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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.

Portland is shipping cattle to Japan.

King Oscar says he does not favor a forcible union with Norway.

A severe wind storm has wiped out the town of Anawa, Wisconsin.

All telegraph operators on the Northern Pacific railway are ready to go on strike.

The Union passenger depot at Louisville, Kentucky, has been burned. Loss, \$30,000.

A Boston man has been arrested in Kingston, Jamaica, for taking photographs of the fortifications.

Witte says that while he favors peace with Japan, he will not agree to it at any time that may be offered.

Unusually heavy rainstorms are reported in various parts of Germany. Immense damage has been done to crops.

The Chinese government is sending a number of its aristocrats to various countries to study foreign ways. It is regarded generally as a step in the right direction.

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WANT A LONG CONTRACT.

Only Terms on Which Japanese Will Work on Canal.

Seattle, July 18.—Japanese labor contractors will not agree to the Isthmian commission's programme of experimenting with the labor of different countries. A recent dispatch from Washington says the commission has decided to secure 2,000 laborers of different nationalities under a 500 day contract, with the idea in view of renewing the contract for such laborers as were found satisfactory.

The question of employing Japanese laborers on the Isthmian was first taken up with the commission and Secretary Taft by the Oriental Trading company, of Seattle. This is the most important labor contracting firm in the Northwest.

Vice President C. T. Takahashi said today that his company would not agree to such a proposal. "There is no money in such a short contract," he continued. "If we could get a four-year or a five-year contract, Japanese laborers could be supplied. As it is the laborers would have to be brought from Japan and returned to their homes after the work was completed. To collect 2,000 men, carry them to the Isthmus and then return them to their homes after a 500-day contract had been completed is not practical."

Our proposal to supply Japanese labor has been before the commission and Washington officials for some time. We have not been notified that an experimental contract might be made and I do not think we would accept a contract if offered one."

The Oriental Trading company proposed to supply its own foremen, choosing men accustomed to directing railroad and similar construction work.

MINERS IN TERROR.

Appeal to Government for Protection Against Outlaws.

Seattle, July 18.—Miners operating on the creeks near Fairbanks, Alaska, have appealed to the United States government for protection from outlaws who are terrorizing that district.

General Constance Williams, in command of the Department of the Columbia, has been instructed by the War department to investigate, and if conditions are such as the miners claim, troops will be rushed into the Tanana country. The telegraph line into Fairbanks are down and General Williams' investigation is likely to be delayed for several days. In the meantime a large Alaska community is terrorized, for the situation is even worse than that which existed at Skagway during the "Sapsy Smith" days.

Telegraphic advices from the North declare that holdups and the boldest of robberies are becoming so frequent that an attack on some of the banks is feared by the miners. The mine owners are afraid to either bring their dust into the town or keep it at their camps. The outlaws are holding up strong pack trains and robberies at camps are so numerous that they have become expected.

The miners in the Tanana country have but a few weeks in which to make their annual cleanup and the deprivations of the outlaws threaten the year's business. The district about Fairbanks has had a long and hard winter and the cleanup would be the heaviest in the camp's history if the miners are able to work. Fear of losing everything by robbery is holding back the spring cleanup.

Independence for Corea.

Honolulu, July 18.—Coreans here have raised a fund to send Rev. P. T. Yon, a Korean Methodist minister, to Washington, St. Louis, New Orleans and Washington for the purpose of asking that efforts be made by the United States in the forthcoming negotiations to bring about an agreement by which the Korean nation will become independent within 30 years. It shows a fitness for self-government. Rev. Mr. Yon will solicit the good offices of President Roosevelt to ask Japan to grant independence as the United States did Cuba.

Off for the North Pole.

New York, July 18.—The Roosevelt, in which Captain Robert E. Peary hopes to reach the north pole, started on her long voyage today. Captain Peary and a party of guests were on board at the start, and remained with the ship on her trip down the bay, but they left her at the narrows, returning to the city on a navy bag. Captain Peary started tonight by rail for Spitzbergen, Cape Breton, where he will join the ship.

Captain King in Blackmar's Place.

Baltimore, July 18.—By the death of General Blackmar, Captain John R. King, of this city, senior vice commander in chief, becomes, under the laws of the G. A. R., acting commander-in-chief, and will continue such until the next National encampment. Captain King is pension agent for Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia, and has an office in Washington.

