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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

The British met with severe losses at Murraysburg.

Reinforcements will be sent to Kitchener at once.

Two hundred mill hands at Florence, Colo., have struck.

Fred T. Dubois was elected United States senator from Idaho.

The sentencing of Alford, the embezzler, has been postponed.

Columbian rebels were defeated by the government troops near Panama.

The president has appointed Vada Moore postmaster at Ironside, Oregon.

Fred Alexander, the Negro murderer, was burned at the stake at Leavenworth, Kans.

A sawmill for Astoria, with a daily capacity of 200,000 feet, has been financed in New York.

The O. R. & N. Co.'s wharf at Salem was carried away by high water. Loss about \$1,000.

Two carloads of Portuguese laborers bound for the sugar plantations of Hawaii passed through Chicago en route for San Francisco.

Chicago detectives raised a counterfeiter's den, captured J. P. McGarry, the supposed leader of the band and secured three bags of spurious coins.

Rear Admiral George W. Melville, engineer-in-chief of the United States navy yard, says that English-made warships are not near as stable as those of our own build.

The Venezuelan government has seized two steamers flying the British flag. The company owning the vessels has an American president and several of the principal stockholders are Americans.

Scott Wilke, who served in the lower house of congress two terms, beginning with 1886, and who was assistant controller of currency during President Cleveland's last term, is dying at his home near Barry, Pike county, Ill.

Cognard, the man who defied the Paris police, has committed suicide. He was pursued by the police to his house where he barred the doors, and, from an upstairs window, warned all to keep away or he would shoot them. Later an army officer with a detachment of troops forced the door and found Cognard hanging in the garret with a bullet hole through his chin.

Dewet is no longer a lion with the British.

Another ocean-to-ocean railroad is projected.

Russia turned over the Tien Tsin railroad to Germany.

Admiral Dewey is confined to his home by an attack of the grip.

T. M. Patterson was nominated for senator by Colorado fusionists.

The supreme court decided that Neely must be extradited to Cuba.

Oregon will send three messengers to carry the presidential vote to Washington.

Much damage has been done by snow and landlides and high water in Oregon and Washington.

There is a famine in the province of Shan Si, China, and it is said 5,000,000 people are facing starvation.

A county superintendent at Seattle and a county treasurer at Spokane refuse to give up their respective offices to successors.

Ten persons were killed and many were injured as the result of an explosion in a hat factory at Denton, near Manchester, England.

The steamer Tillamook, carrying United States mail between Juneau and Dutch Harbor, Alaska, was wrecked on Wood Island reef and is a total loss.

A special from Ashcroft, B. C., says that three cases of smallpox are reported to have broken out among the Indians on the reservation near Quenwille. The place has been quarantined.

Word just received from Dawson reports a fire on January 7. Three large buildings were entirely destroyed. But little of the contents were saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss \$50,000.

The most serious accident that has resulted from the combination of heavy snowfall and high winds occurred today, says a special from Vancouver, B. C., when almost the entire northern end of the new brick drill hall of the Duke of Connaught's rifles collapsed. The wall was built to 45 feet in height, and was six feet wide. The scattered bricks represent a loss said to approximate \$1,000.

Mayor-Elect Hurley, of Salem, Mass., will give his salary of \$2,500 to the poor.

Chairman Johnson and Secretary Walsh will keep national Democratic headquarters in Chicago open till 1901.

An experiment farm will be started 200 miles from Manila by the United States Philippine commission for the growth of all sorts of seeds and plants from this country.

SAXONY SOLICITS A LOAN.

Announcement Made in New York—Amount \$20,000,000.

New York, Jan. 15.—Announcement was made in Wall street of the authorization by the kingdom of Saxony of a new 2 per cent loan for 20,000,000 marks, equivalent to about \$20,000,000. It is expected that subscriptions toward this loan will be received in this city in much the same manner as in the case of the Bavarian loan offered last week.

It is the opinion of foreign bankers that the imperial German government has decided to withhold its own national loan, stated to be for 600,000,000 marks, or \$150,000,000, until the various states of the government have made their negotiations.

