

EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

G. M. Stuart is likely to be reappointed postmaster at Seattle.

Comment at St. Petersburg on Roosevelt's message is very friendly.

An election of delegates to prepare a constitution has been called in Panama.

W. J. Bryan and son, who are touring Europe, held an audience with the pope.

United States Senator Clark, of Montana, is much improved and should be out in three weeks.

Secretary Hitchcock may remove J. Henry Booth, register of the Roseburg, Oregon, land office.

John W. Proctor, president of the civil service commission, died very suddenly in Washington.

The senate committee on privileges and elections will ask Sen. not to reply to the charges made against him.

The national republican committee has chosen Chicago as the convention city and fixed June 21 as the date.

President Hariman announces that Union Pacific cars will soon run into Seattle.

General MacArthur is accredited with predicting war with Germany in the near future.

A nineteen-year-old Vermont love-sick boy aided a woman to elope with her husband so he could get a home.

Many charges are pouring in against Asa B. Thompson, suspended receiver of the La Grande, Oregon, land office.

A light engine and passenger train collided near Steubenville, Ohio. One person was killed and 15 others injured.

Queen Alexandra had a very narrow escape from death by fire. She was asleep when a blaze broke out in her bed room.

The house has received resolutions to impeach Federal Judge Swayne, of Florida, and has ordered a committee to investigate.

The federal grand jury at Omaha has indicted State Senator Lowe for selling a postoffice position and prominent cattlemen for fencing public domain.

Spokane is on the verge of a serious labor trouble.

The attending physicians certify that Herbert Spencer died of simle decay.

The appointment of General Wood to become major general has again been sent to the senate.

Another unsuccessful attempt has been made with the Langley flying machine. The airship is lying at the bottom of the Potomac river, a total wreck.

Indiana scholars cut a hole in the ice of a pond near the school house and after tying the feet of the teacher placed her in the water. She was rescued half an hour later nearly dead.

At the inauguration of Governor Bickham, of Kentucky, some of his enemies turned loose 20 skunks in the vicinity of the capitol in an endeavor to break up the crowd witnessing the ceremonies.

Germany is much pleased with the message of the president.

An independent company to fight the beef trust is to be established in St. Louis.

After an elapse of 16 months the Tracy reward is to be paid by the state of Washington.

Dowie has straightened out his financial tangle and the receivers have been discharged.

Russia has made a counter proposition to the demands of Japan, which, it is believed, will be accepted.

American marines have gone into camp near Panama, and the Colombian invasion has received a set back.

Revenue figures sent to the senate show that the nation can liberally recognize the fair, and then be still deeply in debt to Oregon on a revenue basis.

The secretary of war has asked congress for \$1,600,000 to deepen the channel through Wrangel Narrows, Alaska.

The Panama canal treaty has started on its way to the United States.

Japan has postponed the meeting of the diet in the hope of receiving an answer from Russia.

Both houses of congress entered upon regular from special session without any notable transition.

Dowie alleges his assets are four times his liabilities, and makes an offer to settle with his creditors.

Secretary Shaw estimates that the entire appropriations needed for government use for 1905 will be \$624,502,146.

The steel trust will reduce expenses a hundred thousand dollars a year by dismissing a number of "Carnegie's pets."

Minister Lifton, of Canada, declares that country is loyal to Britain and regrets its infantine attitude over Alaska decision.

MADE MINISTER TO PANAMA.

W. I. Buchanan, of New York, Will Have Extraordinary Powers.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The president has named W. I. Buchanan, of New York, to be the first United States minister to Panama.

Mr. Buchanan's selection was brought about by a desire on the part of the president to secure, temporarily at least, and during the crystallization of the relations between the United States and Panama, the services of a trained diplomat, having special reference to his knowledge of the Latin American races. By reason of long service as United States minister to the Argentine Republic, Mr. Buchanan fills that description in the estimation of the state department. It is understood his assumption of duties is not to be permanent, for he sacrificed large interests to undertake the work.

Mr. Buchanan was director general of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

Regarding it as very desirable that the new minister shall be at his post at an early moment, the state department has adopted the unusual course of making out for him a special commission independent of the nomination in regular form today submitted. This commission designates Mr. Buchanan as envoy extraordinary on a special mission. Under its powers he will be able to perform all the duties of a regular minister and more if need be. He will hold this commission until such time as the United States senate shall have confirmed his regular nomination as minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary to Panama.

Thus armed Mr. Buchanan will take the first steamer from New York to Panama. He went to Buffalo tonight to close up some business.

DECIDE ON POLICY TOWARD CUBA.

The Democrats Will Not Offer Any Amendments to the Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Democratic senators, in caucus, practically reached the conclusion not to offer any amendments to the Cuban reciprocity bill, when it is voted on in the senate. The caucus was called at the instance of the Democratic steering committee, which presented a recommendation against amendments on the ground that if offered they, and not the bill itself, would be made the basis of discussion. The caucus was an animated one, and was sharply divided on the point at issue, some of the senators contending that numerous amendments should be presented, and others holding out against any effort whatever to change the character of the bill and standing for a straight party vote against it. The caucus continued until after the beginning of the regular daily session of the senate and in the end the committee won its point.

