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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Free press, freedom of conscience and compulsory elementary education have been promised in Russia.

The Dawes commission says the rights of aborigines have been well protected in Indian Territory.

Seven people were killed and eight others injured in a wreck on the Southern railroad near Louisville, Ky.

Russians have been ordered to remove the hospital ships placed in front of their war ships at Port Arthur.

A Russian editor has been arrested for publishing a story of brutal conduct of an officer toward a convict convict.

E. E. Calvin is to become general manager of the Southern Pacific railroad in succession to C. H. Markham.

Many Republican congressmen want the passage of the merchant marine bill postponed until next session, when they would favor it.

A general snow storm throughout Colorado and Wyoming, following suddenly an extended period of mild weather, is likely to cause considerable damage to stock on the open ranges.

A grand jury says New York liquor men sent large sums to influence legislation at Albany.

An Austro-Hungarian admiral has been chosen as the fifth member of the North Sea inquiry commission.

A representative of a large French steel company is looking for available sites for the establishment of factories in the United States.

Governor Odell and ex-Governor Black are both said to be candidates for United States senator from New York for Senator Platt's place.

George C. Brownell, president of the last Oregon senate, will be called before the federal grand jury to explain certain papers he affixed his name to as notary public, in connection with the land fraud investigation.

It is reported in Paris that the Japanese government has expressed a wish to be represented at the session of the international commission inquiring into the North Sea tragedy, and is said to claim equal rights with the Russians before the commission, especially as the Russians still maintain that Japanese war vessels were seen among the Hull trawlers.

Nine miners were smothered in a coal mine at Garfield, Pa.

Many Japanese soldiers commit suicide when defeat seems at hand.

Chinese have reported to Kuropatkin that the Japanese have lost 203-meter hill, but the latter claim not.

It is officially reported in Paris that the attorney general has recommended a retrial of the Dreyfus case.

The Japanese are reported to have captured another fort at Port Arthur, with heavy loss to the Russians.

A gang of bell boys, organized to steal the property of guests has been discovered in the Chicago downtown hotels by the police.

Four Denver men have been found guilty of repeating at the November election and sentenced to six months in jail and to pay a \$100 fine.

Robert S. McCormick, American ambassador to Russia, who has been on a two months' vacation in the United States, has returned to his post.

Two of the largest plants of the Illinois Steel company in South Chicago are to resume operations the first of the year. Their reopening will mean employment to at least 3,000 men.

The sultan of Morocco has issued an order expelling all foreign missions, delegates and employees at present attached to his court at Fez. He is afraid his brother will be made sultan.

It is probable that a part of the new Russian loan will be placed in New York.

The present war in the Far East has proved interesting relative to the value of the balloon in time of war.

An ark in the Pacific coast sugar pool is locked for. Six large firms of San Francisco have withdrawn.

The postmaster general has removed two rural mail carriers charged with efforts to influence legislation. One was from Colorado and the other Ohio.

The cotton manufacturers of Fall River, Mass., have refused the offer of the union to arbitrate the difference between the two organizations.

But one bid on the government contract for more than 2,000,000 feet of lumber to be used at Manila, was found when the bids were opened at Tacoma. It was from a Tacoma firm.

Dispatches from Western Pennsylvania are to the effect that industrial activity in many centers is threatened on account of the protracted drought. Unless conditions change soon it is possible thousands of men may be thrown out of employment in the mills, mines and coke fields.

WIND FANS FLAMES.

Two Million Dollars Loss From Fire in Sioux City.

Sioux City, Dec. 28.—A fire, which resulted in the death of one man, a monetary loss roughly estimated at \$2,000,000, and the destruction of nearly two whole blocks, started in the basement of the Pelletier department store, in the Toy block, a six-story stone building at Fourth and Jackson streets, at 8 o'clock tonight.

The district burned over lies in the center of the business portion of the city, and among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures in the city. In these buildings were located a large number of large stores and several wholesale establishments and three national banks.

