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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.

Russia is finding it very difficult to secure ships to carry coal to Vladivostok.

The Russians have frustrated several attempts of the enemy to break through their lines.

The International Peace congress has made an earnest appeal to all nations to take steps to avert more wars.

The Japanese are feeling out the Russian positions around Mukden and a general advance is expected next week.

It is said that Secretary Hitchcock's report on land frauds was largely intended to cover up his own shortcomings.

Hops have made another advance in the Willamette valley, several sales being reported at Independence at 31 cents.

The Chinese government says that if foreign capital is needed for proposed railway construction, it will first turn to America.

Chinese refugees from Southern Manchuria say the Japanese are administering affairs with a high hand. There is a great scarcity of provisions among the native population.

Lieutenant Granville Fortescue, American attaché, who has been with the besieging forces at Port Arthur, is returning home. He is pledged to security as to the conditions around the fortress.

Four persons were killed and fifty injured in an English railway accident.

Tokio is advised that the army is making steady progress at Port Arthur.

Fire wiped out an entire village in Southern Russia. Five hundred families are homeless.

The Norwegian bark Sir John Lawrence, from London, struck on rocks off the coast of Norway and went down with all on board.

The Santa Fe has large gangs of men at work in Colorado repairing the work of the flood. It will take a week to make the road passable.

Detectives are unable to find any clue to the persons who have attempted to destroy the battleship Connecticut. There is little danger that any further attempt will be made. Marines are stationed all around the boat and others on it.

According to dispatches from Oklahoma the South Canadian river is higher than in 40 years. It is feared that the loss to cotton and corn crops and bridges, with other properties along the river, throughout the territory, will be enormous. No loss of life has been reported.

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 junks carrying supplies to Oyama and destroyed a number of them.

It is reported that General Basilio Munoz, 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.

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

The condition of Postmaster General Payne is very serious.

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 sail 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.

PAYNE IS NO MORE.

Heart Disease Causes the Death of Postmaster General.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Henry C. Payne, postmaster general of the United States, a member of the national Republican committee, a stalwart of his party, with the history of which, in his home state and nationally, he had been identified for many years, died at his apartments at the Arlington hotel at 6:10 last night, aged 60 years. Death was due to disease of the mitral valve and dilatation of the heart.

Mr. Payne has been in poor health for at least two years, but his last illness covered only seven days, an attack of heart trouble last week precipitating the end, at a time when, after a rest, he appeared to have recovered a small measure of the vitality impaired by years of arduous labor. Death came after nearly six hours of unconsciousness. The last official caller to inquire as to Mr. Payne's condition was President Roosevelt, and he had been gone only about ten minutes when the stricken member of the cabinet expired.

The death of the postmaster general came as the result really of a succession of sinking spells due to a weak heart that enfeebled the sick man until finally the heart literally gave out. Never in recent years robust, Mr. Payne was unable to withstand the shock of the sinking spells, and last Friday, when he had two sinking spells, it was believed he was rapidly approaching the end. While moderate doses of heart remedies sufficed at first, it became necessary by Sunday to give much more powerful stimulants, and the doses were given in greater quantities than on any previous day.

SOVEREIGNTY IS RECOGNIZED.

Diplomats on Isthmus of Panama Will Be Accredited to America.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Chile has formally recognized the absolute sovereignty of the United States over the Panama canal zone. Other nations which have been holding back to await the outcome of the diplomatic test case will do the same. The result will be that practically all the foreign diplomats on the isthmus will be accredited to this country instead of Panama.

Chile some time ago applied for an aquatum for Greenimo Osso, who was appointed consul at Panama. The request was withheld, owing to the unsettled condition of affairs. Though this country exercises full control over the canal zone, the land belongs to Panama. Today the secretary of state disposed of the question by issuing the exequatur, but instead of being in the regular form it is a notification to General Davis, governor general of the canal zone, that Mr. Osso is authorized to represent Chile in all diplomatic matters involving the canal strip. This will probably involve further differences between this government and the republic of Panama.