Ripe Fruit Can Be Carried.

Sacramento, Cal., July 18.—Harold Powell, of the United States Department of Agriculture, says he has demonstrated conclusively that ripe fruit, well refrigerated before shipment, will arrive under ordinary railroad refrigeration, even after being from 10 to 15 days on the way.

Packing Plant is Destroyed.

Columbus, O., July 18.—The plant of the Columbus Packing company on the South Side, was destroyed by fire today. Loss, \$185,000. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG CROPS IN LINN COUNTY.

Hay, Wheat, Oats and Hops Giving Great Promise.

Albany.—The hay crop of Linn county is greater this year than ever before, and thousands of tons of hay will be shipped away. In addition to the extra acreage is the yield. It is unusually good. Hay is selling for \$4 and \$5 a ton, a \$6 and \$7 a ton—low prices even for the opening market. Haying has been in progress for some time, and this week will see the crop cut and in the cock. Most of it will also be in the barn or stack ere the end of the week.

Never did wheat in Linn county look better. Binders will begin moving the yellow grain this week, much of it being now fully ripe and ready for cutting. This activity has caused agents for the summer during the rains have all disappeared, leaving no mark behind. The output of the county will not be much larger than in the past, for the acreage is not much larger than usual, but the yield is the greatest in years.

Threshing will begin the last of July or the first of August, on the fall sown grain. Three or four weeks later work will begin on the spring grain, which is looking fine where sowed early enough, but that sown late will ripen very close to the ground, making binding difficult.

Oats are looking fine, and will be a fairly heavy crop. The acreage is not as large as in some years, but the yield is excellent.

One of the bumper crops of the county will be hops. There is every indication of a fall crop—better than last year. No damage has been done by the lice, the hot weather coming in time to put an end to the ravages of the little pest. The few yards that were infested with lice have been sprayed, and the crop is not affected in the least. If we have warm weather until picking season is over, the crop will be a full one. A prominent Albany hop grower estimates the output of Linn county at about 150,000 bales.

Indians Go Into Law.

Chemawa.—Among the 32 young men who were recently admitted to practice before the Superior court of Oregon were two Indians, graduates of the Chemawa Indian school. Both young men were successful, and give great promise of a creditable career. They were Oscar Norton, of California, who graduated in 1899, and George Bernier, of Oregon, of the class of 1900. Wood has also reached here that Richard Graham, another California Indian, who was a student of Chemawa in 1897, has been admitted to practice law in the courts of Washington City. Mr. Graham has been a government department clerk for a number of years, and has attended and graduated from the Columbia law school.

Frozen Wheat Short.

The Dalles.—Through the High Ridge and Fifteen-Mile country, the section of Waco county where grain was most seriously damaged by the freeze of February, and where much reseeded was necessary, crops are looking fairly well. Some of the spring sown wheat is short and rather thin, but is of good color, and with favorable weather will make a comparatively good crop. Farmers in that section estimate that their spring grain will average 15 bushels to the acre. In that section the fall grain that was not frozen out will yield from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre. Everywhere throughout the county fall grain is ripening rapidly, and heading has already begun.

Bohemian Men Want Smelter.

Bohemia.—At an important meeting of the Bohemian Miners' association this week steps were taken to interest some smelters in Bohemia camp. The mining men stated that in case interested parties put up a smelter, they would sign a contract to deliver 50 tons of ore per day. With this amount of ore from one man, it is considered an assured fact that a smelter would pay if once put in operation. Men who are now doing nothing with their properties would proceed to active development.

Clerk Robinson Suspended.

Pendleton.—Charles M. Robinson, clerk of the Umatilla Indian reservation, has been suspended from office by Major J. J. McKoin, United States agent in charge of the reservation, pending an investigation of the affairs of Robinson's office. This action on the part of the agent is understood to be a result of the investigation of the affairs of the reservation, by R. H. Valentine, private secretary to Indian Commissioner Leupp.

Albany Summer Normal.

Albany.—A summer normal school for the benefit of public school teachers is being conducted in Albany this summer by County School Superintendent W. L. Jackson, City School Superintendent J. E. Richardson. A large number of the teachers in the public schools of Linn county are attending this summer school, where instruction in practical pedagogy is given.

State Land in Klamath.