In quick succession have been offered loans of the free city of Hamburg, the kingdom of Bavaria, and now the kingdom of Saxony. It is definitely known in banking circles that both Germany and Great Britain have the issuance of heavy loans in contemplation. Which will be the first announced, however, cannot be learned. It is doubtful if satisfactory arrangements can be made to finance any considerable portion of these loans here. At least, the arrangements that can be made, it is reported, are not as favorable as those made when the £10,000,000 British exchequer loan and the 80,000,000 marks imperial German treasury loan were organized. The German government, it is understood, has sounded American financiers through their Berlin correspondents on the prospects of placing a portion of the contemplated loan here, but it was found that conditions were not highly favorable. The German loan could be placed in that country on better terms than here.

UNDER-SEA TELEPHONE.

Line Between Florida and Cuba to Be Constructed for the United States.

New York, Jan. 17.—The first under sea telephone built, according to the invention of Dr. Michael Pupin, is to be put down between Florida and Cuba for the United States government, by the buyer of the patent, the Bell Telephone Company. Last July Dr. Pupin, having secured his patents here and abroad, offered his discovery to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. The company immediately bought an option on the invention, extending to January 1, 1901. Then, under Dr. Pupin's direction, the company equipped a line from Bedford station, on the Harlem railroad, which runs partly under water to New Bedford, Mass., thence to Albany and on to Pittsburg. There the wire ran overland. The coils were placed at intervals of about two miles, and were enclosed in glass insulators on the poles. The test was so satisfactory that about two weeks before the option expired the company paid the money and closed the contract with Dr. Pupin.

According to the statements of Professor Pupin, the American Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company has paid him, instead of the \$200,000 as originally stated, nearly \$500,000 for his recent invention of a system by which ocean telephony is made possible. This is in addition to the annual royalty of \$15,000 a year during the life of the patents.

Proprietary Tax Decision.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17.—Judge Howe, in the United States district court here today, rendered an important decision in the case of the Rochester Brewing Company vs. the United States, involving the taxing of a proprietary medicinal preparation. The court sustained the complainant's contention that the article was not subject to taxation, and rendered a decision against the government for \$3,330, the amount paid by the brewing company under protest. The complainant company had sold what they termed a "tonic" put up in bottles, on which had already been paid the regular \$2 per barrel. The revenue department at Washington held that it was taxable as a proprietary medicinal article, while the company contended that it was a mild beer.

Woman Fatally Burned.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Mrs. M. A. Millican, wife of the editor of the New York Medical Journal, was badly burned in a fire which partially destroyed the house in this city in which she resided, and no hopes of her recovery are entertained. She was rescued from the flames in an unconscious condition.

To Test Washington Fir.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The navy department has notified Senator Foster and Representative Jones that it will be pleased to receive samples of yellow fir for examination and test and if found to meet requirements, will use this lumber in the construction of ships for the navy.

Senators Elected.

Senators have been elected in the following states: M. S. Quay, Pennsylvania; George F. Hoar, Massachusetts; H. E. Burnham, New Hampshire; and William M. Stewart, Nevada.

Casualties at Belfast.

London, Jan. 17.—The official list of British casualties in the recent fighting at Belfast shows 29 killed, 53 wounded and 72 missing. This does not account for the British losses at other points of simultaneous attack by the Boers, namely, Wonderfontein, the Naacht and Wildfontein, and it is estimated that that quarter were as serious as Lord Kitchener reported them to be.

TORTURE IN KANSAS

A Negro Murderer Burned at the Stake.

HORRIBLE FATE OF FRED ALEXANDER

Suspected Slayer of Pearl Forbes Was Taken From Jail by a Leavenworth Mob, Chained to a Rail and Cremated.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 17.—Fred Alexander, the murderer of Pearl Forbes and the fiend who attempted to criminally assault Miss Eva Roth last Saturday night, surrounded by a yelling mob, his clothes torn, his face bloody with his own blood, was dragged from his cell in the court house, pleading for his life, and after being dragged around the court house yard for 15 minutes, was loaded into a wagon with his captors and taken to the place where Miss Forbes' body was to be burned to death.

"Burn him; hang him; no, burn him," roared through the air, and each moment the uncontrolled passions of the mob became wilder.

The negro was taken from his cell at the state penitentiary at 4 this afternoon and loaded into a hack and brought to town, 50 deputy marshals surrounding him. Deputy Sheriff Vance Myers and Tom Brown sat in the hack on either side of him. There were 50 buggies and wagons in the procession which followed the hack, and it was an awful march indeed for Fred Alexander. The trip to town was made quickly, and there was no attempt to create a disturbance.