CORTELYOU WILL SUCCEED HIM.

He is Expected to Enter the Office About December 1.

Washington, Oct. 6.—In succession to Mr. Payne, George Bruce Cortelyou, ex-secretary of the department of commerce and labor, and now chairman of the Republican national committee, will become postmaster general.

Mr. Cortelyou's appointment as head of the postoffice department was determined on several months ago by President Roosevelt, when Mr. Payne indicated to the president his desire to retire from the department on account of the precarious state of his health. Mr. Payne would have resigned the portfolio long ago had it not been for the then pending investigation of the affairs of the department. He felt, however, and said many times to his friends, that he could not relinquish the duties of the office while the investigation was pending, and expressed his determination to carry this work to a conclusion.

Toga for Moody.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 6.—The Telegram tomorrow morning will say: "Governor John L. Bates will, in all probability, at the next meeting of the governor's council, announce the appointment of Attorney General William H. Moody, of Haverhill, to succeed Senator Hoar. Shortly before his death, Senator Hoar communicated to Governor Bates his wish that the present attorney general might succeed him as senator from Massachusetts, and it is understood here Mr. Moody will accept."

Japan Does Not Fear Cruisers.

Tokio, Oct. 6.—The navy department discredits the report that the Russian cruisers Rossia, Gromoboi and Bogatyr have been repaired at Vladivostok and are about to descend for another raid on the Japanese coast. The navy department further expresses the belief that the Bogatyr is completely disabled.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FEATURES FOR CHAUTAUQUA.

Distinguished Women of the Country Booked for Next Year.

Oregon City—One of the main features of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua assembly for 1905 will be the part to be taken by the leading women of the country and for which the board of directors is already arranging. It is the purpose of the Chautauqua management to devote two entire days of next year's session to women and women's work, and to insure the success of this feature of the assembly an effort has been started to secure the services of such distinguished women as Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, of New York, a grand niece of Henry Ward Beecher and a literary writer of wide reputation; Miss Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, and also Mrs. Catt, president of the National Federation of Women's clubs.

Secretary Cross is in correspondence with these celebrities and expects to be able to secure their attendance and services in making the 1905 Chautauqua a grand success. In forming the program and engaging lecturers for next year the officers of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association will take advantage of the holding of the Lewis and Clark fair, and will engage only the best of talent in every department, that the exercises may be up to a high standard for the entertainment of the many visitors from distant points since the Chautauqua sessions will be held during the life of the 1905 exposition.

SEPTIC TANK A SUCCESS.

Trustees Inspect One Recently Installed at Mute School.

Salem—The new septic tank recently constructed at the State Mute school is giving complete satisfaction. The board of trustees of that institution visited the school and were highly pleased with the improvement in the sewerage system, which makes the conditions there more healthful.

"It seems to me that the septic tank will come into general use in cities," said Governor Chamberlain, after his return from the Mute school. "By this process all solid matters are consumed and the outflow from the septic tank is clear and odorless liquid. I believe these tanks should be used even where there is good sewer connections, for by this means the sewer system can be made to carry a larger amount of refuse and the stream into which it is turned will not be so heavily polluted. In suburban districts where there are no sewer connections the septic tank will do much to improve sanitary conditions. I believe the people should investigate the subject and learn the value of the septic tank."

Coming Events.

Portland Presbytery, Fairview, October 10.
Baker County Fair, Baker City, October 11-15.
Klamath County Agricultural association, Klamath Falls, October 12-14.
Federation of Women's clubs, Baker City, October 12-14.
Fruit Fair, Hood River, October 13-15.
Oregon Press association, Hood River, October 14-15.
Baptist Young People's convention, McMinnville, October 14.
Oregon W. C. T. U., state convention, Portland, October 18-27.
Inland Empire Teachers' association, Pendleton, October 19-21.

