

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Society women of Denver have started a boycott on milliners.

An explosion in a coal mine at Indiana, Pennsylvania, killed eleven men.

The treasurer of a Massachusetts bank has confessed to embezzling over \$100,000.

Alleged frauds have been discovered in the registration for the coming election in Seattle.

It is alleged that food manufacturers all continue to use benzene of soda in their products.

British Liberals have declared a relentless war on the Lords and will pursue it to the end.

The mayor of New York is trying to make each city employe show what he does to earn his salary.

A woman has been appointed police judge in Denver, and will hear the cases of women and children.

William Gohl, agent of the Sailors union of Seattle, is charged with many murders, and also incendiarism.

A bill has been introduced in parliament that persons unable to find employment must be supported out of the general taxes.

Eggs are arriving in Chicago at the rate of 1,800,000, per day from Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee and Nebraska.

The Alaska steamer Farallon has been found wrecked on a reef off the Alaska coast. Five of her crew who went for help have not been heard from. The balance of the crew and passengers were rescued after camping nearly a month on shore.

Taft will speak in Chicago March 17.

The University of Washington at Seattle, will try vegetarian diet for one week.

Hamilton made a new speed record for aeroplanes of one mile in one minute and 27 seconds.

The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry got into a bad tangle and will be gone over again from the start.

Damages of \$70,000 have been awarded a hat manufacturer in Connecticut, who sued the hat makers union for boycotting.

A Los Angeles man willed his body to any physician who wished it, for scientific purposes, but no one claimed it and it was cremated.

For the second time in two years the medical supply department of the U. S. army at New York was burned out, with a loss of \$1,000,000.

A sinking steamer off the Atlantic coast sent wireless calls for aid and her captain and crew of 46 men were rescued just as the ship went down.

A San Francisco cornice worker fell from a three story building, broke a 2x4 scantling on his way down, and landed on his feet without serious injury.

The Supreme court of the United States reached its 120th birthday.

A mine explosion in the Coahuila colliery in Mexico caused the death of 68 miners.

Commander Peary is trying to organize an expedition to seek the South Pole.

Clerks in the treasurer's office in Cook county, Ill., (Chicago) struck for increased pay for overtime.

Demands will be made for increase in wages of mechanics and shopmen on 27 railroads throughout the Southwest.

A shipment of 46 boxes of prehistoric bones has arrived in Berlin from the German East African exploring expedition.

Harriman's holdings in the Wells-Fargo Express company have been sold to the American Express company for \$23,450,000.

Prospects for the passage of a bill to raise additional money for the completion of government irrigation projects now under way grows brighter.

The United Mineworkers of America in convention adopted a new clause in their constitution providing for the dismissal of any delegate who should appear intoxicated on duty.

Sir George Drummond, senator, president of the Bank of Montreal, president of the Canada Sugar Refinery company and one of the foremost captains of industry in Canada, is dead, aged 81 years.

Looters in Paris are being shot on sight.

Of the 1,000 Chinese living in and near Seattle, more than 600 are stockholders in the syndicate headed by Goon Dip, the Chinese consul, which is building a new Chinatown near the two railroad stations. A state law prevents Chinese from owning property as individuals.

A schooner was driven ashore in an Atlantic gale and her crew of 14 are missing.

It is rumored that the stork will visit the royal house of Spain in May.

MERCURY AT ZERO.

Forty-Mile Breeze Drives People from Streets.

New York, Feb. 8.—Intense cold, driven to the bone of man and beast by a cutting wind, gripped the East tonight. In New York City the mercury stood at one degree above zero at midnight, equaling the low record for the season.

A 40-mile gale swept New York and vicinity throughout the day and night, driving pedestrians indoors and causing great suffering to those who were exposed. Streets were practically deserted tonight.

