

# THE HEPPNER TIMES

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## WEEK'S DOINGS

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

Sir William Harcourt, a noted British politician, is dead.

A third attempt has been made to wreck the battleship Connecticut.

Trinidad, Colo., reports that it can relieve all distress caused by the flood.

The September receipts of the St. Louis fair amounted to about \$2,500,000.

The Russians have temporarily checked the Japanese advance east of Mukden.

The czar may block the plan for the immediate reorganization of the Russian army.

Postmaster General Payne continues in a dangerous condition. His life hangs in the balance.

Russians made a raid on junk carrying supplies to Oyama and destroyed a number of them.

It is reported that General Basilio Muro, leader of the Uruguayan revolutionists, has been shot by his former followers.

Considerable loss of life and property was occasioned by fire in the artillery and ammunition magazines at Sebastopol, Russia.

The Japanese have begun a general advance on Mukden.

The condition of Postmaster General Payne is very serious.

Mobile, Alabama, is having the warmest weather in its history for the time of year.

The Japanese have adopted tactics intended to prevent the return of the main Russian force to Mukden.

The Russian squadron at Port Arthur has made another attempt to escape, but were driven back. Another rally is expected.

Kuropatkin now realizes that he cannot go on to Harbin and the problem of wintering his troops is a serious one. The hope of the Russians is to defeat the Japanese at Mukden.

Souvenir Lewis and Clark dollars have been sent to President Roosevelt and member of congress who were instrumental in securing the appropriation to the Portland exposition.

A mail car from Paris to Havre, containing about 100 pouches of American mail, was broken into and 91 pouches opened and rifled of such valuables as they may have contained. There is no record of their contents or of the valuables abstracted.

W. J. Bryan is a grandfather. Disease is claiming many Japanese soldiers.

The battleship Connecticut has been successfully launched.

The Russian cruiser Orel broke a cylinder on her trial trip and will be delayed six months.

The main Russian army has retreated from Mukden, leaving only a small force to guard the rear.

The Japanese army has captured Da pass. Practically no resistance was offered by the Russians.

A Puget sound tug just in from Alaska, reports having sighted a Russian gunboat at Unimak pass.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the village of Ramna, Armenia, was the scene of a massacre of Armenians by Kurds. Details are lacking.

Hope advanced two and three cents throughout the Willamette valley and at North Yakima. Independence growers have received as high as 30 cents.

Heavy rains have caused serious damage to railroads in Western Texas, New Mexico and Northern Mexico. Several washouts are reported on the Santa Fe in New Mexico and on all roads trains are delayed.

Unofficial estimates by Japanese officers place the number of their sick and wounded soldiers at 45,000.

A Massachusetts justice fined an attaché of the British embassy and later found he had exceeded his authority. He has apologized.

Two more of the Billings, Mont., jail breakers have been captured.

United States custom officials at Portland believe that nearly 20 per cent of the Chinese population of that city are in this country illegally.

The Vancouver, B. C., police think they have in custody the leader of the three men who held up the Canadian Pacific train near Mission recently.

The Philippine islands will not be able to exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair unless aid is given. Too heavy an expense at St. Louis is given as the reason.

A passenger train on the St. Louis & Iron Mountain railway was derailed 125 miles from St. Louis and injured 35 persons, a number of whom are so badly hurt it is believed they will die.

Reports received from near Shanghai say that the Boxers are openly distributing pamphlets couched in the same language as those circulated before the rising of 1900. October 17 is fixed as the date for the extermination of all foreigners.

### HIS LIFE ENDS.

United States Senator Hoar Passes From Earth.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 1.—George Frisbie Hoar, senior United States senator from Massachusetts, died at his home in this city at 1:35 o'clock yesterday morning. The end followed a period of unconsciousness that had lasted since early Tuesday, and came so gently that only the attending physicians were aware of the exact moment of his ending.

The attending physicians despaired of the senator's life six weeks ago, but such was the vitality exhibited by their distinguished patient that even they were surprised, and the public was at times led to cherish faith in an ultimate recovery.

