

WEEK'S DOINGS

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

The battleship Nebraska will be launched at Seattle October 7. The Russians lost about 2,500 men in the recent battles in the Liao valley.

Clondbursts in Southern California have washed out much railroad tracks. Generals Kuroki and Oku have combined their armies to cut the Russian line near Anaslan.

The Japanese have captured more forts at Port Arthur and are now within the very city at one point.

General Funston has notified the war department that he will relinquish the command of the department of the Columbia on October 1.

Investigations of the navy department have shown that our warships must dock oftener than once a year to have their bottoms cleaned.

France holds that powers like America should act together to avert increasing danger of Japan becoming the dominant power in the Far East.

The general land office has withdrawn 80,840 acres in the Durango land district, Colorado, on account of the Las Anamas, N. M., reservoir site and irrigation works.

The Russians have repulsed the Japanese at several points in the Liao valley.

The Japanese are preparing for a great battle at Liao Yang and heavy guns are on the way.

All is quiet at Shanghai and the incident of the disarmament of the Russian ships is closed.

Georgia militiamen declare the sheriff was in collusion with the mob which lynched negroes.

The efforts of the Chicago aldermanic committee to end the packers' strike has come to naught.

It is stated that the Korean government has agreed to engage Japanese advisors and borrow money to carry out much needed reforms.

Placards are being scattered in Tsinanfu Province, China, urging the massacre of the "foreign devils." The native Christians are fleeing.

The Japanese war office has concluded that Port Arthur cannot be taken by direct assault and has ordered that no attacks be made which would entail heavy loss.

The mining congress may be postponed for a year.

The Russians really command three forts of any importance at Port Arthur.

A big battle is raging near Liao Yang in which the Japanese are attacking.

The two last assaults of the Japanese on Port Arthur are reported to have cost them 13,000 men.

The O. R. & N. steamers between Portland and San Francisco are to be run independent of the railroad.

Three persons lost their lives and a number of others were injured in a tornado which swept a New York picnic ground.

The Russian fleet at Port Arthur is engaged in clearing away the floating mines and it is believed it is preparing to make another dash.

Great Britain has been asked by Russia to send warships to locate volunteer cruisers and deliver orders prohibiting stopping of ships.

The state department cannot collect claims of owners of goods on the Arabia, and has advised them to appeal from the decision of the prize court.

Disguised horsemen in Crook county destroyed a band of 1,000 thoroughbred sheep.

Lloyd's agent at Niu Chwang reports that Liao Yang is likely to fall at any time.

The British consul at Shanghai has ordered Russia to stop repairing ships in that port.

Japan is said to be treating its prisoners of war with great consideration and allowing them many liberties.

Mrs. Maybrick was met on her arrival in New York by a throng of curious people, but she refused to say anything.

A Rock Island train was derailed near Princeton, Mo., and 45 persons injured.

General Chafee says that so long as he is in command the army headquarters of the Columbia will remain at Vancouver.

A portion of the British press demands that navy sweep the sea of Russian cruisers if diplomacy cannot prevent their stopping ships.

The czar has shown his joy over the birth of an heir by abolishing corporal punishment, liberal treatment of Finlanders and in divers other ways.

Oregon again leads all other states in the sale of public lands.

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.

GREAT NAVAL DOCK WANTED.

Puget Sound Yard Is Again Finding Many Warm Supporters.

Washington, Aug. 30.—A determined effort will be made again this year to induce the secretary of the navy to recommend an appropriation for the constructing of a second drydock at the Puget sound navy yard of dimensions greater than any other in this country. It seems to be the consensus of opinion among officers familiar with the conditions at Bremerton that within a year or two another dock will be necessary, in order to permit the yard to carry on all the repair work its plant can handle.

Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks in the navy department, strongly recommended this new dock in his last annual report, and says he expects to renew his recommendations this year. He believes the Puget sound yard will be seriously handicapped, unless its docking facilities are increased immediately.

BANKS ARE PREPARED.

