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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

Several lives have been lost in Chicago as a result of the severe storm.

Congress will have to buy silver bullion to make much needed small coins.

The president is presenting his ideas on railroad freight rates to congressmen personally.

Vice Admiral Lord Charles Berosford will assume command of the British Mediterranean squadron May 1.

Many Russians believe a brighter day is in store for their country when the announced reforms are put in practice.

Great Britain has assumed control of the legal and financial administration of the Tonga islands, the native chiefs consenting.

T. C. Powell, of Portland, is to be appointed United States marshal at Nome, Alaska, to succeed Frank Richards, recently removed.

The government of Holland announces that the same neutrality will be observed in her colonies as at home in regard to the Far Eastern war.

A British tramp steamer is ashore on the Atlantic coast on Fire Island bar. Owing to the storm the vessel will be a total wreck. The entire crew was lost.

Free press, freedom of conscience and compulsory elementary education have been promised in Russia.

The Dawes commission says the rights of aborigines have been well protected in Indian Territory.

Seven people were killed and eight others injured in a wreck on the Southern railroad near Louisville, Ky.

Russians have been ordered to remove the hospital ships placed in front of their war ships at Port Arthur.

A Russian editor has been arrested for publishing a story of brutal conduct of an officer toward a convict convict.

E. E. Calvin is to become general manager of the Southern Pacific railroad in succession to C. H. Markham.

Many Republican congressmen want the passage of the merchant marine bill postponed until next session, when they would favor it.

A general snow storm throughout Colorado and Wyoming, following suddenly an extended period of mild weather, is likely to cause considerable damage to stock on the open ranges.

A grand jury says New York liquor men send large sums to influence legislation at Albany.

An Austro-Hungarian admiral has been chosen as the fifth member of the North sea inquiry commission.

A representative of a large French steel company is looking for available site for the establishment of factories in the United States.

Governor Odell and ex-Governor Black are both said to be candidates for United States senator from New York for Senator Platt's place.

George C. Brownell, president of the East Oregon senate, will be called before the federal grand jury to explain certain papers he affixed his name to as notary public, in connection with the land fraud investigation.

It is reported in Paris that the Japanese government has expressed a wish to be represented at the session of the international commission inquiring into the North sea tragedy, and is said to claim equal rights with the Russians before the commission, especially as the Russians still maintain that Japanese war vessels were seen among the Hull trawlers.

Nine miners were smothered in a coal mine at Garfield, Pa.

Many Japanese soldiers commit suicide when defeat seems at hand.

Chinese have reported to Kuropatkin that the Japanese have lost 203-Meter hill, but the latter claim not.

It is officially reported in Paris that the attorney general has recommended a retrial of the Dreyfus case.

The Japanese are reported to have captured another fort at Port Arthur, with heavy loss to the Russians.

A gang of bell boys, organized to steal the property of guests has been discovered in the Chicago downtown hotels by the police.

Four Denver men have been found guilty of repeating at the November election and sentenced to six months in jail and to pay a \$100 fine.

VESSELS IN VERY BAD SHAPE

Russ Says They Would Not Be Able to Reach the East.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—In an outspoken article, in reply to a recent letter of Admiral Bierleff, which appealed to Russians not to criticize the condition of the navy openly, the Russ today declares the time is past for silence, in view of the fact that the "old system of concealing facts is responsible for the loss of 150,000,000 roubles' worth of warships and has covered us with shame and grief. It would be absurd to hide the defects that can still be repaired in the ships which remain at Cronstadt and Libau. We have already criminally wasted enough time." The Russ enumerates the defects in the ships still in Russian waters, averring that the "peculiarities of structure of several of the vessels destined for the Far East make the voyage dangerous, and the torpedo boats are in such shocking condition that it is a matter of surprise that the authorities accepted their delivery. Torpedo boats intended to reinforce Vice Admiral Rojstvensky must clearly not be dispatched with the numerous defects which have been proved to exist in them. "Even if Admiral Rojstvensky is a clever leader and his 12,000 comrades are heroic sailors, everyone knows that we have imposed upon them an almost superhuman task in consequence of our not being furnished with a true account of the gravity of the events which have occurred since the fatal night of February 8."