On Sunday last, however, all hope was abandoned after a last unsuccessful attempt to administer medicine and nourishment. Brief lucid intervals were followed by longer durations of unconsciousness until Tuesday morning, when the venerable statesman sank into a state of coma, from which all efforts to rouse him proved futile. During the last hours there was not a movement of the body, and only a scarcely perceptible pulse evidenced the final struggle.

There were present at the bedside when death came the senator's son, Rockwood Hoar, his daughter, Mary Hoar, and Dr. Warren R. Gilman, who for weeks has been in almost constant attendance upon the senator.

### PAYNE VERY ILL.

Heart Disease Develops in Marked Form in Postmaster.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Postmaster General Henry C. Payne is seriously ill at his apartments at the Hotel Arlington here. Marked symptoms of heart trouble have developed, and his condition became so serious during the day as to cause grave concern.

Mr. Payne returned recently from a trip to the West and appeared much improved, though his health has been poor for a long time. He went to the White House to attend the meeting of the cabinet last Tuesday and that night was very restless. He was at his desk at the postoffice department during the forenoon yesterday, although feeling very badly, and did not return to the department after luncheon, remaining in his room. He became very ill last night, and has been confined to his bed ever since.

Dr. Magruder, who was his physician during his severe illness of some months ago, has been attending him, and Dr. Rixey, the surgeon general of the navy, also has been called. During the evening President and Mrs. Roosevelt called at the hotel and made inquiries regarding the postmaster general's condition. Dr. Magruder on leaving Mr. Payne's room last night gave out a statement which admitted the serious nature of Mr. Payne's condition, but said the patient was resting easier than.

### STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE.

Chicago School Children Wrongly Believe Negrass Is to Teach.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Fifty boy pickets stationed about the McAllister public school here prevented pupils from entering today. None of the pickets was more than 15 years old.

Outside the picket cordon, a crowd of 700 boys and girls hooted and yelled at the teachers looking from windows. Every infant striker wore a badge to show that he or she belonged to a "union." Some of the badges were merely scraps of paper with the word "union" scrawled across it. Others were union buttons which their fathers had worn. Many of the strikers carried clubs. They threatened violence against any child daring to enter the school yard.

The picketing was the result of a "strike" which was caused by a mistaken belief of the children that an assistant kindergarten teacher was colored.

After a detail of six policemen had been sent to the school to preserve order, the "strike" was "settled." A committee appointed by the youthful strikers learned that the rumor of a colored teacher having been employed in the school was false. About 80 per cent of the strikers went back to their classes. Truant officers began a search for the absentees.

### Would Try to Reach Arctic.

Christians, Norway, Oct. 1.—The Duke of Orleans has asked permission of the government to have the Arctic steamer Fram, in which Dr. Nansen made his voyage to the Arctic regions, for the purpose of an arctic expedition in 1905. It is understood that the admiralty will require that the Captain Otto Sverdrup, the former commander of the Fram, shall command the vessel, if the government agrees to the proposition of the duke. The plan of the expedition has been submitted for the approval of the authorities.

### Russia Orders Warships.

Paris, Oct. 1.—A dispatch from Toulon states that the Russian government has just ordered from the Compagnie des Forges et Chantiers de la Mediterranee 11 torpedo boat destroyers of the latest pattern, the construction of which is to be begun at once. Four will be built in the dockyards at Havre, four in the Norman dockyards and three at Laseyne. They will take 15 months to build. Russia has also ordered four cruisers of the Bayan type.

### Wills City \$250,000.

Boston, Oct. 1.—Public bequests aggregating over \$1,000,000, the largest being a gift of \$250,000 to the city of New Bedford, are contained in the will of the late Mrs. Sarah Potter, of Boston, which was filed for probate this afternoon.

## LOSS IS HEAVY

Flood Works Ruin in Colorado and New Mexico.

