

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

The estate of the late Collis P. Huntington is appraised at \$28,301,765.

Rear Admiral Sigsbee says that the navy is greatly in need of more men.

Dreyfus has finally triumphed in his efforts to secure a judicial hearing of his case.

The title to the rich Bonanza mines, of Valdes, is confirmed to the Alaska copper company.

Lord Roberts, commander in chief of the British army, is likely to retire on account of ill health.

Several members of congress will oppose the plan of Roosevelt to reduce the tariff on Philippine goods.

Colombia will ask Latin-American countries to protest against the action of the United States, if Reyes' mission fails.

A New York theater management paid \$30 a minute for 90 minutes to hear Patti sing in making up a deficiency in receipts.

The lot of the American consul at Cartagena is being mad every hard.

Ex-President Cleveland declares he has no idea of being a candidate for the presidency.

Utah miners declare they will not stay out in sympathy with Coloradoans if demands are met.

The American minister at Santo Domingo refuses to acknowledge the provisional government.

A crank evaded hundreds of New York police and approached President Roosevelt while at a funeral.

General Reyes must confine his activity for Colombia at Washington to lawful channels or be deported.

Senator Mitchell will urge that "the Oregon country" has paid far more into the treasury than it has received in appropriations and the 1905 fair should be favored.

The Far Eastern situation is less reassuring.

The strike situation in Colorado and Utah is fast approaching a crisis.

The senate is sure to pass the bill appropriating \$1,125,000 for the 1905 fair.

General Reyes, the Colombian commissioner, has arrived in the United States.

The settlement of the Chicago street car strike did not restore normal conditions as soon as expected.

Colombia has given the Panama canal company warning not to sell its rights to the United States.

Another crank, who has been disturbing the president by writing letters, has been placed in an asylum.

General Funston reports that liquor and tuberculosis is largely responsible for sad plight of the Alaskan Indians.

Pension Commissioner Ware has resigned. Everything was not going as smoothly for the commissioner as he desired.

Friends of O'Day, the noted Wyoming outlaw, will try to rescue him. The sheriff has sworn in a large number of deputies and is confident of holding his man.

The secretary of war says Oregon must secure the right of way for the Dalles-Celilo canal before the department will commence work. This action is very unusual, there being no precedent.

Senator Morgan severely criticises the Panama policy of Roosevelt.

Colon has been closed to foreign ships despite the protests of foreign consuls.

Secretary Hitchcock has suspended another clerk in the Indian territory land office.

Reports from India tell of a flood of the Palar river which wiped out an entire town. Two hundred persons were drowned.

While King Victor of Italy was leaving London an obstruction was found on the railroad tracks, evidently placed there for the purpose of wrecking his train.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill carrying \$40,000 to defray the expenses of testing American timber to determine the actual strength of different sizes and kinds.

The United States circuit court, in session at New York, has decided that Charles Neely must pay \$20,000. Neely was convicted of embezzlement of postal funds in Cuba.

Senator Foster has received excellent committee assignments for a new man.

The governor of Utah will order militia to the scene of the mining strike.

Colombia accuses America of being an ally to Panama rebels.

Wyoming officers have captured Tom Oday, of Curry gang fame.

The Chicago street car strike is down to a basis of bargaining.

The Philippines want tariff on many articles reduced so as to encourage trade with America.

Governor Chamberlain has called an extra session of the Oregon legislature to meet December 21.

LOOK TO OREGON.

View of Engineers on The Dalles-Celilo Canal Right of Way.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Engineer officers in Washington are inclined to believe the Dalles-Celilo canal situation is very much simplified by the fact that there is to be an extra session of the Oregon legislature. These officers say such a session presents an opportunity for an early and a thoroughly satisfactory solution of the problem raised by the recent restrictive order of the secretary of war, who demands that right of way for the canal shall cost the government nothing.

It is the opinion of the engineers that the legislature should make an ample appropriation to purchase the desired right of way, as they are convinced the state can not only get the needed lands sooner, but cheaper, than could the general government, should it resort to condemnation proceedings.

Among engineer officers who are known to be friendly to the Dalles-Celilo canal project, there is a hope that it may not be necessary to go to congress to ask for a further appropriation for purchasing this right of way. They fear if congress is asked to increase the limit of cost of this work beyond the figure set by the last congress unfavorable action on the entire project may be taken, which will delay construction indefinitely. They therefore believe that it is better that the state shall acquire the right of way under an appropriation of its legislature, and present the land to the general government, as was contemplated by the secretary of war.