The general trend of the discussion was favorable to the point that the steering committee should be sustained, and even the senators favoring amendments agreed, after the close of the conference, that the anti-amendment policy had been practically decided on when the Berry amendment was voted down.

TO PLAN FOR WAR.

Secretary Root Will Be Ready for Any Trouble in Panama.

Washington, Dec. 15.—General J. Franklin Bell, commander at Fort Leavenworth, was ordered to report here today, and at once started East. The coming of General Bell to Washington, while it has more or less to do with matters connected with the general staff college, is admitted by officers of the general staff to be for the purpose of consulting with the officials regarding a probable campaign against Colombia should that country continue the movement of troops toward the isthmus. It was intimated that matters had reached the point where troops might be moved at any time, which would seem to indicate that the department is in possession of information the nature of which justifies actual preparations for the movement of United States troops toward Panama.

Although the fact would not be disclosed, the presumption is that in the event of troops being sent, General Bell will be put in command.

Military Will Ignore Order.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 15.—The habeas corpus case of Victor Poole, the union miner who is being held by the military without formal charge being made against him, was heard this afternoon by Judge Seeds, of the district court, and after three hours of argument the court ordered Poole's release. It is understood that the military will pay no attention to the order and Attorney Hays will apply to the state supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus. Failing there he will go to the United States courts.

Trainmen Must Study Medicine.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The trainmen of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois road are to be given a course of instruction regarding the best method of giving first aid to the injured of railway wrecks. The plan is to establish schools in the various division headquarters and require the trainmen to attend the lectures and demonstrations which will be given on the subject. Before many months one car in each train will have an emergency box.

Torpedo Boats Ordered to Panama.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The torpedo boats Perry and Paul Jones have been ordered to proceed from the Mare Island navy yard to Panama to augment Admiral Glass' fleet. The Paul Jones will be placed in commission at once.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

CHENAWA NEEDS BUILDINGS.

Hermann's Position on Indian Affairs Committee Will Be Beneficial.

Salem.—The appointment of an Oregon representative on the house committee on Indian affairs, in congress, is very satisfactory to the people of this section. The Chenawa Indian training school is rapidly becoming one of the largest institutions of the kind in the country, and its growth requires frequent appropriations from the federal government. The mildness of this climate, the ease with which nearly all articles of consumption may be produced, and the proximity to a number of Indian reservations make this a desirable location for the maintenance of a large Indian training school, for here the cost of maintenance can be reduced to the minimum.

The growth of the school in the past two or three years has been so great that additional buildings have been necessary and still more must be had. Superintendent Potter has recommended the construction of two new buildings, both of which are greatly needed. He asks for the construction of a two-story brick building to be used as a hospital, and another building, also of brick, for an auditorium. The structures needed would cost about \$15,000 each. Congressman Hermann, as a member of the house committee on Indian affairs, will be able to look after the interests of the school in this regard.

There is need of more classrooms and in order to secure them it is Superintendent Potter's plan to construct an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000 and then divide the chapel into class rooms. With the changes he has suggested to his superiors, the needs of the educational department would be supplied, and the institution would also secure an up-to-date hospital and auditorium.

SHEEP IN GOOD CONDITION.

Northern Grant County Owners Not Obligated to Sell—Feed Plentiful.

John Day—Stock Inspector J. W. Ambrose has completed the inspection of sheep in northern Grant county, and is now making a tour of the upper John Day country. He says that never before has he seen conditions and prospects more favorable.

In the northern part of the county, where hay is scarce, there has been the largest outward movement of all stock, and especially of sheep. Many sales were made, and numerous herds have been driven out to winter feeding grounds. In the John Day valley, so far as he has investigated the situation, he finds an abundance of feed and the best range for years. Besides the sheep are generally stronger, better fleeced and in every way better conditioned to meet the winter than for several years past.

When asked regarding a published statement that thousands of sheep are dying on the range, he said it was probably made by a man who wanted to buy sheep. Also that the buyers have come into the section since the publication of the statement, expecting to buy sheep at their own figures. When such buyers were informed that owners here have plenty of feed and sheep are in fine condition, they would make no offer for the sheep.

On Twenty Mile Ditch.

Echo—Rapid progress is being made on the 20 mile irrigation ditch under construction through the district southwest of here. It taps the Umatilla river a short distance below Echo. A portion of the old Hunt ditch, which has been untouched for a number of years, may be used. That is the present intention, but is it rumored litigation may follow. The present work is on the repair of the old ditch. The new ditch will add 6,000 more acres to the irrigated section. It is said 5,000 acres are already under irrigation.

Bitter Regrets at Eugene.