ALL RAILROAD ARE TIED UP

Thirty Blocks in Trinidad are Under Two to Four Feet of Water—Loss Will Be Very Heavy.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 3.—A terrific flood struck the city of Trinidad and the whole valley along the Las Animas river, today, devastating a wide section and causing a money loss which at present cannot be estimated, but which may reach several hundred thousands of dollars.

Every bridge in the city of Trinidad is out, the Santa Fe station is demolished, all of the railroads are tied up, and the telephone and telegraph services completely suspended. More than 30 city blocks in the residence and business sections were two to four feet under water along the river.

So far as known at noon no lives were lost, but there were many narrow escapes.

The flood was caused by the heavy rain which has been falling for two days. At 8 o'clock last night the storm assumed cloudburst proportions, and at 2 o'clock this morning the Las Animas river went over its banks.

At 3:30 it was impossible to get within a block of the river bed at any point, and Commercial street was flooded for three blocks in the heart of the business district. Meantime the electric light and gas plants had been flooded, and the city was in complete darkness.

Hundreds of citizens thronged the streets on the edge of the submerged district carrying lanterns and doing their best to provide those driven from their homes with shelter.

Warning of the flood was given when the river left its banks by revolver shots and the ringing of the fire alarm, followed by the blowing of all the locomotive and shop whistles in town. Citizens upon rafts made of sections of sidewalks paddled through the streets, rescuing families who were in danger.

The new Bacca hotel, a two story structure just reaching completion at a cost of \$20,000 on the river bank, was destroyed. The water then ate its way through 50 feet of the ground to the Santa Fe depot, which was carried away.

The city is divided by the Las Animas river, which is spanned by six wagon bridges. All of the bridges were washed out and many residents were unable to reach their homes or to communicate with their families, the telephone system being wrecked.

### TO SETTLE WATER SUIT.

Effort Is Being Made to Annex Part of Kansas to Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 3.—An effort at a solution of the Kansas-Colorado water suit is in progress, and if the efforts of those most interested in the case are successful a strip of the western portion of Kansas, about 150 miles wide, will be annexed to the state of Colorado, and the litigation now before the supreme court at Washington will be thrown out.

Politicians in both Kansas and Colorado are working for the passage of a bill through the legislatures of both states whereby the western portion of Kansas can be taken into Colorado. This, it is thought by those who have given the irrigation question much study, will solve the difficulty, and both states will be benefitted to a great extent. L. P. Worden, of Syracuse, Kas., and C. C. Kennison, of Garden City, Kas., a candidate for representative from that county are in Pueblo in the interest of the plan.

"It would settle the water question in Western Kansas forever and the suit now in the courts would be dropped as there would no longer be any reason for continuing it" said Mr. Worden today.

Both Mr. Worden and Mr. Kennison appeared before the government commission when it was in session here, and are thoroughly familiar with the situation. They say they are supported by practically every resident of Western Kansas.

### Inventor Dies a Charity Patient.

New York, Oct. 3.—Once wealthy and with a host of friends among prominent and wealthy men in the country, Charles Y. Yeaton, the inventor, is dead at the home of incurables, a charity patient. Paralysis, from which he had suffered two years, caused his death. Yeaton invented a number of machines, among which was a type-setting machine, the first ever offered for sale. He enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with President Andrew Johnson, who offered him a diplomatic post at St. Petersburg.

### Aldermen Indicted for Grafting.

Buffalo, Oct. 3.—As the result of District Attorney Costworth's investigation of charges of alleged "grafting" on the part of city officials, three present aldermen and four former aldermen have been indicted. They are: John Thomas Harp, Henry Moest and Orrin F. Pierce, Aldermen, and Edward G. Beiser, Louis G. Roedel, Henry G. Schneider and John G. Busch, former aldermen. All the indicted men were arraigned today and pleaded not guilty.

### British Steamer Stopped.

Chefoo Oct. 3.—The British steamer Yik Sang, trading in China seas, arrived today and reports she was stopped by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer outside of the harbor of Chefoo. After her papers had been examined, the Yik Sang was allowed to proceed.