If the legislature will make such an appropriation as was suggested, there will be no necessity for congress to give further consideration to the Dalles-Celilo project, except to make annual appropriation for carrying out the work which has heretofore been authorized, and for the commencement of which there is now over \$300,000 available.

CANAL AS A GIFT.

Colombia is Prepared to Make This Offer to the United States.

Washington, Dec. 1.—That the republic grant to the United States all the canal concessions provided for in the Hay-Herran treaty, but absolutely free of cost, is the proposition which General Rafael Reyes brings for the consideration of the officials of Washington. General Reyes arrived here today. He was met at the station by a son of Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge, and went at once to his hotel. Later in the day he had a conference with Dr. Herran. General Reyes, talking with a representative of the Associated Press about his mission, said: "You will readily admit the propriety of my refraining from discussing my mission, which is of a confidential character. Of the offers which Colombia is ready to make, I desire to say my energies and those of my followers will be devoted to the granting of the canal concessions to the United States without the payment of a cent. Even at this Colombia will be the gainer."

"Are you authorized by President Marroquin to make this offer to the United States government?" General Reyes was asked. "That would be divulging my instructions before I have executed them. I cannot say more about this now," he replied.

VOTE TO END STRIKE.

Northern Colorado Miners Accept Terms of Operators.

Louisville, Colo., Dec. 1.—The miners of the Northern Colorado coal fields tonight voted to return to work on the terms granted by the operators, which embrace compliance with every demand made by the unions. This is the third vote taken on the proposition. The first vote rejected the proposition by a majority of four. The second vote was heavily against it on account of the opposition of District President Howells and "Mother" Jones although representatives of President Mitchell urged the acceptance of the proposition. Today, it is said, telegrams were received from President Howells withdrawing his opposition and the men voted strongly in favor of resuming work. The mines have all been kept in good condition and work will be started at once. It is estimated that 1,270 men will go to work.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Washington, Dec. 1.—John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue, in his annual report to the secretary of the treasury, shows the total receipts of his bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, were \$230,740,927. The receipts for the last fiscal year are about \$41,000,000 less than for the year 1902. "This decrease," says the commissioner, "is not due to a diminution in the business movements and commercial transactions of the country, but to a reduction of internal revenue taxation."

URGES FRANCE TO BUILD CANAL.

Paris, Dec. 1.—Republic of Colombia is endeavoring to induce France to renew work upon the construction of the Panama canal. Colombian Financial Agent Samper, who is also a special delegate to the administrative council, is now in Panama. The French canal company has published a statement in which it declares the offer of the United States is ridiculous and places a high value upon the company's property and concessions.

MARINE GUARD IS WITHDRAWN.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Commander Mertz, of the gunboat Newport, has reported to the navy department that Santo Domingo is quiet, and the marine guard has been withdrawn from the city so recently surrendered to the Dominican insurgents.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

STATE WILL LOSE HEAVILY.

If Rejection of Claim to Swamp Land is Affirmed.

Salem.—The rejection of the claim of the state of Oregon to 55,000 acres of the swamp land in Klamath marsh will, if affirmed by the secretary of the interior, cut a big slice off the sum the state hoped to realize from the sale of this land. The state's claim was for 100,000 acres, and of this all but about 7,000 acres had been declared by the surveyor-general to be swamp land. The state's claim was based upon the swamp land grant of 1860. The Klamath Indian reservation was created in 1864 and the allotments to the Indians were made within the last ten years. The 55,000 acres probably comprises the best of the swamp lands and if the title of the Indians should be finally confirmed, the remaining 38,000 acres which the state would receive, would be rendered practically worthless.

Whether an appeal will be taken to the secretary of the interior has not been determined. General W. H. Odell was attorney for the state in the presentation of the state's claim to this land. He does not know the grounds upon which the decision of the assistant commissioner of the general land office was based, but is very firmly of the opinion that the state's right to the land is superior to that of the Indians. The value of the swamp lands on Klamath marsh has been estimated all the way from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000.

BEGINS WORK ON THE DITCH.

Echo.—The Butter creek irrigation company has begun active work on the construction of an irrigation ditch to be 20 miles long, beginning a short distance below Echo. Harry Rogers, an extensive cattle man and wheat grower who resides on Butter creek, was elected president of the company and will take personal charge of the work. The company has large tents for the housing of employees and teams. There are nearly 50 teams at work with nearly twice as many men. Water will make this land very valuable.

LIVING IS EXPENSIVE.

Pendleton.—Living in Pendleton is unusually high at present. Packed eggs are selling at 40 cents per dozen. With those prices it is seldom that a dozen eggs are bought at a time. They are handed out like oranges which are sold at 5 cents each. Butter is selling at 40 cents per pound roll, having advanced recently from 30 cents. Although this is near the great Milton fruit belt, some apples are selling at five pounds for 25 cents.