The fire started in the basement of the store, but its cause is in doubt.

The man killed was a tenant in the Massachusetts block, who jumped from the fifth story.

A large number of shoppers crowded the Pelletier and other stores, and it was with difficulty that all managed to escape from the burning building. The flames enveloped much of the building before the fire department arrived, and was quite beyond control. For three hours and a half, until they had got beyond the range of the large buildings, the flames carried everything in their path.

Both telephone companies were put out of business by reason of their wires being all burned out, and the offices of the Western Union was destroyed. Although a great number of telephone circuits were within the district, long-distance circuits were established with outside points. The fire was conquered at 11:30.

From the Pelletier store the flames spread to the Massachusetts block, on the west, a large six-story building. The fire continued westward, driven by a brisk wind. In the course of the night, the flames were communicated to a score of other business places located in the buildings west of the Toy block.

MORE STATES IN.

New Hampshire and Vermont Will Be at 1905 Fair.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Vermont will be represented at the Lewis and Clark exposition by a reproduction of one of the most valuable buildings, so far as historical value goes, in the United States. Work was received at the exposition, headquarters yesterday that the building to be erected by Vermont will be a replica of the old Constitution house of 1777. In writing the letter, Arthur C. Jackson, commissioner for Vermont to the Lewis and Clark exposition, stated that a conclusion had been reached in the matter, and though it could not be stated, at present, how large the state appropriation would be, it is anticipated that Vermont will be well represented at the exposition as she was at St. Louis.

In this novel exposition building, Vermont will have exhibits to show the resources of that state. Historical public records, too, will be there, and by this means the state will show her part in the upbuilding of the nation.

Modern exhibits will tell of the progress of Vermont from revolutionary days to the present time. The middle ages of the state will not be shown; just the past and the present, with a hint of the future. The building will be the same as the one at St. Louis, and will, no doubt, be the mecca of thousands of visitors.

Following the idea of Vermont, New Hampshire will place her exhibits in the replica of a historical building, the particular edifice to be a reproduction of the birthplace of Daniel Webster. Here there will be an exhibition of public records and of revolutionary life of Webster, and other men of New Hampshire whose names have gone down to the ages. The buildings of Vermont and New Hampshire may rest in the same vicinity, while each other, thus giving to their particular sites a decided historical touch.

Disguised As An American.

Moscow, Dec. 28.—A. F. Granovsky, correspondent of the Russian State, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan, where he traveled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He undertook the journey to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country, taking the risk of discovery and execution as a spy. Granovsky had a complete American outfit and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States.

Strangled Grandmother.

New York, Dec. 28.—Wearing cartridge belts and having their pockets filled with dime novels, two boys have been arrested in Harlem on charges of feloniously attacking their grandmother, strangling her into unconsciousness and robbing her of jewelry and money amounting to more than \$25. Several pawn tickets were found on the youths, together with a signed resolution that they should never part and that they should never marry.

Ammunition Hid in Bales.

Pekin, Dec. 28.—The Chinese yesterday seized 3,000,000 rounds of Russian rifle ammunition near Feng Tai, in the vicinity of Pekin. The ammunition was consigned to a Russian firm at Tientsin, and was evidently destined for Port Arthur. The shipment was concealed among bales of wool brought on the backs of camels from Kalgan, the caravan being in charge of the agent of a German firm.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TWO FREE COURSES.

Lectures on Agriculture and Dairying at Corvallis College.

Corvallis.—Immediately following the winter holidays the Oregon Agricultural college will give free of charge two popular short courses of instruction—one in agriculture, the other in dairying. These courses consist chiefly of lectures by specialists from the faculty and from abroad, combined with work in the laboratories, where students have access to the apparatus of the college and experiment station.

The lectures are designed for busy men and women who desire to advance with this progressive age but cannot avail themselves of the full four years' course of instruction; hence the courses of lectures will come at the most convenient season of the year for combining pleasure and recreation with profitable study.