WILL TRY SEVEN.

Federal Grand Jury Files New Indictments in Land Case.

Portland, Dec. 29.—The Federal grand jury made its second public appearance yesterday afternoon, at which time it returned indictments against Salmon B. Ormsby, of Salem; William H. Davis, of Albany; Clark E. Loomis, of Eugene; Henry A. Young, George Sorenson, of Portland; John Doe and Richard Roe. The charge is that the indicted men entered into a conspiracy on December 29, 1901, having as their object the defrauding of the government of the United States out of a portion of its public lands in township 11 south, of range 7 east, and that by means of false and forged affidavits and proofs of homestead entry and settlement, some in the names of real and some in the names of fictitious persons, the government was induced to issue patents to the lands.

It is charged that in furtherance of the conspiracy William H. Davis swore to an affidavit before S. B. Ormsby in which he said that he had resided upon the claim taken by him as by law required, and it is also alleged that the conspiracy was a part of the one entered into by S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley and Emma L. Watson.

IN FOG AND ICE.

Great Storm Rages from Rocky Mountains to Atlantic.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—One of the severest storms of recent years has raged throughout the territory lying between the Rocky mountains and the Great lakes since early this morning, and has caused much trouble to street car companies, railroads and telegraph companies. The latter were the greatest sufferers from the blizzard, which swept through the West and Northwest during the last 24 hours, and which was preceded by a heavy fog and drizzling rain, which made the wires almost unworkable.

The intense cold and terrific gale that followed close upon the fog coated the wires with ice, and later in the day three poles to the ground, crippling the companies badly. Railroad trains were badly delayed all through the west, some of them being 24 hours late. Street-car traffic in all the cities of the West and Northwest was practically at a standstill at some time during the day.

In its extent the storm was the most widespread of any during the last 15 years. Counting the fog as a component part of the storm, it stretched from the Rocky mountains to New York, and from Winnipeg to New Orleans.

Will Make Lots of Money.

Portland, Dec. 29.—It was decided yesterday that the offer from the government to install two coin machines in the government building at the fair will be accepted, though the cost of operation will fall on the management of the exposition. The machines will be run by electricity and an expert will be sent from Washington to take charge. All the workings of a large mint will be shown in this exhibit, and the methods of making coins displayed. It is expected to be one of the chief attractions of the government building.

Hurry Work on Black Sea Fleet

Sevastopol, Dec. 29.—The dockyard laborers have been released from their obligation as members of the reserves in order that they may continue the work on the vessels of the Black sea fleet, which is being pushed with great energy.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TWO FREE COURSES.

Lectures on Agriculture and Dairying at Corvallis College.

Corvallis.—Immediately following the winter holidays the Oregon Agricultural college will give free of charge two popular short courses of instruction—one in agriculture, the other in dairying. "These courses consist chiefly of lectures by specialists from the faculty and from abroad, combined with work in the laboratories, where students have access to the apparatus of the college and experiment station. The lectures are designed for busy men and women who desire to advance with this progressive age but cannot avail themselves of the full four years' course of instruction; hence the courses of lectures will come at the most convenient season of the year for combining pleasure and recreation with profitable study.

The instruction, which is simple, is adapted to the literary attainments of all; hence no educational test is required for admission to either of the courses. The course in agriculture will begin January 9 and continue 10 days. Some of the subjects to be discussed are: "Horticulture," "Plant Breeding," "Bacteriology," "Chemical Elements," "How Plants Work," "Budding of Plants Based Upon Plant Culture," "How to Conserve the Fertility of the Soil," "Drainage," "Soil Moisture," "Rose Culture," "Veterinary Surgery," "Rotation of Crops," "Roadmaking," "Fertilization and How to Make the Old Farm Pay."