LOGGING CAMPS CLOSE DOWN.

Astoria.—The Pelton-Armstrong company closed down its logging camps on the Elokomir river, near Cathlamet, for the season. Benson has shut down nearly all his camps, but has one at Bunker Hill still in operation. Besides that one the only camps on the north shore of the Columbia river that are running are those of the Sakomawa logging company and the Saldren camp, on Grays river.

RE-ELECTED STATE VETERINARY SURGEON.

Salem.—Dr. William McLean, of Portland, has been re-elected state veterinary surgeon for a period of two years from July 1903. The power to fill this position rests with the Domestic Animal commission, composed of the governor, secretary of state and president of the state board of agriculture. The salary is \$1,500 per year and necessary expenses.

SNOW DISCOURAGES STOCKMEN.

Heppner.—The first general snowfall of the season in Morrow county occurred last Saturday, and the ground is covered to a depth of from one inch on the low lands to 30 inches on the foothills and mountains. The unusually early appearance of snow on frozen ground causes rather a depressed feeling among stockmen.

REDUCTION OF WAGES.

Eugene.—The employees of the Booth-Kelly company have been notified of a new schedule of wages which will go into effect December 1. The schedule makes a reduction of 25 cents per day on all men receiving \$2 or less, and 50 cents per day on all receiving more than \$2 per day.

BAKED BANANAS.

Tear a narrow strip of peeling from one side of each banana. Lay the bananas, open side up, in a baking pan, cover closely and bake for half an hour, or until very tender, but not so tender as to break when handled. Peel and send to table and serve as a vegetable, or with hot cream sauce as a dessert.

POTATO SOUFFLE (CHIFFON-DISH).

Mix a pint of mashed potatoes with half a cup of thick cream and the whites of two eggs, beaten stiff. Put two tablespoonfuls of butter in the chaffin dish, and when very hot put in the potatoes in large tablespoonfuls. When brown on one side, turn, brown the other, and serve immediately.

NECESSARY MONEY PUT UP.

Financial Troubles of Oregon Electric Company Are Over.

Baker City.—The Oregon electric company, which has been in financial trouble, will resume operations at once. The Eastern capitalists who are back of the enterprise have put up the necessary cash to discharge all the debts and dismiss the attachments suits which have been filed by creditors. The money for this purpose has been received by Olmstead & Stayer, the corporation attorneys.

This company was organized by A. B. Frame, of Portland, who secured valuable water rights on Eagle creek. Considerable work was done last summer, but early in the fall there was trouble over financial matters, and Frame resigned as general manager. Since then creditors have attached the lumber, flumes and other property and all work ceased. Several hundred thousand feet of lumber had been delivered along the line of the flume and work on the power house was under way when the work ceased.

H. H. Andrews one of the officers of the company, who represents the Eastern capitalists, is expected in a few days, when operations will be resumed.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Salem.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar as follows:

Oregon Traction company, Portland, \$1,000,000. The object of this corporation is to acquire rights of way and construct a railway from Portland to Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

Hotel Monopole, Incorporated, Jordan Valley, \$15,000.

Western Oregon Conference association of seventh day adventists, Salem, Or., \$10,000.

Brewer Drug company, Stayton, \$10,000.

LAND SELLS AT \$120 PER ACRE.

Milton.—The high value at which irrigated land of this district is held is shown by a deal just closed. Alfred B. Duff and John Hunter have sold to A. Fuller a 10 acre garden, located six miles north of here, for \$1,200. Mr. Fuller gets full use of the irrigation ditch which runs by the property, but only under the agreement that Mr. Fuller does his part in maintaining the ditch. Whenever a deal is made in this district it is practically the water which is sold, as the land is worthless without a proper supply of water.

GRANDE RONDE IS INSPECTED.

La Grande.—Men will be sent here in a few days by John Whistler of Pendleton, United States engineer, who has been in Eastern Oregon gathering data for the government for irrigation works. These men will establish gauges and points for observation on Grand Ronde river for the purpose of scientifically determining the amount of water flowing down the river, the velocity of the current, etc., and the area that can be irrigated.

PREPARING ITS ANNUAL REPORT.

Salem.—The state board of agriculture is in Salem, preparing its annual report to be submitted at the annual meeting which will be held December 15.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 73c; blue-stem; 78c; valley, 77c.