When Fourth and Olive streets were reached the police, who were in the hack following the one in which Alexander was concealed, jumped out and chased several negroes. This created a diversion, which attracted the attention of every one, and in the excitement, the hack in which Alexander was concealed, was frantically driven to the county jail, and just as the mob reached the doors, he was locked in the first cell on the east side of the court house.

In the meantime the crowd had rushed down the side gate of the stockade and in a moment there was a yelling pack in the jail yard. The side door, which was made of heavy steel, was the next object of attack. Several of the thoughtful ones of the mob had provided themselves with sledge hammers and cold chisels, and it was the work of only a few moments before the hinges were cut from this and, with the help from inside, it was off its hinges in a moment. More men pushed inside, and the iron bar was again called into play, and the doors of the cell room broken down. A man with sharp eyes spied a shapeless, cringing mass crouched down in one corner of the dark cell. The mob issued in a moment, dragging the fiend by the coat collar, and locking the door.

At a quarter past 5 o'clock Alexander was brought to the scene of the murder of Pearl Forbes. The exact spot where the murdered girl was found was located by the leaders of the crowd. Alexander was brought up in a wagon with a dozen men.

The first thing done was to plant a railroad iron upright in the mud. This was made fast to cross irons firmly bound to the upright iron with wires. To this the man was dragged and chained to the upright railroad iron. Chains and irons were wrapped about him, with his hands still shackled fast to the post. Coal oil was then poured over him and the match touched to him.

While it was being done, Alexander called to friends of his in the crowd and bade them goodbye. He did not seem to realize that he was to be burned at the stake. Alexander was asked to make a confession, but declared himself innocent. As the flames leaped about him Alexander turned ghastly pale, and then for the first time realized that his death was near. In less than five minutes he was hanging limp and lifeless by the chains that bound him.

As soon as the crowd saw that life was extinct, it began to slowly disperse. There were hundreds however, of the more morbid, who stayed to the last. Men kept piling on wood all the time until about 7 o'clock, when the flames were allowed to die down sufficiently to allow the crowd to approach there was a wild scramble to obtain relics.

The Vigilance Ashore.

Havana, Jan. 17.—The Ward line steamer Vigilance is aground off the banks of Los Colorados, about 100 miles westward of Havana.

The Vigilance sailed from Vera Cruz, Mex., Jan. 10, for Progreso, Havana and New York. She had 58 passengers on board, and is commanded by Captain Reynolds. She struck early yesterday morning during a fog, six miles from the main land. Word of the accident reached her agents here last night. The steamer is fast on the reefs, and is pounding in the northern which is now blowing. She is in no immediate danger, however.

THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS.

Ministers at Peking Will Clear the Way of Minor Matters.

Washington, Jan. 19.—So far as our state department can influence the negotiations now about to begin at Peking it will seek to clear the way of all minor matters and of points upon which there is no disagreement whatsoever among the allies, before undertaking the solution of the more difficult problems involved in the settlement of the questions of indemnities, guarantees and commercial treaties. It is fully expected that the Chinese representatives will offer opposition to almost every point, in order to secure more favorable terms, such as an undertaking to dismantle, instead of destroy, the Chinese forts between Taku and Peking; some abatement of the restrictions upon the importation of arms, and a considerable limitation upon the size of the legation guards to be maintained in Peking.

It is said at the state department that Mr. Rockhill has signed an intention to return to the United States in a short time. He has not retired, but returns voluntarily.

China Wants Easier Terms.

London, Jan. 19.—"Although the United States government and the American papers accuse Mr. Conger of severity toward the Chinese," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, "the Americans had regarded him as inclined to leniency."

"The Chinese commissioners handed to the foreign envoys with the signed protocols a dispatch from Emperor Kwang Hsu, asking a foreign occupation instead of destruction of the Taku forts. The emperor's dispatch asked also of the fixing of a definite period for the prohibition of the importation of arms, and requested that the punitive expeditions be stopped, asked for particulars as to the amount of land to be retained for the legations, the number of legation guards, the probable cost of the military operations, and the date when the foreigners propose to restore the public offices and records in Peking to the Chinese. The emperor does not mention the demand of the powers for the punishment of the principal offenders."