Power From the McKenzie.

Eugene—Notice has been filed with the county clerk by the Willamette Valley Electric Railroad company of its intention to appropriate from the McKenzie river 15,000 cubic inches of water, by miners' measure, under six inch pressure, to be used in generating power to operate all kinds of electrical machinery. The point where the water is to be taken from the river is given as on the north bank near the line between sections 35 and 36, township 16, range 2 east, and describes the line of the canal 14,000 feet long.

Sugar-Making at La Grande.

La Grande—The La Grande Amalgamated Sugar factory is running day and night, and will have a run of over 90 days on the sugar beets raised in the Grand Ronde, which amount to 25,000 tons. The beets from Umattilla county will keep the factory running considerably later this season than usual. Beets are being plowed and pulled in the valley, and tons are being hauled to the factory every day.

Development of Copper Mine.

Medford—Two tunnels are being driven in the Blue Ledge copper mine, located about 30 miles west of Medford, near the California line, and owned by a New York company. These tunnels are driven to determine the extent and value of the property. The force of 13 men will be increased soon. So far, the quality of the ore is all that could be desired.

SAMPLE ORES FOR FAIR.

Prompt Action Urged on Blue River Mines.

Eugene—D. H. Weyant, who is working up an interest throughout the mining districts of the state in preparing exhibits for the Lewis and Clark exposition, was in Eugene. He was in conference with mining men and others and urging prompt action toward preparing an exhibit for the Blue River district.

Mr. Weyant urges that unless something is done immediately the district cannot be well represented, because it will be necessary to get out samples before winter sets in and closes up the mines. If left until spring, it will be too late, hence it is desired that the exhibits be collected and boxed this fall. The Commercial club has taken an interest in the matter and has called a meeting for next Wednesday evening, at which time a plan will begin forthwith.

CUT ON GOVERNMENT LAND.

Many Cords of Wood Held Up in the Vicinity of Meacham.

La Grande—It is reported that there is tied up by government inspectors around Meacham, 25 miles west of this city, 2,000 cords of wood believed to have been cut from land not yet out of government ownership. A large number of men have filed on land in the mountains. Of each 160 acres 120 is grazing land and 40 acres timber land. The pre-emptors can get the grazing land on time, and yet use it for grazing purposes. To acquire title enough to give them the right to cut wood on the remaining 40 acres they must pay down in full for the land. This it is alleged many have not done.

The market for the 2,000 cords depends upon the outcome of the investigation. It is believed it will be released upon the settlement of each individual for the 40 acres of timber land by paying the cash for it, as was the original intention.

LEDGE SIXTY FEET WIDE.

New Camp Will Be Opened in the Bohemia District.

Eugene—According to the report of W. S. Crabb, a prospector who has just come down from the mountains in the vicinity of the Upper Willamette, another rich mining camp is about to be opened up in this county.

Mr. Crabb reports the discovery of a very rich ledge of quartz, which he says is 60 feet wide, samples of the ore from which he brought out for assay. From his description of the location, it is 20 miles above Hazel Dell postoffice, and must therefore be about that distance to the east and north of the Bohemia mining district.

Fruits for the St. Louis Fair.

La Grande—W. K. Newell, of Dilley, Or., and George H. Lamberson, of Portland, have been in the valley during the past week, gathering Grand Ronde fruits for the St. Louis fair. Jude Geer, of the Cove, horticultural commissioner for Eastern Oregon, and A. C. Gail, a prominent fruitgrower at Union, assisted them in gathering a choice assortment, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the excellent fruit grown here. Apples are being picked and packed for the fall markets. Over 100 cars will be sent out from the valley this season. Prune packing and picking is still going on. The fruit growers of Grande Ronde will organize and hold meetings pertaining to the growth and sale of fruits and other things concerning their common good.

Sheep Poisoned on the Trail.

