob of 500 burned a negro at Cedartown, Ga., for the assault of a 13-year-old white girl.

A hurricane swept over Watertown, S. D., killing two people and injuring many others. Great damage was done to property.

The Russian cruisers Gromboi and Rossia are fast being repaired at Vladivostock and will soon be ready to assume the offensive again.

John Eiland, a wealthy sheepman of New Mexico, has fallen into the hands of brigands in Mexico, where he went on business. A heavy ransom is demanded for his release.

The czar has summoned all reserve officers to the colors.

Japan holds that the nutarlity of China at Shanghai is imperfect.

An engagement with Kuropatkin will porbably be forced at Liao Yang.

The interior department is in no hurry to create forest reserves in Oregon.

The Japanese have captured all forts on the Pigeon bay side of Port Arthur.

Five persons were killed at Manden, Mo., by the explosion of a car of dynamite.

Rioting continues at the Chicago stock yards. Another man has been shot.

Japan in showing utter disregard for lives is breaking all precedents at Port Arthur.

The loss caused by the tornado in North St. Louis is much heavier than at first reported.

The anniversary of "Mad" Anthony Wayne's victory over the Indians was observed at the St. Louis fair by an imposing parade.

The rains are stopping around Liao Yang. The roads are still in bad condition and active operations are not expected until they are in bettter shape.

A felling almost akin to despair reigns in the Russian admiralty.

Forest fires continue to rage in the reserves of Montana, destroying much valuable timber.

Japanese ships are cruising off Chefoo in search of the Russian boats Diana and Novik.

Paraguayan rebels have demanded the city of Asuncion, allowing it 24 hours to surrender.

A cloudburst near Globe, Arizona, caused a loss of several lives and great damage to property.

A Russian gunboat was sunk by coming in contact with a mine near the Liao Tung peninsula.

The Russians will sink their ships at Port Arthur rather than let them fall into the hands of the enemy.

The corporation counsel of Chicago has decided that the packers have no right to house employes in their plants.

Forest fires in Clarke county, Wash., are doing great damage A number of homes have been burned and much cordwood destroyed. A suspect has been arrested.

General Stoessel made a defiant reply to the Japanese demand that he surrender.

The weat crop in Eastern Oregon and Wasington will be te greatest ever known.

The Russian ships damaged in the recent battles can take no further part in the war.

The Grand Army has elected General Wilmon Blackmar, of Massachusetts, commander in chief.

It is believed that the raids of the Russian squadron will not cost shipping more than $250,000.

Indications are more favorable than ever that Russia will agree to the American definition of contraband of war.

The Japanese consul general at Shanghai has notified the taotai that a fleet is coming to seize the Russian war vessels there.

The Russian Batlic fleet has sailed for the Far East.

The Japanese are making a final assault on Port Arthur, and reports say they have already sacrificed 20,000 men. Several important positions have been taken.

Japan has demanded the surrender of Port Arthur.

A Georpia mob overpowered the militia, seized two negro murderers and burned them alive.

FLESH AGAINST POWDER.

Question Whether Japanese Forces Will Hold Out.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The latest reports from Port Arthur indicate that the garrison there is holding out with wonderful tenacity in the face of persistent desperate assaults. The only question is how long any body of troops can withstand such awful punishment, and whether the garrison in the fortress can outlast Japanese ammunition and men.

The report that 30 regiments have been drawn from General Oku to strengthen the attackers is believed to indicate that the Japanese southern army is in desperate straits and seems to show that the Japanese have not enough men to prosecute simultaneous campaigns of great magnitude in the north and south.

The report that the Novik has been sunk has not yet been published here. If it is true, it will be greatly felt, for the gallant cruiser, which has been frequently mentioned in dispatches, has endeared herself to the whole nation by her tireless activity at Port Arthur, and it has been greatly hoped that she would reach Vladivostok in safety.

The attitude of the Japanese government in regard to China has caused increasing uneasiness here. While it is believed that the dictatorial attitude assumed by Japan was adopted largely for its moral influence on the Chinese, it is also taken to indicate that Japan intends to make herself the dominant spirit in the Celestial empire.

PORTE VERY SILENT.

Embarrassed by Reminder of Verbal Pledge to America.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—A note from American Minister Leishman, dated August 16, was handed to the Turkish authorities within 12 hours after the receipt by the Minister of the Turkish note Monday. In this note Mr. Leishman holds the government to its solemn undertaking, coming direct from the Sultan, respecting equal treatment with other nations for the United States concerning the question of educational institutions.

This allusion to the imperial pledge apparently embarrassed the Porte, which had previously announced that it would ignore the former verbal assurances which Minister Leishman declared he had received.

It is considered improbable that the Porte will reply to the Minister's note and therefore the question is looked upon as shelved pending the execution of the process of recognition, when it is considered not improbable fresh difficulties will arise.