### BLOCKADE TIGHTENING.

Absence of News From Port Arthur Alarms the Slavs.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—The entire absence of news from Port Arthur, it is feared, indicates a closer blockade there. Hitherto, dispatches from General Stoessel have been coming through semi-weekly. The admiralty has not received any details of the reported sea fight off Aniva, at the southeastern extremity of Sakhalin. The Vladivostok squadron, it is understood, is still in the harbor. The cannonading at Aniva was probably a Japanese attack on blockade runners.

A telegram received here from Batoum reporting that reserves are being transported along the Caucasian coast brings the first intimation that troops are being mobilized there. There are only two army corps in the Caucasus, and one of them has apparently been ordered to the Far East.

Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky was received in audience yesterday by the emperor. The prince will assume charge of the ministry of the interior today.

The latest developments in the situation at the front is the definite establishment of the fact that Field Marshal Oyama has now begun to move up his left. General Kuropatkin's report shows that the Japanese have reached Davan, on the west bank of the Liao river. A considerable concentration of Japanese is observed at Sianchan, on the Hun river, 35 miles southwest of Mukden, and Japanese cavalry is massing in the vicinity of the Pu river. The latter is a tributary of the Hun river, which crosses the line of railway midway between Tie pass and Mukden, and may furnish a natural line of advance for the west.

Oyama's armies now apparently cover a front of 60 miles for enveloping movements. His wings are extended to the northeast and west of Mukden. Thus far the Russians have found little strength of pressure from the Japanese center. Oyama seems to be moving with great deliberation, probably gathering strength for a rapid advance of both wings when an attempt is made to close the net.

Although the imaginary line connecting the extreme Japanese advance and west of Mukden still passes ten miles below that city, it is evident that the fate of Mukden cannot long be delayed. If General Kuropatkin intends to try to hold the city fighting on his flanks will begin almost immediately.

### ALEXIEFF TO COME HOME.

His Position Will Be That of An Advisor to the Emperor.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—Although an official announcement to the effect is not expected immediately, since it will require some little time to get Russia's second army in the field, the designation of Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch, the inspector general of cavalry, as commander in chief is regarded as practically settled. The situation at the front, with two, and perhaps ultimately three, big armies, is considered to demand, above all else, that the supreme commander be of such personal authority as to be beyond jealousies and the possibility of intrigue on the part of subordinates, and such a man the emperor now realizes can only be supplied by a member of the imperial family. Grand Duke Nicholas is regarded as extremely well fitted for this great responsibility.

Grand Duke Nicholas will not rely upon a single adviser, but on a staff comprising the ablest strategists of the general staff, who in reality will constitute a board of direction of military operations.

Viceroy Alexieff is regarded as almost certain to return here. The report that he may become chancellor of the empire, however, is exploded. He is more likely to retain his title and come to St. Petersburg, nominally in the capacity of adviser to the emperor, and will thus advise himself as a factor of the military situation in the Far East.

### Attempt to Ruin Warships.

New York, Sept. 29.—With the intention of ruining the hull of the battleship Connecticut, which will be launched today, an obstruction was placed on the ways. When it was placed there, or by whom is not known, as it was not discovered until divers were sent down to make an investigation. This investigation was made as a matter of precaution and the naval officers then learned that an obstruction had been placed on the ways that would have destroyed the work of months.

### Carshops are Closed.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad company today practically closed down its car and locomotive shops here. The enforced idleness came unexpectedly. The union boiler makers employed in the shops had made demands for higher wages a few days before the shutdown came. General Superintendent of Motive Power Reed, however, denied that the shutdown was in any way attributable to these demands.

### Torpedoboat Lost.

London, Sept. 29.—The British torpedo boat destroyer Chamoin has been lost off the island of Cephalonia, in the Mediterranean. All on board were saved. While going at full speed on a trial yesterday, a screw blade came off, pierced the bottom of the destroyer and she sank.

## OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

### ASYLUM NEEDS AN ADDITION.

Steady Increase of Insane Is Crowding Building's Capacity.

Salem—The steady increase in the number of patients at the state insane asylum will make necessary the construction of a new cottage next year, with room for 100 patients. Such a cottage, to be constructed at \$25,000 and the legislature will be asked to appropriate money for that purpose. The growing population will also necessitate the construction of a new dining room at a cost of \$3,000, the new addition to be 40x40 feet and two stories high.

The last legislature appropriated money for the expense of replacing a number of worn-out lavatories and that work has been attended to. Other old lavatories and sewer connections have become faulty with age and must be replaced. To put these in good condition will require an appropriation of \$15,000.

The asylum building has not been painted for many years and because of that fact it is rapidly showing the effects of time and storm. Superintendent Calbreath will recommend in his biennial report that the main building be repainted throughout. This will cost about \$12,000. All the permanent improvements needed at that institution will cost in the neighborhood of \$55,000.

At the reform school, mute school and blind school only minor repairs and improvements will be necessary and not very heavy appropriations will be needed for them. At the state prison many improvements have been made in the past year without definite appropriation and not much in the way of large improvements will be needed at that institution next year. The last legislature passed an act providing that the proceeds of convict labor shall constitute a betterment fund, which may be expended for repairs and improvements under the direction of the governor. By virtue of this act money has been expended from time to time and the prison property has been put in good condition.

### ELECTORIAL TICKETS FILED.

Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists Take Step.

Salem—The presidential electoral tickets of four political parties have been filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar. The parties represented are Republican, Democratic, Prohibition and Socialist, and it is understood that the Populists will also file petitions nominating an electoral ticket. John H. Smith, one of the nominees on the Democratic ticket, resigned, and his place was filled by the appointment of W. S. Hamilton by the state central committee. The electoral tickets filed are as follows:

Republican—G. B. Dimick, James A. Fee, J. N. Hart, A. C. Hough.

Democratic—Thomas H. Crawford, John A. Jeffrey, W. B. Dillard, W. S. Hamilton.

Prohibition—Leslie Butler, I. H. Amos, W. P. Elmore, T. S. McDaniel.

Socialist—S. H. Holt, William Beard, C. W. Bargee, J. C. Herrington.

### Coming Events.

Willowa fair association, Enterprise, October 3-8.

Eastern Oregon District fair, The Dalles, October 3-8.

Portland Presbytery, Fairview, October 10.

Baker County fair, Baker City, October 11-15.

Klamath County Agricultural association, Klamath Falls, October 12-14.

Oregon W. C. T. U. State convention, Portland, October 18-27.

Inland Empire Teachers' association, Pendleton, October 19-21.

### Teachers are Scarce.

Pendleton—The Pendleton public schools have opened with a large enrollment in all the grades. Almost all the rooms are crowded and Superintendent E. B. Conklin is looking for suitable houses to relieve the congestion. Three new school houses will be ready for occupancy before the first of the year. At the present time scarcely one-half of the county schools have been supplied with teachers. County Superintendent of Schools Frank K. Welles is being besieged daily by directors asking for teachers.

### Surveying for Trolley Line.

Eugene—Three crews of surveyors are making the preliminary surveys for the Willamette Valley Electric Railway company. One crew started from Corvallis and will work toward Eugene. One is working in the direction of the Siuslaw and the third is working eastward up the McKenzie river. It is stated by the manager of the company that this preliminary work will be followed by permanent surveys and then the work of construction.

### Enrollment at Agricultural College.

Corvallis—The registration of students at the Oregon Agricultural college breaks all former records. The enrollment to date is 406, against 320 last year. The increase is 86. The freshman class is largely increased, the number registered being 197, or, including subfreshmen, 209.

### Wheat Market.

Portland—Walla Walla, 81@82c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 85c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 87c; club, 82c. Colfax—Club, 71c; bluestem, 76c.

