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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

China threatens a boycott on Japan.

Harriman is reaching after all public utilities in Chicago.

Peary has arrived at Sydney, N. S., on the steamer Roosevelt.

San Francisco is going ahead with plans for a world's fair in 1913.

President Smith, of the Mormon church, has been fined for polygamy.

It is said Platt and Depew will return to the senate, defying public opinion.

The king of Greece while in Rome was slighted by the other Balkan states.

Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, declares the indictment against him is the result of politics.

A prairie fire in Western Texas has caused the loss of several lives and great damage to farm property.

Policy holders in German insurance companies who lost in the earthquake will pool their claims in an attempt to collect.

The town of Carlsbad, N. M., is snowed in and is without fuel. Bacon is being burned by many to keep from freezing.

The price of lumber has again been raised \$2 per thousand feet at San Francisco. Shingles have also gone up 25 cents per thousand.

The president has started home from Porto Rico.

Russian rebels have been denied an asylum in Finland.

The New York Central railroad has again been fined for rebating.

Three men are dead and others are missing as a result of the deep snow in Texas.

Thirteen were killed by the collision of the trans-Atlantic liners in the English channel.

Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, is on his way home from Hamburg to face the charges against him.

Bryan and Shaw were the principal speakers at the third day's session of the Trans-Mississippi congress.

Many vessels were wrecked and 23 lives are known to have been lost in a severe storm on the Great lakes.

Federal authorities at San Francisco are to investigate the alleged lumber trust in Oregon and Washington.

The Monon railroad has defied the Interstate Commerce commission and will issue passes in payment for advertising.

The mayors of several Kansas towns are being removed because of a determination on their part to license liquor joints.

Trains are snowbound in Kansas.

El Paso, Texas, is experiencing the coldest weather in 26 years.

General Shafter left no will. His property is valued at \$15,000.

The crown prince of Serbia is enraged at the charges of insanity.

All parties in Russia have joined in a campaign of abuse against Witte.

Great Britain is ready to lead in the movement for reform in Congo State.

The Interstate Commerce commission is gathering evidence of rebates to the grain trust.

Spain will join with Britain and France in a naval demonstration against Morocco.

The recent floods have caused a loss of nearly a million dollars in the vicinity of Castle Rock.

France has barred American pork. The new meat inspection rules violate the old agreement.

The president has refused to rescind the order discharging negro troops without new evidence.

The downpour of rain continues in the South. Much property has been wrecked and railroad traffic blocked.

Dr. Devine, who had charge of the Red Cross relief work in San Francisco, says he does not believe there was any graft.

Threatening letters have been sent to the pope.

The king and queen of Denmark are visiting the kaiser.

Jerome will ask for a special jury to hear the case of H. K. Thaw.

HANDLING OF RELIEF FUND

California Promotion Committee Issues a Statement.

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Owing to the fact that wide publicity has been given to charges that \$1,000,000 of the relief fund contributed to San Francisco has been diverted or stolen, and owing to the further fact that those who have sent money to San Francisco are entitled to a correct statement of conditions, the California Promotion committee has sent out the following statement:

"More than \$6,000,000 contributed to San Francisco came in small sums, ranging from 10 cents up to several thousand dollars. These sums came by mail and express, in all forms, from postage stamps and currency to money orders and bank drafts. Of the entire amount sent, but two sums went astray—one a package of currency containing \$1,085.50 from Searchlight, sent to the National Bank and Trust company, of Los Angeles, by express; the other a package of \$200 sent by mail from Baltimore.

"The finance committee of the Citizens' Relief Committee of Forty, afterward incorporated to handle relief and Red Cross funds, consisting of 21 prominent business men of San Francisco, received all funds and the books of this committee were examined by General Bates, a representative of the National Red Cross society, sent from Washington for that purpose, who declared them kept under a system that guaranteed their correctness.

"The Massachusetts Association for the Relief of California sent a committee to San Francisco to investigate the methods of relief work. On its return to Boston it made a report, going into detail and covering every point in the work of relief in San Francisco. The report of this committee resulted in the immediate forwarding of the balance of the money in the hands of the Massachusetts organization.