They Can Easily Meet the Demands for Cash Incident to Crop Time.

Washington, Aug. 30.—For the purpose of ascertaining the ability of the national banks to meet the demand upon them incident to the annual movement of crops, the controller of the currency, August 4, sent to the national bank examiners, with the exception of those whose districts are comprised within the New England states and the city of New York, a circular letter of inquiry as to whether the demand in their respective sections would be greater or less than last year, and whether it would come earlier or later than last year, and whether the banks are better prepared to meet the demand on them from their own funds, and if there would be any increase or decrease in the amounts the banks will have to borrow.

The result of this inquiry may be summarized as follows: The demands of the banks will be about the same as last year and at about the same time. The banks are generally as well, but in most cases, better prepared than they have been in the past year or two to meet the demands made upon them. Banks in Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Washington are in a better condition.

GREAT IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Nevada Is to Be Scene of Work for Engineers Next Spring.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 30.—Next spring a full corps of engineers and surveyors in charge of L. H. Taylor, of the geological survey, will begin a thorough survey of the Humboldt river valley from Elko to Winnemucca, for the purpose of preparing data for the irrigation of that immense territory, comprising in all over 1,000,000 acres of the finest farm land in the state. There is little doubt this will be the next irrigation undertaken, and that the actual construction work will begin immediately after the completion of the great Truckee-Carson project, which is now under way. The greatness of the project exceed all that have heretofore been considered. At present there are about 300,000 acres of land under cultivation in the various valleys of the Humboldt. To this will be added fully 700,000 more, making the extent of the territory reclaimed fully twice that which will be brought under cultivation by the Truckee-Carson project, which is now the greatest that has ever been taken up by the United States government. The work will cost millions of dollars.

Addition to American Fleet.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 30.—The battleship Louisiana, sister ship to the Connecticut, being built at the Brooklyn navy yard, was successfully launched at the Newport News shipbuilding yards today. Miss Juanita La Lande, of New Orleans, was the sponsor, and broke a bottle of champagne across the prow of the new fighter. Louisiana was represented by Lieutenant Governor J. Y. Saunderson, Governor Blanchard being unable to attend. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling represented the navy department.

Militia May Again Be Sent.

Denver, Aug. 30.—Governor Peabody today sent a letter to Sheriff Bell, of Teller county, in regard to the mob which last Saturday deported 15 men and destroyed the store of the Interstate Mercantile company. The governor says he is informed that a similar mob contemplates a still further outrage, and offers to send the militia again to assist the sheriff in maintaining order. This is the first recognition by the governor of the outbreak.

Surrender or Downfall Certain.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 30.—There is a total paralysis of action on the part of the government at Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, the authorities simply taking feeble measures of defense and awaiting developments. Little doubt is felt now that if a pacific solution is not reached in a few days the first determined move by the revolutionists will result in the surrender or downfall of the government.

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 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, 77c; blue stem, 82c; valley, 83c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 83c; club, 78c. Albany—75c. Salem—80c. Colfax—Club, 66c; bluestem, 71c. Pendleton—Club, 68 1/2c; bluestem, 72c. La Grande—Club, 62c; bluestem, 63c.

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 & Slopier 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 Hirschberg 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: Twelve 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 Linn 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 Seilo 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 \$5000, 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.

CATTLEAISERS TAKE ALARM.

Roosevelt May Be Asked to End Packers' Strike.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—General N. W. Shea, a cattleraiser of Waterman, S. D., announced today that the cattleraisers of his section were about to appeal to President Roosevelt to save them from bankruptcy by intervening to bring the strike to a close. Shea brought 500 head of cattle to the stockyards here, rather than face the loss of feeding them longer. He declares that they sold at a loss of \$5 a head. Others, he said, are feeding large herds at heavy loss rather than face perhaps greater losses by shipping. According to General Shea the cattleraisers of the Dakotas are in a desperate condition.