Barley—Feed, \$19 per ton; brewing, \$20@20.50; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$3.90@4.10; clears, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; graham, \$3.75; whole wheat, \$4; rye wheat, \$4.75@5.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07½; gray, \$1.05 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$23; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$12; cheat, \$12.

Vegetables—Turnips, 65c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 90; parsnips, 50@75c; cabbage, 1@1¼; tomatoes, 50@60c per box; cauliflower, 75c@81 per dozen; beans, 4@5c; celery, 35@65c; pumpkins, 1c per pound; onions, Yellow Danvers, 75c@81 per sack. Honey—\$3@3.25 per case.

Potatoes—Oregon, choice and fancy, 60@75c per sack; common, 50c; sweet potatoes, sacks, 2c; boxes, 2½c.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@82 per box; crabapples, \$1.25 per box; pears, \$1@1.50; cranberries, \$9@10.50 per barrel.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32½c per pound; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 15@15½c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15@15½c; Young America, 16@16½c; Tillamook, 14@14½c; Eastern cheese, 15c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 9c per pound; spring, 10c; hens, 10c; turkeys, live, 18c per pound; dressed, 20@22½c; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, 7@8c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32½@35c; Eastern, 26@27½c.

Tallow—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2½@3c.

Hops—1903 crop, 12@21c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37½c.

Beef—Dressed, 5@6½c per pound. Veal—Dressed, small, 8@8½c; large, 6@7c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 4@5½c; lamb, 6c per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

WILL RATIFY TREATY.

Government of Panama Takes Immediate Action on Canal.

Panama, Nov. 28.—The junta, composed of Jose Augustin Arango, Tomas Arias and Manuel Espinoza, held a meeting this morning, all the ministers of state and councillors being present, and unanimously decided to ratify the canal treaty as soon as it is received here and authorize Minister Bona-Varilla officially to transmit the junta's decision to the United States government.

The decision of the junta was received with joy throughout the isthmus, without distinction of parties or classes.

Rear Admirals Walker and Glass have been informed of the action taken by the junta.

MINISTER CONFIRMS IT.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Official confirmation of the determination of the Panama government to ratify the Hay-Bona-Varilla Panama treaty, as told in the press dispatches, was received by Minister Varilla at 3:30 o'clock today. The state department being closed today, Mr. Varilla communicated the news informally to Mr. Lomms, who is acting secretary in the absence of Mr. Hay.

ARGUMENT FOR STATEHOOD.

Governor of New Mexico Shows Territory is Rapidly Advancing.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The annual report of Governor Otero of New Mexico makes a plea for the admission of the territory to statehood. The report says that during the past year the building of railroads continued with unabated vigor, and capital made extensive investments. The finances of the territory are in excellent condition, and so are those of the counties and cities, with a few exceptions, caused by loose methods, and the result of which methods the counties are making every effort to overcome.

The territory, as well as most of the counties, is reducing its indebtedness, while several counties are refunding their indebtedness at a reduced rate of interest. The assessed valuation of New Mexico shows an increase of about \$1,000,000 over that of the preceding year, but as the average assessment rate is only about 20 per cent of the real value, the actual increase of taxable valuation, owing to the elimination of double assessments reported in former years, is almost \$3,000,000. The collections for the past six months by the territory exceeded that of the same period of previous years by about \$50,000.

INFERNAL MACHINES IN MINES.

Colorado Troops Discover Plot to Wreck Five Plants.

Denver, Nov. 27.—A special to the Rocky Mountain News from Cripple Creek says the coroner's inquest in the case of the two men killed by the explosion in the Vindicator mine was begun today. The evidence produced demonstrated conclusively that the explosion was the result of a plot to blow up the mine, but nothing of a definite character developed to indicate the guilty persons.

At 5:30 o'clock the inquest was adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

This afternoon Adjutant-General Bell stated that a large amount of evidence had been secured for the trial of the men suspected of the outrage. The general also stated that infernal machines ready to be exploded had been found in two other mines, and that there was positive evidence that the plot included five mines in all.

WOULD REDUCE HONOLULU FORCES.

Honolulu, Nov. 28.—Major General MacArthur, who has arrived here to study the military situation in the Hawaiian islands, says that the main feature of the defenses of the territory is the protection of the naval station at Pearl Harbor. He advocates a reduction of the forces at Honolulu, and declares that the occupation of the other islands is not as important a matter from a military standpoint, while Pearl Harbor is maintained as a strong defensive position. The general has not completed his task.

BIG CONSTRUCTION CONCERN TIED UP.