"James D. Hague, of the New York chamber of commerce committee for the relief of San Francisco, spent several weeks in San Francisco, investigating conditions. After his report was made to the New York body, funds to the amount of \$500,000, held by the New York committee were ordered turned over to the San Francisco relief corporation."

RUSH JETTY WORK.

General Mackenzie's Recommendations for the Coming Season.

Washington, Nov. 23.—General Mackenzie, chief of engineers, in his estimates recently submitted to the secretary of War, asks for only \$1,000,000 to continue work on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. In his annual report, however, General Mackenzie makes clear the necessity for securing authority to expend an additional \$1,450,000, which will be ample to carry the south jetty to completion.

In his report General Mackenzie reviews the work that has been done at the mouth of the Columbia and points out what remains to be done before the demands of commerce are met.

No appropriation is now needed for improving the Columbia river between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette.

Work on The Dalles-Celilo canal has only just begun. In addition to money already appropriated, \$3,533,392 must be appropriated to complete this waterway. Only \$750,000 has been asked for the ensuing year.

No estimate has ever been made of the amount necessary to make the upper Columbia and Snake rivers navigable the entire distance from Celilo to Pittsburg Landing. Ten thousand dollars is needed next year.

Frauds in Town Lot Sales.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 23.—A special to the State Capital from Muskogee says that W. D. Foulke, special representative of President Roosevelt, has commenced an investigation into the alleged frauds in connection with Creek Nation town lot sales. This investigation was demanded by the National Creek Council, which charges government officials with misappropriating thousands of dollars. The lots were appraised and sold by government appointees. Mr. Foulke has issued a circular inviting testimony on the subject.

Gets \$500,000 for Y. M. C. A.

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Mr. Henry J. McCoy, general secretary of the San Francisco Young Men's Christian association, has just returned from New York, where he succeeded in securing \$500,000 for the rehabilitation of the association in San Francisco. Of this amount more than \$450,000 was contributed in New York city. Morris K. Jessup and John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. W. E. Dodge, Cleveland H. Dodge, J. P. Morgan, Mrs. Russell Sage and E. S. Harkness being among the largest givers.

Make Alcohol From Molasses.

Honolulu, Nov. 23.—The Hawaiian Planters' association is planning to manufacture denatured alcohol from the 14,000,000 gallons of molasses produced annually, and for this purpose will erect a distillery at Pearl harbor.

Proposed Oregon Tax Law

Following are the joint resolutions for constitutional amendments and bills as recommended by the Oregon State Tax commission and to be presented to the legislature at its next session:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. — Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

Resolved by the house, the senate concurring:

That the following article, as an amendment to the constitution of the state of Oregon, be proposed and referred to the next legislative assembly, and if the same shall be concurred in by a majority of all the members elected to each house thereof, and shall afterward be ratified by a majority of the electors of the state, then the same shall be a part of the constitution of the state of Oregon:

ARTICLE I.

That article I, section 32 of the constitution of the state of Oregon, be and the same hereby is abrogated, and in lieu thereof shall be inserted the following:

"No tax or duty shall be imposed without the consent of the people or their representatives in the legislative assembly; and all taxation shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the taxes."

(The two joint resolutions presented are drawn on the theory that the initiative amendment to the constitution submitted in June, 1906, did not become a part of the constitution, having neither been proposed in the manner provided by the constitution, nor having received a majority of all votes cast, although proclaimed by the governor. If, in the opinion of the legislature, the amendment mentioned was regularly adopted, the form of this and the following joint resolution must be changed accordingly.)

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ARTICLE I.

That article IX, section 1 of the constitution of the state of Oregon, be and the same hereby is abrogated, and in lieu thereof shall be inserted the following:

"Taxes shall be levied on such property as shall be prescribed by law. The legislative assembly shall provide by law for uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation upon the several classes of subjects of taxation within the territorial limits of the authority levying the taxes; and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property taxed, except property specifically taxed."