First Sitting of Peace Conference.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—An official of the German foreign office informed a correspondent of the press today that the first sitting of the peace conference in Peking would be appointed immediately after the different foreign envoys had convinced themselves that their copies of the joint note had been properly signed and sealed by the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

A DESPERADO CAUGHT.

Officers Located Marvin Kuhns, the Indiana Outlaw

Logansport, Ind., Jan. 19.—Marvin Kuhns, the desperado who has terrorized Northern Indiana for weeks and defied the officers of two states, was captured last night at Greenhill and is now in Logansport jail. Kuhns and his brother, who was released from the Columbus prison shortly after Marvin's escape, were taken after a desperate fight. Before the outlaw was overpowered he shot two men and was himself shot in the head, but not seriously. Kuhns and his brother and a confederate stole a team at Plymouth Sunday night and started south. Ex Sheriff Marshall and Marshal Cheney traced them to La Fayette last evening and by telephoning neighboring towns located them at Greenhill near Ottersein. At Ottersein the posse surrounded the house and rushed in at midnight. Marvin was awake and seized a revolver at his bedside. Before he could fire, Elmer Switzer shot him in the face and the posse closed in. One man jumped from the second-story window and escaped, but the brothers were overpowered after a struggle, in which a number of shots were exchanged. Wounded as he was, Marvin partially shook off the attacking party and shot H. V. Volt in the back and Lewis Hawkins in the arm. Neither was fatally injured.

Fire at Phoenix.

Phoenix, B. C., Jan. 19.—Fire tonight caused a loss of \$30,000. It started in McLean & Co.'s dry goods store, spread to the imperial hotel and thence to the buildings of the Phoenix News Company. Giant powder was used to blow up buildings in the path of the flames. McLean & Co. lost on their stock \$12,000. The loss on the building was \$2,000; Imperial hotel loss, \$10,000; Phoenix News Company, \$2,000; T. A. Hicks, dry goods store, \$1,800. There was partial insurance on some of the buildings and stock.

Would Develop Danish Islands.

Copenhagen, Jan. 19.—The leaders of the syndicate of merchants who are petitioning the government to make the investment of Danish capital profitable in the Danish West Indies, declare they have no intention of agitating the islands to the United States. Their idea is to develop the islands in the event of their not being sold.

Master of the Geyser.

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 19.—The owners of the Lucas oil geyser, which has been shooting oil 50 feet high since last Thursday, have succeeded in controlling the well. A valve was placed on the mouth of the well to top, and Captain Lucas thinks he is now master of the geyser. It is estimated that 150,000 barrels of oil have already flowed from the well. Prospectors and spectators continue to arrive.

APPEAL BY ROBERTS

He Calls for Five Thousand More Volunteers.

AUTHORITIES INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS

British Offensive Operations Have Ceased for the Present—Martial Law Proclaimed Throughout Cape Colony.

London, Jan. 19.—Lord Roberts, who was entertained privately at a dinner last evening by United Service Club, the guests including the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke of Cambridge and some 300 officers, has issued from the war office a stirring appeal to the country for a prompt response to the call for 5,000 yeomanry, whose past services in South Africa he highly commends to the gratitude of the nation.

The authorities continue to hold a hopeful view regarding the South African situation, but they seem to recognize that vigorous measures are necessary. The proclamation of martial law throughout the whole of Cape Colony, Lord Kitchener's strong measures against the population of the republics, the placing on reduced rations of the wives of men in the field, and similar measures, go to show that there is heavy work to be done.

British offensive operations have ceased for the present. It is supposed Lord Kitchener is collecting his strength for a final effort to crush or to capture the commandos by a repetition of the tactics which caused the surrender of General Cronje and General Prinsloo. It is alleged that the Boers who are concentrating at Carolina and Ermole are preparing to descend into Natal.

The casualty list issued yesterday shows that the Boers have released 297 British who were captured at Helvetia and Belfast. The facts regarding the capture at Belfast have not been allowed to transpire.

It is asserted that more heavy naval guns will be landed at the Cape. Information as to the doing of the invaders is hard to obtain, but it is clear that they are getting very little help from the Dutch. Twice they attempted to capture Barkley East, but both times they were repulsed. For three days they occupied Sutherland, but they cleared out on the approach of the British. Some scattered parties are reported operating in different parts. Apparently the invaders abandoned the idea of attacking Clan William on finding the town well defended.