The instruction, which is simple, is adapted to the literary attainments of all; hence no educational test is required for admission to either of the courses. The course in agriculture will begin January 9 and continue 10 days. Some of the subjects to be discussed are: "Horticulture," "Plant Breeding," "Bacteriology," "Chemical Elements," "How Plants Work," "Building of Plants Based Upon Plant Culture," "How to Conserve the Fertility of the Soil," "Drainage," "Soil Moisture," "Rose Culture," "Veterinary Surgery," "Rotation of Crops," "Roadmaking," "Fertilization and How to Make the Old Farm Pay."

The course in dairying will commence January 21, and continue eight weeks. Students will meet for work six days of the week. The mornings will be devoted to practical work in dairy rooms; two days will be devoted to butter making, two days to cheese making, and two days will be spent in the dairy laboratories. In the afternoon of the days, except those devoted to cheese making, lectures will occupy two or three hours. There will be no fees except the breakage deposit of \$3.

School for Defective Youth.

Pendleton—State Senator C. Smith and two others of the hold over legislative committee visited the Washington school for defective youth at Vancouver and will recommend that one be established in this state. Other matters decided upon by the committee was that the health board should have more authority than hitherto, so as to be able to enforce regulations made, instead of Typhoid fever was made a quarantine disease instead of being reported, as hitherto.

Corner on Wallows Wool.

Enterprise—R. C. Mays, who is buying wool in this county for the S. Koshland company, has closed contracts for over 500,000 pounds more wool. This makes about three-fourths of the total wool clip of this county, including 1,000,000 pounds which he has already purchased. The total wool clip of this county is estimated at 2,000,000 pounds. With 16-cent wool and the prospect of a substantial rise in cattle, good times are prophesied for the people of this county next year.

Activity at Sumpter.

Sumpter.—Indications point to unusual activity in the Sumpter mining district during the coming year. Many owners of claims who have been away during the past season are returning daily, with the intention of completing their assessment work before it is too late. The faith awakened in the district by operations of the smelter is having its effect, and properties that have attracted little attention are now being put in shape.

To Collect Salmon Eggs.

Albany—C. C. Wallis, superintendent of the Clackamas fish hatchery, has gone to the Yaquina coast in search of a suitable place for a collection station for steelhead and silverside salmon eggs. Manager Edwin Stone stated that there are a number of places on the Yaquina river which are suited to such purposes, and it is likely a station will be established there.

Coming Events.

Inland Empire Sunday School institute, Pendleton, Ore., January 30.

Oregon State Horticultural society, Portland, January 10-11.

National American Woman Suffrage association, Portland, June 22-23.

Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, Portland, June 1 October 15.

New Plant for Imperial.

Sumpter—As soon as General Manager Sillier, of the Imperial group, returns from the East, more extensive operations will be carried on. The installation of a larger hoisting plant is one of the first improvements to be made.

New Sawmill at Lacombe.

Lacombe—The new sawmill at Lacombe is almost completed. It will be one of the largest and best equipped in Linn county, with a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day.

TO RECLAIM MUCH LAND.

Government Planning Big Task Along Oregon-California Line.

Portland, Dec. 27.—Harry Holgate, legal adviser in the United States reclamation service, is in Portland to attend to matters connected with the Klamath river irrigation project, which he states is promising, and may result in throwing open 2,000 homes for settlers.

"The land to be benefited by the project," said Mr. Holgate today, "is extensive and lies partly in California. In order to make the matter a success some legislation is needed from both Oregon and California, and it is for the purpose of looking after that that I have been sent here."

"I have been to interview Governor Pardee, of California, regarding the lands in that state, and he is very enthusiastic over the matter. I will remain in Portland until after the legislature meets to urge some action that will benefit the project."

"Before coming up to Portland I spent a few weeks