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WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

A Santa Fe passenger train was derailed near Topeka and six persons injured.

The Russians estimate that the siege has already cost the enemy 28,000 men.

A mob of 500 burned a negro at Cedar town, Ga., for the assault of a 13-year-old white girl.

A hurricane swept over Watertown, S. D., killing two people and injuring many others. Great damage was done to property.

The Russian cruisers Grombol and Rossia are fast being repaired at Vladivostok and will soon be ready to assume the offensive again.

John Elland, a wealthy sheepman of New Mexico, has fallen into the hands of brigands in Mexico, where he went on business. A heavy ransom is demanded for his release.

The czar has summoned all reserve officers to the colors.

Japan holds that the neutrality of China at Shanghai is imperfect.

An engagement with Kurapatkin will probably be forced at Liao Yang.

The interior department is in no hurry to create forest reserves in Oregon.

The Japanese have captured all forts on the Pigeon bay side of Port Arthur.

Five persons were killed at Manden, Mo., by the explosion of a car of dynamite.

Rioting continues at the Chicago stock yards. Another man has been shot.

Japan in showing utter disregard for lives is breaking all precedents at Port Arthur.

The loss caused by the tornado in North St. Louis is much heavier than at first reported.

The anniversary of "Mad" Anthony Wayne's victory over the Indians was observed at the St. Louis fair by an imposing parade.

The rains are stopping around Liao Yang. The roads are still in bad condition and active operations are not expected until they are in better shape.

Forest fires continue to rage in the reserves of Montana, destroying much valuable timber.

Japanese ships are cruising off Chefoo in search of the Russian boats Diana and Novik.

A felling almost akin to despair reigns in the Russian admiralty.

Paraguayan rebels have demanded the city of Asuncion, allowing it 24 hours to surrender.

A cloudburst near Globe, Arizona, caused a loss of several lives and great damage to property.

A Russian gunboat was sunk by coming in contact with a mine near the Liao Tung peninsula.

The Russians will sink their ships at Port Arthur rather than let them fall into the hands of the enemy.

AVOIDS A FIGHT.

Directors to Choose Convention City for 1905.

Portland, Aug. 24.—Politics, arrival of delegates, speeches, and adoption of resolutions occupied the second day of the American Mining Congress. And a busy day it was, with the buzz and hum of the rival delegations filling the cool air of the convention hall. Yesterday morning the convention adopted a strong resolution urging congress to create a Department of Mines and Mining, and last night another was passed advocating the protection of forests.

The question of the selection of the meeting place for next year's congress will not be fought out on the floor of the convention as has been anticipated, but will be placed solely in the hands of the board of directors. A resolution to this effect introduced by Dr. Buckley, of Missouri, was adopted at last night's session of the congress and met with enthusiastic applause from those present. This will prevent El Paso from making an open fight in the convention for the honor of entertaining the 1905 congress.

As yet the credential committee has made no report, and therefore the membership of the congress will be and is unknown quantity, officially speaking, until Thursday morning. This prevents any definite action on the settlement of any question until that time, but a great deal is being done indefinitely. The permanent home agitation is being kept up by the Salt Lake men, who are hard at work trying to get the membership of the congress into line for their city. The Denver delegation is represented by two or three men, and though it has been announced that there is a carload of delegates on the way from Denver, the car has not been sighted and the cause of Denver is suffering a little from the tardiness of the Colorado men.

PORTS ARE LOST.

Russians Meet Further Reverse at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Aug. 25.—A junk which left Liao Ti Promontory the night of August 21 has just arrived here. She reports that the Japanese have succeeded in occupying Antsashan as well as another fort, probably Elashan, about a mile southwest of Antsashan. They have driven the Russians from the parade ground, which lies about two miles north of the harbor; they have destroyed two forts at Chaochanko, which is within the eastern fortifications, and they have advanced to a point near Chaochanko. This news confirms information received here previously, and which the local Japanese were not inclined to believe.

The junk heard firing until midnight of August 22. Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, which was used as a magazine, has been destroyed.

Four large warships unable to fight, are at Port Arthur. Only one ship, a vessel with two masts and two funnels, has guns on board.

The fire of the forts not captured by the Japanese, together with the effect of land mines, is given as the reason why the Japanese have not as yet conquered the Russian stronghold.

JAPANESE PEASNS DEANGED.