The course in dairying will commence January 21, and continue eight weeks. Students will meet for work six days of the week. The mornings will be devoted to practical work in dairy rooms; two days will be devoted to butter making, two days to cheese making, and two days will be spent in the dairy laboratories. In the afternoon of the days, except those devoted to cheese making, lectures will occupy two or three hours. There will be no fees except the breakage deposit of \$3.

School for Defective Youth.

Pendleton.—State Senator C. J. Smith and two others of the hold over legislative committee visited the Washington school for defective youth at Vancouver and will recommend that one be established in this state. Other matters decided upon by the committee was that the health board should have more authority than hitherto, so as to be able to enforce regulations made, instead of recommending that they be carried out. Typhoid fever was made a quarantine disease instead of being reported, as hitherto.

Corner on Wallowa Wool.

Enterprise.—R. C. Mays, who is buying wool in this county for the S. Koshland company, has closed contracts for over 500,000 pounds more wool. This makes about three-fourths of the total wool clip of this county, including 1,000,000 pounds which he has already purchased. The total wool clip is estimated at 2,000,000 pounds. With 16-cent wool and the prospect of a substantial rise in cattle, good times are prophesied for the people of this county next year.

To Collect Salmon Eggs.

Albany.—C. Wallich, superintendent of the Clackamas fish hatchery, has gone to the Yaquina coast in search of a suitable place for a collection station for steelhead and silverside salmon eggs. Manager Edwin Stone stated that three are a number of places on the Yaquina river which are suited to such purposes, and it is likely a station will be established there.

Coming Events.

Inland Empire Sunday School institute, Pendleton, Ore., January 30.

Oregon State Horticultural society, Portland, January 10-11.

National American Woman Suffrage association, Portland, June 22-23.

Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, Portland, June 1 October 15.

New Plant for Imperial.

Sumpter.—As soon as General Manager Sibley, of the Imperial group, returns from the East, more extensive operations will be carried on. The installation of a larger hoisting plant is one of the first improvements to be made.

New Sawmill at Lacombe.

Lacombe.—The new sawmill at Lacombe is almost completed. It will be one of the largest and best equipped in Linn county, with a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day.

DEEPEN THE WILLAMETTE.

Commercial Club Wants More Open River During Entire Year.

Albany.—The Albany Commercial club at a recent session discussed the question of an open river between Albany and Portland the year round, instead of a few months each year, as prevails at present, and decided to memorialize congress for an open river. A committee was appointed to take charge of the work and impress upon the Oregon congressional delegation the necessity of an open river.

Captain A. B. Graham, of Portland, one of the managers of the Oregon City Transportation company, which operates boats on the Upper Willamette, addressed the meeting regarding the improvements that are necessary to make the Willamette navigable by good sized boats all the year. He emphasized the necessity of dredging the upper river to remove some of the bars that are the greatest hindrance to navigation, of building revetments opposite Albany, Corvallis and Independence; to keep the river in its channel and deepen the same, and in general endorsed the recommendations of Major Langitt, who recently examined the river on behalf of the government and whose recommendations are now embodied in the river and harbor appropriation bill pending before congress. It was further recommended that the War department be encouraged to purchase the locks at Oregon City, thus removing that obstruction to upper river traffic. These locks add 50 cents per ton to freight rates between all lower and upper river points.

The club appointed a committee consisting of E. J. Miller, Dr. W. H. Davis and E. D. Cusick to confer with like committees from the Commercial clubs of Salem, Independence and Corvallis, and to draft resolutions favoring the immediate improvement of the river, according to the recommendations of Major Langitt, and to secure a visit to the upper river from Senator J. H. Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann during their stay in Portland.

Tin Pan Changes Hands.

Grants Pass.—An important mining sale has just been consummated here in the exchange of the Tin Pan mine, of Galls creek. It was sold by Willis Krennar and H. C. Reed to A. A. Taubeneck and associates, of Allegheny, Pa. The consideration is \$10,000 cash. The Tin Pan is one of the most promising of the Galls creek district properties, and is well developed. The ore of the Tin Pan is remarkable by reason of the large percentage of lead and silver carried, which with the gold brings the values up to \$25 and \$30 a ton.

Ex-Sheriff to Poorhouse.