Nothwithstanding the assertion by Izzet Pasha, the secretary of the Palace, that $250,000 has been deposited as compensation due to an American citizens at Smyrna for land illegally taken, no such deposit has yet been made.

FLEET APPROACHES SHANGHAI.

Consul Goodnow Calls Consular Body Together for Action.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—The steamer Haiting, which arrived here today, reports having sighted a Japanese squadron last night off Gutzlaff Island, about 65 miles southeast of Shanghai. The squadron showed no lights.

The United States monitor Monadnock and two torpedo-boat destroyers have been ordered to be ready to protect the neutrality of Shanghai.

American Consul Goodnow called the meeting of the consular body for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. It is believed that the foreign consuls will arrange means to strengthen the hands of the Taotai in dealing with the matter of the Russian warships here.

Later reports declare the Japanese squadron to be 20 miles from Woosung. Woosung is the outside harbor of Shanghai.

Rain Stops Field Operations.

At the Headquarters of General Kuroki, in Southern Manchuria, Aug. 20, via Fusan and Seoul, Aug. 24.—It has rained steadily for four days and both of the lower roads are covered with ten feet of water and are absolutely impassable. A number of Chinese and horses of the commissary department have been drowned crossing the Lang river at the ford. Russian spies have been located hiding in the cornfields near the outposts and large scouting parties are searching for them. The relative positions of the two armies remain unchanged.

Vessels Stick to Port.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—The Russian consul-general here, replying again to the demands of the Taotai of the port that the Askold and Grozovoi disarm or leave port, stated that he considers the demand unreasonable and a violation of the rights of Russia as a belligerant. He refused to order the war vessels to quit Shanghai. The Chinese newspapers here are urging the Peking government to send enough warships here to uphold the Taotai, but so far nothing has been heard

St. Petersburg Advised.

London, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says news has reached the admiralty there to the effect that the missing Russian cruiser Novik has arrived at Korsakevsk, a port of the island of Sakhalin, and that the Russian cruiser Diana, concerning whose fate there has been considerable anxiety, has been seen off Hong Kong.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

SILETZ RICH IN TIMBER.

Railroad Survey Party Loud in Praise of Country.

Independence.—The surveying party of the S. Chapman Lumber Company that has been in the Coast range mountains since May 28, has completed its task, coming out at a point no one guessed. The survey as completed intersects the Southern Pacific scarcely half a mile south of Independence, near the old racetrack. The surveying crew, comprising 15 men, is in charge of Engineer L. M. Rice.

The timber found in the Siletz basin was a revelation to the party, many of whom are experienced timber men and surveyors. There is enough timber in the Siletz country says Chief Engineer Rice, to last 50 years after it is made accessible by rail. The route terminating at Independence is a very feasible one and, according to the survey, it is not over 45 miles into the heart of the rich Siletz basin.

Terminating here, timber over the proposed route could be handled by rail or river, and the Southern Pacific is just completing a spur from within a few rods of where the survey ended into the bed of the river. A road over this survey would also afford a short cut to Newport.

STIRRING UP DAIRYMEN.

Effort to Induce Valley Farmers to Produce Butter Fat.

Albany.—An important meeting of the dairymen and farmers of Linn county was held at Shedd last week. The meeting is the result of the efforts of prominent creamery men of Portland and of State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Bailey.

Curtis' Grove, one mile from Shedd, was the scene of the meeting, which took the nature of a farmers' picnic. A Portland creamery provided gallons of ice cream free, and the attendance was large for this season of the year. The great importance of the meeting in the eyes of friends of diversified farming in Oregon is in the fact that it is the beginning of an effort on the part of the large purchasers of dairy products in Oregon to induce the farmers of the Willamette Valley to devote more time to raising blooded stock, and particularly dairy stock.

County Is Worth More.

Oregon City.—Assessor J. F. Nelson has completed the assessment of Clackamas county property for the 1904 roll. The aggregate of property valuations, represented by the roll, is approximately $10,250,000, or an increase of $300,000 over last year's roll. It is not expected that any material changes will be made in the assessed valuations by the board of equalization, which will be convened on Monday, August 29. This is the earliest date for years that the assessment of property in this county has been completed.

Raise Timber Land Values.

St. Helens.—The assessment roll for Columbia county will be completed and ready for the board of equalization in a few days. It will show an increase of about one-third in the assessed valuation of the county. The valuation of the timber land has been raised from $2.50 to $3 and $5. This bears heavily upon the non-resident land-owners, but it is not nearly as high as in Clatsop county, and is far below the actual cash value of the property. The assessment of the Benson Company amounts to $128,000, and the cash value is certainly three times that amount.

Start Work on Fair Grounds.