Port Arthur Campaign May Cause Initiative to Pass to Russians.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—In a dispatch from Liao Yang, under date of August 23, the correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger says:

"The indications are that the initiative is about to pass to the Russians. The Japanese plan of campaign, including the attack upon Liao Yang, has apparently been deranged by the unexpectedly stubborn resistance of Port Arthur."

"General Kuroki's army has been withdrawn to the south of Taizze river, and only outposts reported to be in the Liao River Valley."

"It is rumored that the Mikado has recalled General Nogi and has ordered Field Marshal Marquis Yamagata, chief of the General Staff at Tokio, to assume command of the besiegers at Port Arthur."

America Asks for Information.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Acting Secretary of State Adee has cabled Minister Conger, at Peking, a request that he report as soon as possible the facts concerning the situation at Shanghai. A similar request has also been addressed to Consul-General Goodnow, at Shanghai, and Consul-General Fowler, at Chefoo. Although no admission on that point is yet obtainable, it is believed that instructions have either been sent or will be sent to Rear-Admiral Sterling to co-operate with the minister and consuls in the protection of American interests in treaty ports.

Russian Ship Hits Mine.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—Admiral Kataoka reports that as the Russian battleship Savastopol was emerging from Port Arthur yesterday she struck a mine, and afterward was seen to be listed to starboard. She was towed back into the harbor.

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 in 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.

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, 78c; blue stem, 85c; valley, 83c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 84c; club, 79c.
Albany—75c.
Salem—80c.
Colfax—Club, 68c; bluestem, 73c.
Pendleton—Club, 58½c; bluestem, 73½c.
La Grande—Club, 62c; bluestem, 68c.

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 & Sloper 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. 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 Watershed 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.

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.

FLESH AGAINST POWDER.

Question Whether Japanese Forces Will Hold Out.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The latest reports from Port Arthur indicate that the garrison there is holding out with wonderful tenacity in the face of persistent desperate assaults. The only question is how long any body of troops can withstand such awful punishment, and whether the garrison in the fortress can outlast Japanese ammunition and men.

The report that 30 regiments have been drawn from General Oku to strengthen the attackers is believed to indicate that the Japanese southern army is in desperate straits and seems to show that the Japanese have not enough men to prosecute simultaneous campaigns of great magnitude in the north and south.

The report that the Novik has been sunk has not yet been published here. If it is true, it will be greatly felt, for the gallant cruiser, which has been frequently mentioned in dispatches, has endeared herself to the whole nation by her tireless activity at Port Arthur, and it has been greatly hoped that she would reach Vladivostok in safety.

The attitude of the Japanese government in regard to China has caused increasing uneasiness here. While it is believed that the dictatorial attitude assumed by Japan was adopted largely for its moral influence on the Chinese, it is also taken to indicate that Japan intends to make herself the dominant spirit in the Celestial empire.

PORTE VERY SILENT.

Embarrassed by Reminder of Verbal Pledge to America.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—A note from American Minister Lelshman, dated August 16, was handed to the Turkish authorities within 12 hours after the receipt by the Minister of the Turkish note Monday. In this note Mr. Lelshman holds the government to its solemn undertaking, coming direct from the Sultan, respecting equal treatment with other nations for the United States concerning the question of educational institutions. This allusion to the imperial pledge apparently embarrassed the Porte, which had previously announced that it would ignore the former verbal assurances which Minister Lelshman declared he had received.

It is considered improbable that the Porte will reply to the Minister's note and therefore the question is looked upon as shelved pending the execution of the process of recognition, when it is considered not improbable fresh difficulties will arise.

Notwithstanding the assertion by Izet Pasha, the secretary of the Palace, that \$250,000 has been deposited as compensation due to an American citizen at Smyrna for land illegally taken, no such deposit has yet been made.

FLEET APPROACHES SHANGHAI.

Consul Goodnow Calls Consular Body Together for Action.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—The steamer Haiting, which arrived here today, reports having sighted a Japanese squadron last night off Gutzlaff Island, about 65 miles southeast of Shanghai. The squadron showed no lights.

The United States monitor Monadnock and two torpedo-boat destroyers have been ordered to be ready to protect the neutrality of Shanghai.

American Consul Goodnow called the meeting of the consular body for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. It is believed that the foreign consuls will arrange means to strengthen the hands of the Taotai in dealing with the matter of the Russian warships here.