An unidentified man was found frozen to death in Boston; a fisherman met a similar fate in Buffalo, while off Atlantic City a tramp steamer was forced to anchor because of the gale. Up-state in New York, a driving snow made conditions worse. At Utica the mercury was 14 below. The extreme cold drove hundreds of homeless men and women to the municipal lodging houses and docks for shelter.

At Buffalo three degrees below zero was registered at 8 o'clock last night, the lowest temperature in several years. There was a slight fall of snow. Herman Snyder, a fisherman, was found dead in his sled with his dogs two miles out on Lake Erie.

At Boston the mercury tumbled at the rate of two degrees an hour until, at midnight, the thermometers registered zero. The wind blew 26 miles an hour. One man was found frozen.

Philadelphia reported the thermometer seven degrees below zero tonight, the coldest of the winter. In Western Pennsylvania the temperature was two to 10 below zero.

BLAST BLOWS SEVEN TO ATOMS

Prominent Arizona Mining Men Die on Private Motor Car.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Heedless of the warning of a foreman in charge of the big excavating operation along the line of the private motor road from Kelvin to the Ray copper mines, the motorman of a gasoline car containing six passengers, ran close to the excavation just as a sputtering fuse burned to a heavy charge of dynamite this afternoon, and the car and its seven occupants were blown to atoms.

The foreman had discovered a missed shot in the excavation at noon and before the motor car came in sight he had relighted the fuse.

As the car approached he signaled the motorman and warned him of the impending explosion. Motorman Lyall, evidently believing he could take his car past the charge to safety, before the explosion, paid no heed to the warning and started again at full speed.

Just as the car was passing the charge, the explosion came, and the car with its load of human freight was blown high in the air amid a great cloud of debris. The lives of all those inside the car were snuffed out in an instant. The dead men were all prominent in Arizona mining affairs.

INSURGENTS' WAY CLEAR

Revolutionists Free to Enter Managua, Says Message.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The way to Managua is now open to the revolutionists in Nicaragua, according to a cable received here today by Senor Castrillo, representative of the Estrada government.

Senor Castrillo has also been informed that C. Granados, a leading merchant of Granada, has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to rally to the support of General Estrada. Dr. Salomon Selva, prosecuting attorney for the government in the trials of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon, according to the same information, also has issued a proclamation in which he not only defends himself for his action in the case, but glories in the outcomes of the trial.

Desert Land Issue Made.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Attorneys on both sides of the controversy for the final determination by the Supreme court of the United States for the long mooted question whether rights to desert land entries may be transferred before reclamation has been made. A case involving that point has been set for argument before the court on February 21. At the same time the court is to hear arguments as to whether it is a crime against the United States to graze sheep in a forest reservation without permission.

Paintings Sold, \$5,000 a Minute.

New York, Feb. 8.—Twenty paintings were sold, at the rate of \$5,000 worth a minute, at the first important sale of the year here last night. The paintings were from the collection of the late H. S. Henry, of Philadelphia. The sale occupied 51 minutes and realized \$255,750. Millet's "Going to Work" was the star offering, fetching \$53,100. Three fine Corots brought \$28,000, \$23,000 and \$22,000 respectively.

Harem To See Airships.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 8.—Egypt's aviation week opened at Heliopolis today under favorable wind conditions. The khedive was present and apparently took great interest in the flights. A feature of the meeting will be the presence of the ladies of the harem, for whom a stand has been reserved. Among the principal events will be a speed contest to the pyramids and return. In today's competitions the aeroplane of Gobron, the French aviator, caught fire, but Gobron was saved.

Of all the animals which are born and spend their lives in subterranean caverns, there are no birds, and but one mammal, the rat.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

TALKS APPLE TO MEN.

Prof. Jackson, of Oregon Agricultural College Gives Timely Hints

Portland—"Apple Tree Anthracnose," was the subject of the lecture delivered by Professor H. S. Jackson of the department of plant pathology, Oregon Agricultural college, before the Apple Culture club at the Y. M. C. A. The lecture provoked numerous queries from the large number of apple enthusiasts present.