J. Ogden Armour reappeared at the stockyards today, having suddenly returned from his vacation in the East. In proceeding to the packing center he drove through a throng of strikers and pickets, who resentfully fell back before an attack by the police. When Mr. Armour and a companion arrived at the Exchange avenue entrance to the yards, at Halsted avenue, in a light buggy, over 100 strikers had arrived there on their way to a meeting. The police were in the act of dispersing the gathering when Mr. Armour arrived and drove through the crowd. There was no demonstration, although he was recognized. In connection with the unexpected return of Mr. Armour, reports of another effort to bring about peace negotiations independent of the Council's effort were circulated. Strike leaders called a meeting and unusual activity was manifested.

NEVADA WASHOUTS SERIOUS.

Traffic Cannot Be Resumed on Tonopah Road for a Week.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 27.—Clondbursts and washouts in Tonopah and along lines of the Tonopah and Carson & Colorado railroads are the most disastrous in the history of these districts. On the Tonopah road, all of the track rebuilt after the last washout has been swept away, and it will be a week at least before any traffic can be resumed. At Walker Lake, near Hawthorne, the track is under three feet of water for nearly four miles, and the lake has risen above its level from six to nine feet. Great chasms have been washed in the desert, and traffic is in a state of chaos.

Tonopah and Goldfields, which are on the verge of starvation, are being temporarily relieved by the rushing in of supplies via Crow Springs, Silver Peak and Candelaria by wagon trains, but this is only temporary, as over 5000 people must be fed in the different camps and extraordinary measures adopted for their relief. Food supplies at the camps are practically exhausted. Flour, bacon and all staples have run out, only canned goods remaining. Heroic measures are being adopted, and with the resumption of stage lines, relief is hoped for. While the situation is critical and much suffering must be endured, it is hoped that the next few days will bring about better conditions. No lives have been lost.

FILIPINOS LIKE NEW COINS.

Currency System Is Rapidly Coming Into Favor.

Washington, Aug. 27.—When the new currency system was proposed for the Philippines there were predictions in some quarters that the conservative islanders could not be readily induced to surrender the Mexican dollars and the Spanish coin with which they had been familiar for so many years in favor of the new Philippine peso proposed by the commission. But reports received here show that the change had been made smoothly and more expeditiously than was thought possible. Colonel Edwards, chief of the Insular Bureau, has just received the following letter from Henry C. Ide, Secretary of Finance and Justice of the Philippines, dated Manila, July 22, bearing on this subject: "You will be interested in knowing our currency scheme has made progress since I last wrote you. All the business houses have by common consent put their business on the basis of the new currency. In all the provinces it is found in free circulation and the people now object strenuously to taking any other currency. The old currency has been very largely brought into the insular treasury for re-coining."

Want Federal Troops.

Omaha, Aug. 27.—T. J. Mahoney, one of the attorneys for the South Omaha packing interests, today made the statement that efforts were being made on the part of his clients and their associates to have federal troops stationed at South Omaha and along the railroads leading to Omaha over which the packers are running morning and evening, a chartered train for the accommodation of their present workmen. The packers' representatives assert this course has been determined on for several reasons, one of which is they cannot get justice in South Omaha.

Big Cotton Firm Falls.

New Orleans, Aug. 27.—The cotton market received one of the greatest surprises in its history today, when the well-known firm of H. F. Page & Co. posted an announcement to the effect that it was unable to meet further calls for margins. October and December, within a minute's time after the announcement went up 31 and 32 points. Page & Co. have been one of the heaviest operators on the short side of the market for some time.

Are to Disarm.

London, Aug. 27.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai, in a dispatch dated August 24, says that orders from Emperor Nicholas have been conveyed to Captain Reitzenstein, commanding him forthwith to disarm the cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovoi, and that the flags on both vessels were lowered at 7 o'clock tonight.

HOME LOCATED

Mining Congress Settles Important Question.

DENVER WINS BY A BIG VOTE

Election of Officers Only Remaining Business—President Richard's Re-Election Is Certain.