### CATTLE WILL STARVE.

Farmers Did Not Rotate Crops, and are Short of Feed.

Salem—"The unfortunate situation in which Willamette valley farmers find themselves this year because of a shortage of feed for their stock is a cause for regret, especially since it is entirely unnecessary. When J. K. Sears said in an interview a few days ago that cattle will starve in the valley this winter for want of feed he told the plain truth. It is a truth we dislike to acknowledge, but it should teach us a lesson."

This is an assertion made by Director James Withycombe, of the Oregon experimental station, at Corvallis, while he was attending the state fair.

"I don't mean that any large proportion of valley livestock will starve, or that they will die because of the entire absence of feed. What I mean, and what Mr. Sears evidently meant, was that feed is so scarce that many farmers will put their stock on very short rations, with the result that they will become emaciated and will die from disease or exposure. Call it what you will, it is starvation."

"Now I refer to this only because I want to say and prove that it is a condition that is as unnecessary as it is unfortunate. This has been a very dry season, such as Willamette valley farmers had no reason to expect, but this does not excuse their being unprepared for it. Our experience at the agricultural college farm shows that if crops were rotated as they should be, the yield of hay would not have been light, and spring-sown grain would have produced well, notwithstanding the lack of rain."

### Ashland Foundry Burned.

Ashland—The Ashland Iron works, foundry and machine shops have burned involving a loss which may reach \$10,000. By hard work the detached pattern shop building was saved, but the molding, machine shop and office buildings, in which were much valuable machinery, were badly gutted. The fire started between the foundry and the machine shop rooms, from a cause unknown. The company carried insurance amounting to \$6,500. The plant was kept busy with orders, and employed a good sized force.

### State Fair Has Balance.

Salem—While not all the year's business of the state board of agriculture has been concluded, Secretary Wylie A. Moskos finds from his records that the state fair this year, came out \$2,500 to the good. The total receipts were \$30,000 of which \$10,000 came from the state appropriation for agricultural premiums. The fair board paid premiums to the amount of \$10,500, the additional \$500 being taken from miscellaneous receipts.

### Loss Is Remarkably Small.

Salem—"About two sections of good timber were destroyed by forest fires this season in the Santiam country," says Manager John A. Shaw, of the Curtis Lumber company, of Mill City. "There were thousands of acres of slashing burned over, but fortunately the amount of good timber destroyed was small in comparison with the quantity of danger of destruction. The Curtis Lumber company lost about 640 acres of timber by fire."

### Work on McKenzie Road.

Eugene—Reports from the superintendent of the work on the McKenzie road show rapid progress and indicate much good to come from the \$6,000 expenditure, half of which was appropriated by the county and half raised by subscription. Already 15 miles of the worst part of the road have been put in first-class shape, and the crew will work about a month longer.

### Coquille Sawmill Sold.

Riverton—A company has purchased the Coquille saw mill and also Peart's coal mine adjoining Coquille City. The company will make extensive improvements at once, it is said, in both the mill and the mine. It is understood that the mill will start up at once for the purpose of cutting timbers for the new bucker which will be at once constructed for the mine.

### Coalbunker for Riverton.

Riverton—The new coal bunker for the Riverton Mining & Development company is nearing completion under the supervision of the McLeod Bros., who have the building contract. This bunker has a capacity of about 600 tons, having an upper and a lower compartment for shipping and local trade, respectively.

### Shelves for State Library.

Salem—State Librarian J. B. Purnam has procured four new oak book cases, with shelves on both sides, having a capacity of 1,000 books to each case. The cases cost \$125 each. This addition to the library equipment was made necessary by the accumulation of books which have been piled up on the floor, tables and shelves.

### Teachers Scarce in Linn County.

Albany—Schoolteachers are scarce in Linn county and the probabilities are that some schools in the rural districts may have to remain closed during the year. Wages ranging from \$30 to \$55 are offered, but competent teachers are not to be found at the price.