A BILL

For an act to provide a more efficient and equitable system for the assessment of property for taxation; defining property subject to taxation and property exempt therefrom; defining the duties of the county assessor, and prescribing the manner of making the assessment of property by him assessed for the purposes of taxation; requiring all persons, and the managing agent or officer of any corporation or association liable to be assessed by him, to furnish the assessor with a list of property liable to taxation, and prescribing a penalty for failure so to do; and to amend sections 3057, 3058, 3059, 3060, 3061, 3062, 3063, 3064, 3065, 3066, 3067, 3068, 3069, 3070, 3071, 3072, 3073, 3074, 3075, 3076, 3077 and 3078 of the Codes and Statutes of Oregon, compiled and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton; to amend section 56 of an act approved February 24, 1903, and found on page 262 et sequitur of the general laws of Oregon of 1903, and said section being found on page 279; to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to fix the place of assessing national bank stock and private banks, loan and trust companies," approved February 24, 1903; to amend section 1 of an act approved December 24, 1903, and found on page 4 et sequitur of the general laws of Oregon, special session, 1903; to repeal sections 2709, 2710, 3041, 3042, 3043, 3044, 3045, 3046, 3047, 3048, 3049, 3050, 3051, 3052, 3053, 3054, 3055, 3056, 3057, 3058, 3059, 3060, 3061, 3062, 3063, 3064, 3065, 3066, 3067, 3068, 3069, 3070, 3071, 3072, 3073, 3074, 3075, 3076, 3077, 3078, 3079, 3080, 3081, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3085, 3086, 3087, 3088, 3089, 3090, 3091, 3092, 3093, 3094, 3095, 3096, 3097, 3098, 3099, 3100, 3101, 3102, 3103, 3104, 3105, 3106, 3107, 3108, 3109, 3110, 3111, 3112, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3116, 3117, 3118, 3119, 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Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

(Of Property Subject to Taxation.)

(Real and Personal Property to Be Assessed Uniformly and Ratably.)

Section 1. That section 3037 of the Codes and Statutes of Oregon, compiled and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

All real property within this state, and all personal property situated or owned within this state, except such as may be specifically exempted by law, shall be subject to assessment and taxation in equal and ratable proportion.

(Old law provides: "All taxes for the support of the government of this state shall be assessed on property in equal and ratable proportion," and all property, etc., shall be subject to taxation. The old section unnecessarily limits the taxing power of the state to direct property taxes.)

(Real Property—How construed.)

Section 2. The terms land, real estate, and real property, as used in this act, shall be construed to include the land itself, whether laid out in town lots or otherwise, above and under water, all buildings, structures, substructures,

superstructures, and improvements erected upon, under or above, or affixed to the same, and all rights and privileges thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining; and all franchises and privileges granted by or pursuant to any law of this state, or municipal ordinance or resolution, owned or used by any person or corporation, other than the right to be a corporation; and all mines, minerals, quarries, fossils, and trees in, under, or upon the land.

(Chapter 1, title XXX, B. & C. Comp., contained no definition of real property. This definition is taken in part from section 3057, B. & C. Comp. Definition of franchises and inclusion as taxable property, specifically, is new; compare the Minnesota definition of real property.)

(Personal property—How construed.) Section 3. That section 3038 of the Codes and Statutes of Oregon, compiled and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

The terms personal estate and personal property shall be construed to include all things in action, household furniture, goods, chattels, moneys, and gold dust, on hand or on deposit; all boats and vessels, whether at home or abroad, and all capital invested therein; all debts due or to become due from solvent debtors, whether on account, contract, note, mortgage or otherwise, either within or without this state; all public stocks; all bonds, warrants, and moneys due or to become due from this state, or any county or other municipal subdivision thereof; and stocks and shares in incorporated companies, and such proportion of the capital of incorporated companies liable to taxation on their capital as shall not be invested in real estate; and all improvements made by persons on lands claimed by them under the laws of the United States, the fee of which lands is still vested in the United States.

(Adds to former statutory rule as to taxable things included in the term, things in action; state, county or municipal bonds, warrants, and claims, and improvements on claimed lands—the latter provision transferred from B. & C. Comp., section 3058.)

(What property is exempt from taxation.)

Section 4. That section 3039 of the Codes and Statutes of Oregon, compiled and annotated by Hon. Charles B. Bellinger and William W. Cotton, as the same is amended by an act entitled "An act to amend section 3039 of Bell