Eugene—The action of the Southern Pacific in making a change on lumber rates to California and raising the rate from interior points to \$5 per thousand feet is received here with many bitter regrets. Senator Booth, of the Booth-Kelly lumber company, was asked as to the effect the change would have upon his company. He said he did not care to give an interview. He could not be induced to discuss the matter in the least.

Coming Events.

Dairymen's association, Corvallis, December 15-16. Poultry and pet stock show, Salem, December 17-19. Special session of the legislature, Salem, December 21. National livestock convention, Portland, January 12-15. Angora goat show, Dallas, January 14-15.

Flakes Costly Ditch Useless.

Pendleton—Judge Ellis has handed down a decision in the Milton irrigation case in which the Milton, Freewater & Hudson Bay irrigation company is restrained from taking any water from Little Walla Walla river. A ditch costing \$50,000, which will now be useless unless the case can be won.

Shipment of Valley Apples.

Eugene—The Allen evaporating and packing company has just finished the shipment of 8,000 boxes of apples from this place. The demand for these apples has been good and reports from the market where they have been selling are that they were in great demand at fancy prices.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR COUNTY.

Special Levy May Be Made in Clatsop to Cover Expenses.

Astoria.—At a special meeting held last week the school board decided to close the city schools for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 23, and reopen them on Monday, January 4. A resolution was adopted instructing the clerk to apply to the state land board for a loan of \$7,000 and upon the request being granted to issue 6 per cent bonds for that amount.

A communication was received from County Superintendent Lyman, requesting the board to act with the county court in establishing a county high school in connection with the city high school. He suggested that a special tax levy be made, sufficient to cover the expense of admitting pupils from the county to the school. The board replied that it could see no serious objection to the plan and would entertain any proposition which the county court might make relative to the matter. The greatest objection the board said was that any special tax which the county court might levy would fall heavier on the property in the city than it would on property in the country.

STATE HAS NO CLAIM.

General Land Office Decision on Klamath Swamp Land.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received from the general land office a copy of the decision rendered on November 16 ruling adversely on the state's claim to swamp land in Klamath Indian reservation. From this decision it appears that, unless a reversal can be secured on appeal to the secretary of the interior, the state will be entitled to neither the swamp land nor indemnity land in lieu thereof.

As the state has at least \$100,000 at stake, the governor has instructed the attorney general to appeal the case. He has also written to the Oregon delegation in congress asking them to recommend some attorney in Washington to look after the state's case there. The decision of the general land office holds that the title to swamp land inside the Klamath reservation is vested in the Indians and that the state acquired no right thereto under the swamp land grant of 1860.

Oldes' Lodge West of Masoulet.

Oregon City—Multnomah lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of this city, is preparing for a social celebration to be held on the night of December 19, in celebration of the cancellation of all indebtedness standing against the organization. This is the oldest Masonic lodge west of the Missouri river. The original charter was brought across the plains in an ox cart by the late Captain Kellogg. The charter was burned up a few years later, and with the reorganization of the order the local lodge became the first in the state.

Highschool for Roseburg.

Roseburg—A contract has been let for the erection of the new brick high school building in this city. The structure will have exterior dimensions of 90x113 feet, and include 10 school rooms, besides halls, office and cloak-rooms, on the two main floors. A commodious room on the third floor will be utilized for gymnasium and calisthenic drills. The basement will be occupied by play rooms, lunch rooms, fuel room, closets and heating plant.

PARTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72c; bluestem, 77c; valley, 78c. Barley—Feed, \$10 per ton; brewing, \$20@20.50; rolled, \$21. Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$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, \$1.07 1/2; gray, \$1.05 per cental. Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19. Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$12; grain, \$12; cheat, \$12. Vegetables—Turnips, 65c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 90c; parsnips, 75c @90c; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c; tomatoes, \$1 @1.25 per crate; cauliflower, 75c @1 per dozen; celery, 40@50c; pumpkins, 1c per pound; onions, Yellow Danvers, 80c @1 per sack. Honey—\$3@3.50 per case. Potatoes—Oregon, choice and fancy, 60@65c per sack; common, 50c; sweet potatoes, sacks, 2c; boxes, 2 1/2c. Fruits—Apples, 75c @82 per box; pears, \$1@1.50; cranberries, \$9@10.50 per barrel. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32 1/2c per pound; dairy, 20@22 1/2c; store, 15@15 1/2c. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14@15c; Young America, 15@16c. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 9c per pound; spring, 10c; hens, 10c; turkeys, live, 10@14c dressed, nominal ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, 8c per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 35c; Eastern, 26@27 1/2c. Beef—Dressed, 5@6 1/2c per pound. Veal—Dressed, small, 8c; large, 5c per pound. Mutton—Dressed, 5@6c; lambs, dressed, 6 1/2c. Pork—Dressed, 6@6 1/2c. Hops—1903 crop, 12@22c per pound, according to quality. Tallow—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c. Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37c.

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