Portland, Aug. 27.—It is Denver that is proud today—proud of her sons and of their success, glad at the result of their efforts, thankful for the support of the loyal friends and followers from all quarters, grateful for the graceful forgiveness of the gentlemen from Salt Lake, and happy in the possession of the permanent home of the American Mining Congress.

It was an unexpected throng that gathered at the Armory yesterday morning at 10 o'clock to listen to the continued debate on the settlement of the permanent-home question, after the exciting scenes of the previous afternoon, and many were the conjectures as to the course events would take as the fight would progress.

During the evening many conferences had been held and many arguments made by the delegates to the congress, but whatever their result, one thing alone was apparent—the intention of the delegation from Salt Lake to fight to the finish the question of the settlement of the permanent home. From Salt Lake men there came no talk of postponement, no hope of compromise. They were in the hall to win or to be defeated at the last ditch.

The vote on the question was taken, both members and delegates to the convention being allowed to cast their ballots. The process was long and tiresome and resulted in a total of 139 votes being cast, 83 of which were for Denver and 56 for Salt Lake.

Before the vote could be announced by the president, Judge Powers gained floor and in a graceful speech, which won for him and his delegation the long-continued cheers of the audience, moved to make the choice of Denver unanimous. This was done with a rush and a cheer.

The action of yesterday practically closes the business of the convention, which is expected to adjourn sine die at the close of the session this morning. But one thing of importance remains yet to be done, and that is the selection of the officers of the congress. The committee to which was delegated the task of selecting the board of directors has made its selections, but they have been guarded until the time of announcement.

TURBINE LINER LAUNCHED.

Largest Vessel of Its Type to Be Equipped for Atlantic Service.

Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 29.—The Allan line steamer Victorian, the largest turbine vessel yet built, was launched here today. It is expected that she will be ready for service before the end of the year. She is 540 feet long, has 60-foot beam and her depth is 40 1/2 feet.

The Victorian is to be fitted in a most luxurious manner, and is to carry 1500 passengers, but the chief interest in her lies in her propelling power. Turbine steamers on the Clyde and in cross-channel service have proved very successful, mainly because they have afforded more comfort to passengers, but considerable modifications had to be devised to meet the requirements of the Atlantic service, including enormous propelling power and great stopping and backing power.

These difficulties are understood to have been overcome by Charles A. Parsons, the engineer, who has developed the steam turbine and made it suitable for the generation of electricity and the propulsion of mercantile and war vessels. A special arrangement has been devised for the Victorian's machinery, whereby reversing power equal to that of her forward propelling power can be imparted to it, securing the almost instant arrest of the steamers forward motion and speedy backing in case it is needed. Her propellers are three in number, each on a separate length of shafting.

The Victorian will be fitted with a wireless telegraph apparatus, and will carry a complete printing outfit between decks. Her tonnage is about 12,000, and she is expected to develop about 10,000 horsepower.

Will Keep After the Russians.

London, Aug. 29.—According to the correspondent of the Chronicle with General Kuroki's army, the Japanese are not likely to retire into winter quarters. Rather than thus to give the Russians a breathing spell, they will prosecute a vigorous winter campaign. The correspondent says that the Japanese are accumulating immense stores, ammunition and guns at Halcheng. A dispatch from Liao Yang to the Daily Telegraph reports that severe fighting has taken place at Torantsu, 20 miles southeast of Liao Yang, and that apparently an attack is in progress.

Ambushed by Filipinos.

Manila, Aug. 29.—A detail of the constabulary has been ambushed on the island of Leyte by a superior force of bandits. Captain H. Barrett, of the constabulary, was killed in the fighting. There has been trouble in the Province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, where bandits have looted several towns. The native authorities were defied and Pablo Mercado and his family were kidnapped. Mercado was accused of being too friendly with the Americans.

Fire at Oil Wells.

Jennings, La., Aug. 29.—Fire at the oil wells near here today destroyed four Italian dwellings, 400 barrels of oil and burned four pumping rigs. Wells Nos. 2 and 6 were not injured except by the destruction of machinery. Tonight the fire is confined to wells Nos. 7 and 8.