Baker City—The survey of the ground for the Baker County Fair Association is completed and the work of constructing the new speed track begun in earnest. The grounds adjoin the city on the north, and are within easy walking distance. The land is comparatively level and admirably located for the purpose. Work on the grandstand and fair building will be begun at once. The date has not yet been set for the fair, but will likely be the first week in October.

Umatilla Wheat Moving.

Pendleton.—Wheat buyers estimate that 1,000,000 bushels of Umatilla county's wheat crop have been sold so far this season. Sales are being made constantly, sometimes amounting to 50,000 bushels per day. Considerable wheat is being shipped from Eastland, 10 miles northeast of here, to New York, to the cereal market and to fill contracts made on the board of trade. Harvesting is more than half done, but in some localities will continue several weeks into September.

Seven Williams Name Camp.

Albany.—Because seven men whose first name was William were the first settlers of the proposed mining camp, the town was christened Billville. It is in the Blue river mining district near the line between Lane and Linn counties. Billville is now a busy mining camp.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 78c; bluestem, 85c; valley, 83c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 85c; club, 77½c.
Albany—75c.
Salem—78c.
Colfax—Club, 70c; bluestem, 76c.
Pendleton—Club, 58½c; bluestem, 73½c.
La Grande—Club, 62c; bluestem, 68c.

WIND DAMAGES HOPYARDS.

Poles Blown Over and Vines Torn by Brisk Breeze.

Independence.—Quite a little damage has been done to hopyards in this vicinity by wind. Walker Bros., two and a half miles north of here, are the heaviest losers. Fully 25 acres of their yard is flat on the ground. About five acres of the Patton & Sloper yard and three acres in John Burton's yard are also down. R. D. Cooper will have nearly 2000 hills to straighten up, and a few trellis-poles are broken in one of the Hirchberg yards.

A gale from the west sprang up about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was not severe enough to do any damage ordinarily, but only very substantial poles were able to withstand its force where the wind had a clear sweep.

The owners promptly set to work repairing the damage by sharpening, redriving and propping poles. The expense to Walker Bros. alone in resetting poles will be over $1000.

Fruit Shipments from the Cove.

La Grande.—The Cove, 16 miles from La Grande, which is considered about the best section of Eastern Oregon for fruit, thus far this year has shipped the following: Twenty thousand boxes of cherries, 5000 crates of strawberries, 3000 crates of red raspberries, 1000 crates of blackberries. Owing to a lack of pickers the loss on strawberries was about 20 per cent, on the raspberries about 40 per cent. Plums are now moving and the indications are that of these there will be about 4000 crates. There will be about from 25 to 30 cars of prunes and about 40 cars of apples. The pear crop will be light. The cherry crop amounted to 100,000 boxes. The apple crop will reach 100 carloads.

Restored to Domain.

The Dalles.—The Secretary of the Interior has authorized and instructed the officers of The Dalles land office to restore to the public domain portions of the following-named townships, embraced in the temporary withdrawal for the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve: Twenve south, 17 east, 13 south, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 east, 14 south, 19 and 20 east, and 15, 20, 22 and 23 east. These lands were withdrawn from entry at the creation of the reserve June 28, 1902, exclusive of townships 15 and 22. Twenty-three thousand acres of land are released from the withdrawal by this order, out of which 14,500 are already filed upon.

Malheur People in Earnest.

Ontario.—The committee of 17 for completing the organization of the Malheur Waterusers' Association met in Mayor Lackey's office and appointed committees for drafting by-laws and for dividing the territory to be irrigated into districts. The committee for securing stock in the association reported that 50,000 shares have been subscribed, or 5000 more than was required to organize permanently. Work on the Malheur project is expected to be begun this fall unless something unforeseen occurs. A meeting of stockholders will be held in Vale, September 27.

Exhibit of Grasses and Grains.

Albany.—A. F. Miller, of Portland, is getting together a display of grains, grasses, vegetables, leaves, mosses, etc., for a state exhibit. Mr. Miller was in Albany in connection with his work and left a number of orders. It is a little early yet to collect a large display, but arrangements are being made for materials to make up a display to be collected later. Mr. Miller has been making these collections for the last 40 years and knows just what part of the state to visit for the best collection of every variety of product.

New Linen Mills.

Albany.—Eugene Bosse, who has announced that he will establish a linen mill in Salem, is looking over the field in Albany with a view to establishing a linen mill here. Mr. Bosse says he will establish a number of mills over the valley, and that flax should be grown here in large quantities, as the Oregon product is the best in the world. At the present time the linen mill at Scio is the only one in this locality. It has proved successful in every way.

Surveyors in Grand Ronde.

La Grande.—The surveyors who are out locating the route for the new electric belt railroad in Union county for the Eastern Oregon Development Company are now in the center of the Grand Ronde Valley and will reach La Grande in a short time. The expense up to this time has reached a total of $85 per day, and the company have the greatest confidence in the best outcome of the undertaking.