Later reports declare the Japanese squadron to be 20 miles from Wosung. Wosung is the outside harbor of Shanghai.

Rin Stops Fild Operations.

At the Headquarters of General Kuroki, in Southern Manchuria, Aug. 20, via Fusan and Seoul, Aug. 24.—It has rained steadily for four days and both of the lower roads are covered with ten feet of water and are absolutely impassable. A number of Chinese and horses of the commissary department have been drowned crossing the Lang river at the ford. Russian spies have been located hiding in the cornfields near the outposts and large scouting parties are searching for them. The relative positions of the two armies remain unchanged.

St. Petersburg Advised.

London, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says news has reached the admiralty there to the effect that the missing Russian cruiser Novik has arrived at Korsakov, a port of the island of Sakhalin, and that the Russian cruiser Diana, concerning whose fate there has been considerable anxiety, has been seen off Hong Kong.

MINERS MEET

Seventh Annual Convention at Portland.

WILL SELECT PERMANENT HOME

Fight Is Between Denver and Salt Lake, With the Former Bity in the Lead.

Portland, Aug. 23.—Under the folds of the flags of the world, the seventh annual convention of the American Mining Congress was called to order yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Armory. The day was spent in beginning the work which will for five days take up the time and attention of the delegates, who have come from all of the mining states of the country to make an effort to better the conditions of the industry, and to bring it before the people on the plane where it should stand.

Preliminary work, addresses of welcome and responses occupied yesterday and last night, and today the real work will commence. The powers that are behind the management of the congress, the wishes and desires of the delegations are beginning to be made manifest by conferences and caucuses, and the hopes of cities and the desires of ambitious men are now being settled.

The one great question that is now before the convention of miners assembled is that of selecting a permanent headquarters for the congress, of choosing some one city in which can be erected a home for the organization, and where can be maintained permanently the offices of the congress, the exhibits to be collected and the records of the proceedings.

Denver and Salt Lake are both out after the permanent home, and are bending every effort to secure it, both by offering bonuses and concessions and by velvet-tongued arguments. Which will secure the prize is now unknown, though it looks as though it might be Denver, for that city has many warm supporters and friends.

The question of the permanent establishment is a serious one, as the members well know, for it means the presentation to the city securing the headquarters of every annual meeting after the one held next year. It is the opinion of a great many of the delegates that the only business-like plan of proceeding will be to give the annual convention to the city securing the permanent home. The records, the exhibits, the secretary and his assistants, the building and headquarters of the organization will be in the place known as the home of the congress. It will be, therefore, convenient and more practical to hold the annual meetings at that place than to send them to new cities each year, necessitating the establishment of temporary quarters and transfer of records.

AMERICA KEEPS OUT.

She Will Take No Part in the Shanghai Trouble.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The United States Government does not intend to insist upon the neutrality of China. It does not intend to insist that the Russian warships now in the harbor at Shanghai shall be disarmed or be forced from their present haven. It does not intend in any way to prevent the Japanese from capturing the Russian warships.

It does not at this time propose protecting American interests in Shanghai or any other Chinese ports, if, by so doing, it is found necessary to interfere with the freedom of the warships of any other nation.

This is the decision that was reached this afternoon by the Department of State after a conference between the State and Navy Department officials with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay over the long-distance telephone. Instructions in accordance with this decision were sent to Rear Admiral Sterling, in charge of the Asiatic squadron now at Shanghai.

An impression exists here that Consul-General Goodnow may have unintentionally paved the way to committing this government to a maintenance of the neutrality of China, when he called the meeting today of the foreign representatives to take such action as was deemed necessary. But before that meeting had assembled, a cablegram had been sent him carefully to abstain from any action that could be deemed to be interference.

Railroad Shops to Work Less.

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 24.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company today made the most sweeping reduction in the time of the men employed that has taken place since the panic of 1893. The employees of the machine shops today were notified that, commencing with tomorrow morning they would be divided into shifts, one shift to work Monday and Wednesday and the other Tuesday and Thursday, eight hours to constitute a day's work. The remainder of the week the shops will be closed entirely. It is not known how long the order will continue in effect.

Port Arthur to Be His Tomb.

London, Aug. 24.—No further war news has reached London. According to the Moscow correspondent of the Morning Post, Lieutenant-General Stoessel concluded a telegram to an intimate friend there with the words: "Farewell forever, Port Arthur will be my tomb."