Lakview—Three hundred mutton sheep en route to the railroad for shipping are said to have been poisoned along the main traveled road between here and Bend. The alleged poisoning happened near a spring, and analysis of the stomachs of some of the sheep is said to have disclosed saltpeter and strychnine. The name of the owner could not be learned, nor the motive of the reported deed. The scene is in one of the remotest portions of Central Oregon, and only slight details reached Lakview.

Many Agrics Enrolled.

Corvallis—The enrollment at the Oregon Agricultural college has passed the 500 mark, and is now 103 greater than in the same day last year. The count is confined to students in the actual college courses, and is not inclusive of music pupils and other side issues. The number is more than double that in the academic and college course of any other educational institution in Oregon.

Wheat Market.

Portland—Walla Walla, 81¢@82¢; bluestem, 86¢; valley, 85¢.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 87¢; club, 83¢.
Colfax—Club, 70¢; bluestem, 76¢.

CAUGHT BY FLOOD.

Twelve People Drowned at Watrous, New Mexico.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 5.—Half the town of Watrous was destroyed by the flood and at least 12 persons were drowned.

Many persons were rescued from trees and housetops. The greatest damage was around the junction of Mora and Sapello creeks. The rock crusher, the great iron bridge and much track at Watrous were washed away.

The Gallinas river formed a new channel here. In the Gallinas canon, the dams of the Aqua Pura company broke, bringing a terrific flood on the city. The Montezuma-Hot Springs track went out in many places. Half a dozen bridges were destroyed and the Montezuma bath houses were partly carried away. The Santa Fe loss here is \$40,000. The Aqua Pura company's loss is \$15,000.

For two blocks on Bridge street every business house was flooded. The big lifield brick store was ruined and the bridge undermined. Twenty merchants estimates their loss at from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each.

Gallinas park is under water and the trolley line cannot be repaired for two weeks. The race meet to have been held here next week has been declared off. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss to the town and the railroad loss is equal to that of recent floods in Arizona.

TOWNS WASHED AWAY.

Rio Grande Cuts New Channel and Hundreds are Homeless.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 5.—Reports from the floods in the Rio Grande valley above and below this city are coming in. The towns of Valencia and Los Lentos were practically washed away and several hundred families are homeless. The river swung to the east, cut a new channel, and poured a torrent through the two towns. No lives were lost.

The Barelase suburbs of this city suffered the most in this immediate vicinity, about 50 houses being destroyed.

Ignacio Gutierrez, a commissioner of Sandoval county, telephoned that the damage at Los Cordales and Alameda, above the city, will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

There is one passenger train from Southern California at Gallup and another from San Francisco at Winslow, while the other trains from California are held here. The local officials cannot say when the trains will arrive or depart, and the traffic situation is serious.

Many feet of track is reported gone at Ortiz, at Cerrillos, Waldo, Thornton and Bernalillo, and above and below this city at Rincon, Amarillo, N. M., and Isleta.

DROP INTO CELLAR.

Many People Injured at Church Corner Stone Laying.

Adams, Mass., Oct. 5.—While Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, was laying the corner stone of St. Stanislaus' Polish church, a floor collapsed, precipitating 150 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously. Bishop Beaven and several of the priests assisting him were slightly hurt.

Some 7,000 persons attended the ceremony and about 200 were seated or standing on the floor which covered the newly made basement. Just as the bishop was about to lay the stone a section of the flooring, about 40 feet square, collapsed, dropping 12 feet, and carrying with it the bishop, the clergy and about 140 others.

In the confusion that followed many were trampled upon and half suffocated. Bishop Beaven was caught in the crush but was able to save himself from serious injury. He was bruised about the body and had his hands scratched.

Breastplates Will Not Be Made.

Rome, Oct. 5.—Some time ago the Russian government ordered 100,000 bullet proof breastplates of the type invented by Signor Benedetti. The latter recently started for St. Petersburg to supervise the manufacture of the breastplates, but was stopped at Munich by the Italian firm to which he had sold the rights to manufacture, and which objected to Signor Benedetti's intervention in the matter, and he returned to Italy. The firm had also undertaken to supply the Japanese government with 200,000 breastplates.