Hillsboro.—Ex-Sheriff W. D. Bradford, who a week ago was stricken with paralysis, has been removed to the county poor farm, where he is to be cared for. He served as sheriff two terms and was a popular official, but sickness in his family and the death of his wife, a few years ago, have ruined him financially. His condition is not improved, and fears are entertained for his recovery.

Two Gold Bricks.

Cottage Grove.—F. J. Hard returned from Bohemia and brought with him two gold bricks, the result of the recent clean-up from the ten-stamp mill that is in operation at the Vesuvius mine. Mr. Hard says the plant is working to the company's satisfaction, and the mill is kept running day and night. This is the second clean-up from that new plant since it started a short time ago.

Another Livestock Delegate.

Salem.—Another delegate, in the person of O. G. Andrus, of Linn county, has been appointed by Governor Chamberlain to attend the convention of the National Livestock association, to be held at Denver, Colo., January 10 to 13, 1905.

Sinking Main Shaft.

Sumpter.—Columbia company is now sinking the main shaft, which is down 60 feet below the 700-foot level. Ore for the mill is being stoped from the upper works, and enough is in sight to insure an indefinite run.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat—Portland—Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 88@89c; valley, 87c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 88c; club, 85c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27½c. Hops—Choice, 29@30c; prime, 27@28c. Wool—Valley, 19@20c; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 25@26c.

WIND FANS FLAMES.

Two Million Dollars Loss From Fire in Sioux City.

Sioux City, Dec. 28.—A fire, which resulted in the death of one man, a monetary loss roughly estimated at \$2,000,000, and the destruction of nearly two whole blocks, started in the basement of the Pelletier department store, in the Toy block, a six-story stone building at Fourth and Jackson streets, at 8 o'clock tonight. The district burned over lies in the center of the business portion of the city, and among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures in the city. In these buildings were located a large number of large stores and several wholesale establishments and three national banks.

The fire started in the basement of the store, but its cause is in doubt. The man killed was a tenant in the Massachusetts block, who jumped from the fifth story.

A large number of shoppers crowded the Pelletier and other stores, and it was with difficulty that all managed to escape from the burning building. The flames enveloped much of the building before the fire department arrived, and was quite beyond control. For three hours and a half, until they had got beyond range of the large buildings, the flames carried everything in their path.

Both telegraph companies were put out of business by reason of their wires being all burned out, and the office of the Western Union was destroyed. Although a great number of telephone circuits were within the district, long-distance circuits were established with outside points. The fire was conquered at 11:30.

From the Pelletier store the flames spread to the Massachusetts block, on the west, a large six-story building. The fire continued westward, driven by a brisk wind. In the course of their flight, the flames were communicated to a score of other business places located in the buildings west of the Toy block.

MORE STATES IN.

New Hampshire and Vermont Will Be at 1905 Fair.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Vermont will be represented at the Lewis and Clark exposition by a reproduction of one of the most valuable buildings, so far as historical value goes, in the United States. Word was received at exposition headquarters yesterday that the building to be erected by Vermont will be a replica of the old Constitution house of 1777. In writing the letter, Arthur C. Jackson, commissioner for Vermont to the Lewis and Clark exposition, stated that a conclusion had been reached in the matter, and though it could not be stated, at present, how large the state appropriation would be, it is anticipated that Vermont will be as well represented at the exposition as she was at St. Louis.

In this novel exposition building, Vermont will have exhibits to show the resources of that state. Historical public records, too, will be there, and by this means the state will show her part in the upbuilding of the nation. Modern exhibits will tell of the progress of Vermont from revolutionary days to the present time. The middle ages of the state will not be shown; just the past and the present, with a hint of the future. The building will be arranged in an attractive manner, and will, no doubt, be the mecca of thousands of visitors.

New Hampshire Steps In.

Following the idea of Vermont, New Hampshire will place her exhibits in the replica of a historical building, the particular edifice to be a reproduction of the birthplace of Daniel Webster. Here there will be on exhibition public records and data concerning the life of Webster, and other men of New Hampshire whose names have gone down to the ages. The buildings of Vermont and New Hampshire may rest in the same vicinity with each other, thus giving to their particular sites a decided historical touch.