Salem.—State Land Agent Oswald West has returned from a trip to Swan Lake, Klamath county, where he inspected a large tract of land believed to be swamp in character, and therefore the property of the state. He found 5,000 acres to which he believes the state is entitled to a patent, and he will take steps immediately to perfect title.

NEW TRIAL DENIED.

Judge De Haven Denies Motion in Mitchell Case.

Portland, July 16.—"The motion in arrest of judgment will be denied. "The motion for a new trial will be denied. "Is the defendant in court?"

Senator John H. Mitchell was not in court when Judge De Haven pronounced the words quoted from his decision in answer to the motions made last week by his attorneys. Senator Mitchell was represented by Judge Bennett and ex-Senator Thurston, and while Judge De Haven did not say that he would have rendered judgment upon the senator, had he been in court, it is believed from the fact that he asked if "the defendant was in court," that he would have done so. Senator Thurston, when Judge De Haven put his query, rose and stated that he wished further time in which to draw up a bill of exceptions, and he was given until a week from Monday morning to present them.

This means another ten days before Senator Mitchell will have judgment pronounced upon him. The senator's counsel informed the court that by tomorrow they would have their bill of exceptions ready and in the hands of United States District Attorney Henry, so that he might in turn have his answer ready by the time that the case will again be taken up by the court. Judge De Haven assumed a willing to grant the delay, and as there was no objection from Mr. Henry, His Honor set Monday, July 31, as the day for receiving the exceptions.

BIGGS TESTIFIES FOR DEFENSE.

Vigorously Denies Any Thought of Perpetrating Fraud.

Portland, July 16.—This coming week, unless some unforeseen accident should occur, will see the end of the Representative Williamson, Dr. Van Geener and Marion R. Biggs trial. Yesterday Marion Biggs, who is the United States land commissioner, took the stand in his own behalf, and when Judge De Haven adjourned court until Monday morning, he had passed through the hands of the district attorney. On the whole, he made a fair witness for himself, and the two defendants charged jointly with him in the alleged conspiracy. Under the skillful hands of Attorney Wilson, Biggs told a plausible story, but District Attorney Henry, during the course of an extremely rigid cross examination, tangled the witness up several times.

From the beginning of his testimony to the end, Biggs contended that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, and he denied having any part in the alleged conspiracy of suborning entrymen to commit perjury.

DIES AT BOISE.

Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R. Was Touring Northwest.

Boise, Idaho, July 16.—General W. W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at 5 o'clock this evening of intestinal nephritis. His wife was with him during his illness. The body will be embalmed and taken to the home of the family in Boston.

The general arrived here on the 10th on a tour, during which he intended to visit Grand Army posts throughout the Northwest. He was ill when he arrived and gradually failed. The seriousness of his condition was kept from the public at the request of his wife.

General Blackmar was born July 25, 1841, at Bristol, Pa. He enlisted in the Fifth Pennsylvania cavalry and subsequently joined the First West Virginia. He served with distinction throughout the war and at Five Forks was promoted to the rank of captain. Through the three administrations of Governors Long, Talbot and Rice he was judge advocate general of Massachusetts. At the last National encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic he was elected commander-in-chief.

Costly Dirt in New York.

New York, July 17.—From the exempt tax list, as published today in the City Record, some idea of the value of earth in that part of the globe covered by New York City may be gathered. The total estimated value of real property which pays no taxes is more than \$1,000,000,000, and it is safe to say that the real worth of the property is more than \$2,000,000,000. Adding to this more than \$5,000,000,000 of real estate which was taxed, the actual value of the city is more than \$7,000,000,000.

Rain Ruins Indiana Wheat.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 17.—Reports to the News from all counties of Indiana show that continuous rains have prevented almost entirely the threshing of wheat in this state so far. Two weeks ago Indiana apparently had the greatest yield of wheat in many years, but since harvest there has been rain practically all the time. Returns so far indicate a yield of 20 bushels to the acre. The Indiana corn crop will be tremendous.

Canal Laborers Leaving.

Panama, July 17.—Owing to dilatory methods of paying laborers, a general exodus of workmen is taking place among employes of the canal. Reports from Culebra indicate that, because they cannot get paid, laborers are quitting in scores, and have taken to the woods of Panama and other tropical fruit to ward off starvation.

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