New Albany Tannery.

Albany.—The Star Tannery Company has been incorporated in Albany. The incorporators are Henry Lyons, John Shea, James H. Curran and Harry Shea. It is capitalized at $8000, the stock being divided into shares of $100 each. This is the second tannery for Albany.

Find Scab on Cattle.

Albany.—Drs. Wells, of Albany, and Hutchinson, of Portland, inspected a number of cattle at Halsey, Linn county, prior to their shipment to Nevada. Considerable scab was found among the stock. This was ordered eradicated before shipment.

LOSS IS MILLIONS.

Tornado Sweeps Over St. Paul and Minneapolis.

St. Paul, Aug. 23.—Several persons were killed, a number are reported missing and 50 to 100 were injured, some fatally; business property and residences were damaged to the extent of perhaps $1,000,000; the massive steel bridges across the Mississippi were wrecked and strained; shade trees were leveled and much other damage was done in St. Paul and Minneapolis by a tornado which broke over the two cities shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

Apparently the storm was of a local character, for as far as can be learned no damage was done in the neighboring towns. The storm was particularly severe in the business districts of the two cities. Windows were blown in and roofs torn from immense wholesale warehouses and the flood of rain which accompanied the storm did immeasurable damage to stocks of goods. Dwelling houses, churches and schools also suffered greatly.

Railroad traffic between St. Paul and Minneapolis was entirely cut off. The street railway systems of both cities were prostrated. For hours after the storm had spent its fury it was impossible to get into communication with Minneapolis, the telephone wires being demoralized. Rumors of great loss of life were rife, but on being tracked to their sources were found to be incorrect.

All telegraph wires were down and the Associated Press was compelled to send men to stations down the river before communications could be established with the outer world.

The storm was of short duration, lasting not more than 15 minutes. The devastation it wrought was terrific. The wind, according to the government weather observer blew 80 miles an hours, coming from the southwest. Buildings were unroofed and fronts blown in, the cellars being flooded by the rain which came in great waves along with the wind. Electric wires were prostrated and many persons were injured by contact with electric light and trolley wires.

PACKERS WILL FIGHT.

Court Must Decide on Their Right House Employes.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—The packers will apply to the courts for an injunction to prevent the carrying out of the city's orders that the strike-breakers be no longer housed in the buildings in the stockyards. This was decided on at a meeting of the legal representatives of all the packing firms, save one, that are affected by the strike.

Agents of the packers hurried about the yards today reassuring the non-union men and rushing the work of rehabilitating barracks to be entirely separate from the slaughter houses.

Arrangements were made to bring in tents to cover every available vacant spot for the same purpose. Small circus tents were sent for to meet the emergency. Swift's carshops were soon taken possession of by mechanics, who began fitting up the plant's bunkhouse, and the same was done with other buildings, apart from the killing departments. Every effort was made to prevent a stampede of non-unionists. The packers declare it was successful and that the exodus was no larger than is usual on Saturdays. Union pickets reported that the desertions were heavy and that the non-union men were in a state of terror.

ACTION SAVES MANY.

Captain of Ferryboat Rammed Makes Harbor Quickly.

New York, April 23.—A hundred passengers on the ferryboat South Side, plying in the East river between Tenth street and Green Point, have been saved from possible death by quick action on the part of a captian of a New Haven Railroad transfer-boat. The ferry boat 50 yards out in the stream, making for the slip at the foot of Tenth street, when she was rammed by the big float carrying 15 freight cars. The float's prow penetrated nearly to thec enter of the ferry boat on the side of the ladies' cabin. The passengers fled in terror, many of the women in the cabin having been cut and bruised by flying glass and splinters.

The captain of the transfer-boat realized that if he backed off the ferry boat would float helplessly away and sink. Whistling for help, he ordered on all pressure, pushed the helpless ferryboat toward the docks, and succeeded in shoving it against the pier of the slip where the passengers quickly scrambled through the windows and over piles of freight to the street. A few minutes later the South Side settled to the bottom.

Darkness and storm, together with a misunderstanding of signals, probably caused the accident.

Panama Enters Denial.

Panama, Aug. 23.—President Amador today informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that there was no truth in the report received in New York yesterday from Buena Ventura, Colombia, to the effect that the government of Panama had stationed a garrison at Fort Nugui, at the confluence of the Atrata and San Juan rivers, thereby assuming formal possession of a wide strip of the Colombian department of Cawes. The president added that Panama wants peace with all nations and especially with Colombia.

Answer Is Held Up.

Washington, Aug. 23.—In reply to the State Department's instructions to request President Castro to put the New York & Mermudese Asphal Company again in possession of its property in Venezuela, pending the decision of the Venezuelan supreme court in September, Minister Bowen has cabled that he has laid these representations before the Venezuelan foreign office, but has not yet been able to secure an answer from President Castro.