Disguised As An American.

Moscow, Dec. 28.—V. F. Grazudsky, correspondent of the Ruskoy Slavy, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan, where he traveled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He undertook the journey to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country, taking the risk of discovery and execution as a spy. Grazudsky had a complete American outfit and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States.

Ammunition Hid in Bales.

Pekin, Dec. 28.—The Chinese yesterday seized 3,000,000 rounds of Russian rifle ammunition near Feng Tai, in the vicinity of Pekin. The ammunition was consigned to a Russian firm at Tientsin, and was evidently destined for Port Arthur. The shipment was concealed among bales of wood brought on the backs of camels from Kalgan, the caravan being in charge of the agent of a German firm.

BUSTLE AT TOKIO

Great Army Is Now Being Mobilized for War.

HALF MILLION MEN FOR OYAMA

Thousands of Recruits are Pouring In—Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery Are Drilling.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—Tokio is again a great military camp and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and dispatched, are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are being assembled, drilling and equipping preparatory to taking the field. The permanent and temporary barracks are filled and it is necessary to billet the soldiers brought to the city.

Oyama Field is the center of activity, where infantry, cavalry and artillery are constantly drilling. The batteries fire blank cartridges for the purpose of breaking in the new horses. The general military preparations are enormous. It is planned to give Field Marshal Oyama a rough total of 500,000 men, with a heavily increased artillery arm, besides providing a defense for Formosa and the Southern islands in anticipation of the Russian second Pacific squadron's attempt to seize a base.

The port of Kelung, in Formosa, has been declared in a state of siege and other positions in Formosa and the Pescadores are progressing.

STRUCK HIS CHIEF.

Japanese General Has Been Recalled From the Front.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Tokio correspondent of the Temps wires that Lieutenant General Kodama, Field Marshal the Marquis Oyama's chief of staff, has been recalled from the front for striking the field marshal. Lieutenant General Kodama is without doubt one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of Japan's generals, and at the time of the outbreak of the war it was generally believed that he would be appointed commander in chief of the Manchurian army. The announcement of his appointment to be chief of staff was received with general satisfaction as the preparedness of the Japanese army was generally credited to his foresight and wonderful executive ability.

For years prior to the outbreak of war General Kodama was engaged in perfecting both the home defense and the means of mobilization of the army on short notice. The scope of the work was a revelation even to the government, for General Kodama had worked out many details.

WILL BATTLE FOR NEW MEXICO

Gen. Lew Wallace Will Leave Sick Bed to Aid Toward Statehood.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—General Lew Wallace, who has been ill for months, and who is believed to be dying by inches, is very indignant over the statehood bill, and declares that it is a great outrage on New Mexico, of which he was once territorial governor. He said:

"I consider it nothing short of a criminal mistake that congress seems able to force New Mexico to accept statehood with Arizona. It means that the name 'New Mexico' is to be forever lost. It means the practical disfranchisement of the whole people of both territories."

As he warmed up to his subject, his old vigor returned. Fire leaped into his eyes as he leaned forward in his chair and raised his hand with the lean index finger tremblingly shaking with pent-up emotion his anger brought out as he said:

"And this thing will never be brought about as long as I can fight it. I'll go back down there to those people and help them fight this battle at the polls."

Sleet and Snow in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 28.—A severe winter storm prevails over Kansas tonight. Much sleet and snow have fallen with a rapid fall in temperature. There will be little suffering among stock, the farmers being generally well prepared for the winter. There is a blizzard sweeping over Indian Territory. There was a drop of 35 degrees in the temperature. Stockmen assert that the cold wave will not effect cattle as they are in excellent condition and able to stand much cold weather. Feed is plentiful.

Nogi Is Badly Wounded.

London, Dec. 28.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Telegraph says it is reported that General Nogi, the commander of the Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur, has been taken to the hospital at Dalny. He was wounded severely in the arm and leg by three rifle bullets, according to the correspondent.