San Juan, Nov. 28.—It was announced today that the San Juan office of the Vandergrift construction company, interested in a \$3,000,000 trolley scheme, has been closed for nonpayment of rent, and owing to attachments for salaries in behalf of many employees and creditors. The explanation given for the closing is the recent stringency in money in the United States, which prevented the company from floating its bonds.

OFFER CHINA TROOPS.

London, Nov. 28.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that the viceroys and governors of 13 provinces outside of Chi Li have offered the Chinese throne 90,000 for sign drilled troops to fight Russia for Manchuria.

OUTLAWS CAUGHT

YOUNG BANDITS GIVE CHICAGO POLICE MUCH TROUBLE.

Remarkable Career of Crime Embarked Upon by Beardless Youths Who Do Many Murders in a Few Months—Robbed Street Car Barns of \$2,250 Last August.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Chained wrist to wrist, their hair matted with dried blood, their clothing covered with dust and dirt, two beardless boys, Peter Neidermyer and Harvey Vandine, sat tonight in the presence of Mayor Harrison and Chief of Police O'Neil, calmly confessing their share in a three months' career of crime, which has included eight murders, the wounding of five other men, and a long series of robberies. The two young bandits, neither of whom is over 21 years old, together with their companion, Emil Roeski, who is no older, were captured near Liverpool, Ind., today, after a fight in which they battled against policemen, railroad detectives, railroad laborers and farmers. One man was killed, another fatally wounded, and all three of the young bandits were wounded, but not seriously.

The three were wanted by the police for complicity in the murders at the car barns of the Chicago City railway company last August, when two men were killed, a third badly wounded, and \$2,250 stolen from the company.

Gustav Marx, who last week murdered Officer John Quinn when the policeman endeavored to place him under arrest, confessed that he, in company with the three suspects, had committed the crimes at the car barns. The hunt for Vandine, Neidermyer and Roeski has been hot ever since.

Although they knew that the entire police force was looking for them, they remained in the city until Wednesday morning. On Wednesday they left Chicago, going to a dugout made by railroad laborers near the tracks of the Michigan Central railroad, near Millers, Ind. Last night was spent in another dugout near Millers Station, Ind., and there they were surprised by eight Chicago policemen this morning, and in the battle which followed two officers were shot. The officers were joined by a large number of farmers and other detectives and the bandits left the dugout, keeping up a running fire. They ran to the railroad track where a train was standing. They killed a brakeman and compelled the engineer to carry them away. Two miles from there they left the train and tried to hide, but were tracked in the newly fallen snow. The officers and others in pursuit, now numbering over a hundred, had them completely surrounded and as they were in an exhausted condition, surrendered and were brought to this city.

WHO IS BACKING IT?

Oregon-Idaho Railroad Causes Much Speculation as to Ownership.

New York, Nov. 30.—Considerable interest attaches to the building of a more or less mysterious railroad north from Huntington to Lewiston, Idaho, the financing for which is said to have been completed. The New York securities and trust company is to be the trustee of a first mortgage to an amount not exceeding \$4,000,000, which will supply the funds for building the 180 miles in question.

The line as projected will connect the Northern Pacific at Lewiston, with the Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railroad & Navigation at their junction point, Huntington, Or. The new line runs directly north and south, apparently following the Snake river valley, and touching a rich mineral and lumber territory.

The new road is apparently a part of a rather ambitious project to build a semicircle of railroad, touching Wenatchee on the north and some point in Northern California on the south. It does not appear that in either direction it will serve as part of a new East and west trunk line. It is rather a feeder to the Southern Pacific on the south, Union Pacific in the center and Northern Pacific at the north.

INDIAN OUTLAWS CAPTURED.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 30.—A Miner special from Plains, Mont., says that a command of 50 soldiers yesterday afternoon captured Joe Morrigau, who, with a band of Nez Perce Indians, was defying the government agents in the collection of taxes on cattle, of which Morrigau owns a large number. Trouble was anticipated, but the Indian offered no resistance and permitted himself to be placed under arrest. Unless Morrigau pays taxes at once, it is understood he will be expelled from the Flathead reservation.

RUSSIAN SINCERITY DOUBTED.

Kishineff, Russia, Nov. 30.—It becomes more and more apparent in the trial of the persons accused of being involved in the massacre of the Jews here last summer progresses that the government is not sincere in its desire to punish those implicated. None of the officials of the city or district has yet been placed on trial, nor are they likely to be. In fact, many are out of the district, and are not expected to return before January 2.

SHEEP ALLOWED ON RESERVE.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Secretary Hitchcock today authorized the grazing of 154,000 sheep in the Mount Rainier forest reserve, Washington, from July 1 to September 25, 1909. Permits will be issued only to stock owners.