A commando of 1,000 has been active in the Richmond district, but there the Boers have secured only 100 Dutch recruits.

Boers Attacked Colville.

Standerton, Jan. 19.—Colville's mobile column, marching from New Denmark to Vredendal, was attacked by 1,000 Boers, divided into two forces. One force made a determined attempt on the baggage and the other on the cavalry constituting the rear guard. The cavalry was compelled to retire until protected by four companies of rifles, hidden by a ridge, who were waiting with bayonets. The Boers made a speedy retreat, leaving several dead and wounded from the heavy British fire. Eventually both attacks were repulsed, the Boers losing heavily. The British were not able to pursue the Boers, owing to the necessity of protecting their baggage. The casualties were one killed and 15 wounded.

TO PROTECT WALRUS.

The Indians' Food Supply Endangered by Wanton Destruction.

Port Townsend, Jan. 19.—Reports of the wanton destruction of walrus have reached the treasury department at Washington. Walrus come from the Arctic on the ice flow during the early portion of the open season to points between St. Michael and Cape Nome, and thousands of passengers on early steamers plying between those places shoot into bands, killing and wounding many.

Captains of whalers have reported that thousands of carcasses are floating in Behring sea and the Arctic ocean. Walrus flesh is the main subsistence of Alaska coastwise Indians, and their wanton destruction threatens starvation to them. The law relating to fur-bearing animals does not not apply to walrus, but Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Spaulding has issued instructions to Collector of Customs Heustis, at this port, to urge masters of vessels visiting Alaska waters to prevent the killing of walrus by persons on board of their vessels. These instructions are issued with a view of protecting the food supply of the Indians, many of whom are said to be almost in a starving condition.

Admiral Casey's Plans.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—Immediately upon being relieved of the command of Lague Island navy yard, Admiral Casey, with his wife and family, will proceed to San Diego, Cal., where he will meet Admiral Kautz, and assume command of the Pacific station, with the battleship Iowa as flagship.

Alvord Gets Thirteen Years.

New York, Jan. 19.—Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting note taker of the First National Bank, was today sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment. The amount of his delinquency was \$600,000.

To Take Part in the Inauguration.

All warships in eastern waters will be ordered to Washington to take part in the inauguration of President McKinley.

NEWS OF THIS AND NEIGHBORING STATES

Interesting Events and Gossip of the Past Week Reported From Cities and Towns in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

IDAHO.

Thurston Hutchins, a well-known stockman of the state, died at Boise.

A movement is on foot at Caldwell, looking to the early closing of stores.

Paul Jacot, a resident of St. Joe, has been committed to the Blackfoot insane asylum.

John Harley, a pioneer of Idaho City, is dead, aged 70. He came to this state in 1863.

Callender is the name of a new post-office in Idaho county. Edward W. Taylor is postmaster.

A branch telephone line has been run from Dewey to Swan Falls. This gives the Falls a direct line to Boise.

S. E. Wright's two-story residence at Bonner's Ferry, on the north side of the river, was entirely destroyed by fire.

The aggregate valuation of the instruments filed for record at Wallace with the county recorder in 1900 is \$2,052,416.73.

Henry Ott, a well-known pioneer farmer of the Boise valley, has sold his ranch of 450 acres. The purchase price was \$6,625.

Thomas W. Bates, promoter of the Idaho Midland railway, has returned to New York. He says the road is in the best possible condition.

The P. & I. N. railway has announced its intention of extending its road into the Seven Devils country. Steel rails have already been purchased.

The county commissioners of Ada county have selected T. C. Catlin to represent their interests at the National Live Stock Association meet, to be held in Salt Lake City.

The preliminary steps have been taken toward organizing a Pioneer Association at Lewiston. All who resided in the state prior to the close of the year 1877, are eligible for membership.

James Stewart has rendered a decision of considerable importance to Boise. He holds that the city council has no authority to act as a board of equalization. Therefore increases of valuation of property made by the council are illegal and void.

Fire at the Bunker Hill mine, Wardner district, destroyed a tramway which leads to the Stemwinder mine. In consequence, the latter mine had to be temporarily shut down. The fire originated in the pumping house. Loss is estimated at \$2,000; fully insured.

James Patten, a rancher living near Bonners' Ferry, lost a valuable horse while trying to cross the river. He attempted to drive the team across on the ice, but when near the middle of the stream the ice gave way under the horses and before they could be drawn out one of them was drowned.