Gunboat Hit by a Mine.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—It is rumored that a Japanese gunboat hit a mine and sunk south of the Liao Tung peninsula. A portion of her crew reached an island and were rescued. The navy department does not deny the report, but says that the department lacks confirmatory information.

DEATH IS SURE

Payne Only Kept Alive by Use of Stimulants.

STRENGTH IS FAST FAILING

Family Has Been Summoned to the Bedside of United States Postmaster General.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Postmaster General Payne is still alive, but only as the result of the injection of the most powerful drugs known to the medical profession. Frequent sinking spells marked the day yesterday, and his condition is decidedly worse this morning than it was 24 hours ago. The physicians express not the slightest hope for his recovery, and during the night bulletins were issued predicting dissolution within a few minutes, and at 2 o'clock this morning they placed the limit at two hours at the outside, with the probability that every moment would be the last.

General Payne, after spending the forepart of the night in a quiet sleep, was seized at midnight with a sinking spell worse than any that had preceded it. Powerful restoratives administered in larger quantities than heretofore given produced not the slightest apparent effect, and the members of the family were hastily summoned to the bedside.

Two hours later a message was received from the bedside that the general was still alive, but all hope had been abandoned. The physicians refused to state how long their patient could survive, but stated that while he might live for two hours, on the other hand, the end might come at the next moment. After administering the stimulants at midnight, the physicians discontinued the use of drugs, and thereafter allowed nature to take its course.

Shortly after half past two, the patient showed signs of reviving, and a few seconds later he completely regained consciousness, and exclaimed "Hello" to those about him. Dr. Magruder asked him how he was feeling and received the reply "first rate." Milk was then given him to drink.

Shortly after 4 o'clock, General Payne's private secretary issued a bulletin in effect, that the patient was resting easily. It was added that General Payne's pulse was steadier and his respiration more natural than it had been for days. A consultation will probably be held this morning.

MANY A BRIBE.

Ex-Speaker Kelly Informs on the Missouri Combine.

St. Louis, Oct. 5.—In a written confession today Charles F. Kelly, speaker of the house of delegates during a period in the life of the boodle combine, relates the story of that combine. He declares a prominent politician promised himself and others implicated that the next circuit attorney would be "all right," and promised if they would remain firm he would secure for them either continuances until the next circuit attorney took office or pardons afterwards. He declares the politician said the new circuit attorney, for which office the Democrats today made their nomination, would be "his man."

Kelly declared the politician paid him \$15,000 of \$50,000 promised to keep away from the grand jury, before which he had been subpoenaed to appear after John K. Murrell returned from Mexico and turned states' evidence in the city lighting deal. He went to Europe by way of Canada, taking the name of James Logan. It was the intention of the politician, Kelly said, to have him remain away until after the statute of limitations had run out on the lighting deal. By a miscalculation, Kelly said, he came back too soon, and was arrested.

Kelly is under conviction for perjury in connection with "boodle" cases, and his trial on the charge of bribery in connection with the suburban franchise deal will be called Monday. He is now out on bonds.

Honor Will Go to Widow.

London, Oct. 5.—The St. James Gazette says the late William Vernon Harcourt, who twice refused a peerage, eventually accepted the honor and would have been gazetted Baron Malwood on the next birthday honor list. "Fate," the paper adds, has rendered the event impossible, but it is deemed probable that a baronetcy following the procedure on the death of W. H. Smith, who was a minister of war in Lord Salisbury's cabinets of 1885 and 1886, will nevertheless be conferred on Lady Harcourt.

Lives of Four Snuffed Out.

Cartersville, Ga., Oct. 5.—By the falling of earth and ore in the Morgan mine, the lives of four men were snuffed out here today. Two others are seriously injured and are expected to die.