WASHINGTON.

It is said that Hoquiam will have a basket factory.

The Aberdeen Order of Eagles will erect a \$3,000 building.

Spokane has accepted plans for a crematory which will cost \$1,500.

The old Hartford hotel has been torn down and loaded on cars, billed for Jackson, Skagit county.

New Whatcom is endeavoring to have the appropriation for the waterway project raised from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Whitman county boasts of the youngest court bailiff in the United States in the person of Willie, the 11-year-old son of Judge McDonald, of the superior court.

Dr. L. R. Markley has been appointed quarantine officer for Bellingham Bay. Heretofore vessels have had to wire to Port Townsend for instructions.

Measures are being taken to introduce a bill in the legislature to submit to a vote of the people an amendment to the constitution designating Tacoma as the state capital instead of Olympia.

The miners working on the Admiral Dewey claim, near Republic, have killed four cougars recently. The largest measured 8 feet 4 inches from tip to tip and the smallest 7 feet 10 inches.

The board of county commissioners for Lewis county has let a contract for the Northwest Bridge Company for the construction of a 140-foot span bridge across the Chehalis river at Black's Station. The contract price is \$1,494.

An important strike has been made on the property of the Oro Grande Gold Mining & Milling Company, a few miles from Marcus. Previous assays gave from \$8 to \$21.65 in gold, silver and copper and the ore from the new vein is expected to go much higher.

The executive board of the Thurston County Bicycle Path Association reports \$1,901 received last year from the sale of bicycle tags and \$456 from other sources.

David Jathley, who has returned to Everett from Dawson, brought home the petrified jaw of a prehistoric mastodon. From point to point the jaw measures 37 inches, and it still contains two teeth nine inches long. It is thoroughly petrified, weighing 60 pounds.

A 50-year franchise has been granted for an electric railway between Seattle and Tacoma. The line is to be in operation in 18 months.

The machinery for the new mill at Hartford is now on the ground. It will cut 35,000 feet of lumber per day, and the single mill in conjunction will have a capacity of 150,000 shingles.

As the result of eating canned meats and salads at a lodge entertainment at Ballard, F. S. Stillman, a drug clerk of that city, is lying in a critical condition at his home, suffering from ptomaine poisoning.

Word has been received of the death of Captain William Haines, a pioneer mining man, at Northport. He was a native of North Carolina and had been on the coast since the palmy days of Virginia City, Nevada.

The Northern Lumber Company's sawmill at Everett, which was burned a few months ago, is to be rebuilt. New machinery is on the way from the East, and plans for the building are ready for the contractors.

It is announced that the logging camps adjoining the Sedro-Wooley townsite on the north, started up again by a new concern. These camps, two in number, are among the largest in the Northwest, each employing about 150 men. The operations of the new firm are expected to be on a scale even more extensive than heretofore.

Judge Moore at Seattle has issued a peremptory writ of mandate to the King county board of commissioners requiring them to call a special election within 40 days to permit the residents of that part of the reservation lying within King county to vote whether they desire to have the reservation annexed to Pierce county.

Natural oil indications have been discovered near Spangle. The discovery was made on the adjoining ranches of A. D. McMichael and J. E. Butler, and a lease has been secured on one of these by capitalists who will prospect for oil and gas. F. K. McCoy, a representative of an oil company in California, has been examining all the fields of the Palouse looking for oil lands for his company, and he has secured a lease on Mr. McMichael's farm.

OREGON.

The organ factory at Dallas is enlarging its plant.

The Bybee bridge across Rogne river is being repaired and is closed to travel.

The free ferry at Liverpool, Benton county, is not yet in operation, owing to high water.

F. E. Dunn, of Eugene, sold 57 bales of 1899 hops to San Francisco buyers for 8 cents per pound.

Fred Walters, of the Farmers' Custom mill, has purchased the Cheape mill property at Pendleton for \$5,500.

The telephone office at Sumpter has abolished its telegraph office, and messages are now transmitted by telephone to Baker City.

A test pit, sunk 15 feet on the Oregon Boy, a recent location in the Alamo district, is said to have disclosed a ledge with \$12 values.

Oscar Dilley, of Oakville, is building a dairy building which will be large enough for 80 cows and will have all up-to-date improvements.

J. A. Fitzgibbon