"With the possible exception of scabs," said Professor Jackson, "apple tree anthracnose is the most destructive disease of the apple known in the Pacific Northwest. The disease is easily recognized in mid-summer by the presence of elongated cankers or sunken areas in the bark of the smaller branches. It is caused by a parasite fungus, and must be treated by covering the tree with some fungicide substance that will prevent the germination of the spores and so keep the fungus from entering the tissues. After the fungus enters the bark no treatment can be applied that will not kill the tissues as well. In other words, the treatment must be preventative and not curative.

"It has been found by investigators as well as by growers that the only satisfactory methods of controlling the disease is by spraying before the infection takes place, with the Bordeaux mixture or lime-sulphur."

Professor Jackson called attention to the fact that the life history of the fungus causing apple tree anthracnose and the successful treatment were first worked out by Professor Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural college.

32,000,000 Feet of Timber in Deal.

Portland—E. B. Woodyard, of Repass & Woodyard, timber land dealers, has returned from a month's trip East, where he went to close up a sale of timber lands located in Linn and Washington counties.

The deal involved two tracts, 480 acres in Linn county and 320 acres in Washington, comprising about 32,000,000 feet of fir timber, which was purchased by E. C. Bradley, of Welch, W. Va.

The consideration involved was close to \$25,000. While in the East Mr. Woodyard started negotiations which he is confident will lead to the sale of a large body of Oregon timber land, containing several hundred million feet.

Goose Lake Sugar Beets Excellent.

Lakeview—There is considerable unfavorable comment locally on account of the failure of the Lakeview board of trade to ship the samples of sugar beets grown in Goose Lake valley the past season as an experiment to the state agricultural college at Corvallis for analysis as to sugar contents of same. The seed had been furnished the board of trade by an Eastern sugar beet factory, and they had promised with the advent of the railroad a sugar factory, should experiments prove successful.

The fact remains that sugar beets grown in the valley, as far as size, yield and looks are concerned, compare most favorably with those grown in any sugar beet district in the country.

Oregon Fire Relief Makes Report.

Salem—Insurance Commissioner Kozler has received the first annual statement of business done during 1909 from the Oregon Fire Relief association, of McMinnville. During the year the total income of this mutual concern was \$169,491.77, which is a big business. The losses paid equaled \$74,101.95. The total expenses for the year were \$50,811.55, which is about 30 per cent of the business transacted, and is a remarkable showing. Expenses of most insurance companies run from 35 to 45 per cent of the business, computed upon the income as a basis. The assets of the Oregon Fire Relief are fixed at \$164,364.30, and its liabilities at \$85,045.66.

Espee Negotiates at Merrill.

Merrill—H. P. Hoey, assistant engineer, and W. S. Worden, right-of-way agent, met with the chamber of commerce to discuss the construction of the proposed Southern Pacific line through Merrill. A survey was made a year ago, when Merrill offered a free depot site and right-of-way for six miles to the north toward Klamath Falls. Two surveys were made, one running to Klamath Falls and the other to Midland.

Making Progress on Oil Well.

Dallas—Last week the water at the Whiteaker oil well was cased off and the drilling is proceeding far more rapidly than at any season since boring was begun. The record run was made one afternoon recently when the drill went down 35 feet in five hours. It is expected that oil will be struck before the 1,400 hundred foot depth has been reached.

Wallows Porker, 410 Pounds: \$45

Wallows—M. C. Davis butchered a hog recently that dressed 410 pounds. The porker was nearly three years old and weighed 510 pounds on foot. At the prevailing price of 8 1/2 cents per pound, it was worth nearly \$45, or more than the average stock cow.

Buy Jersey Cows.

Enterprise—Combes & Hotchkiss have shipped in a carload of Jersey cows, 34 in number, over a score of them giving milk. They came from Jefferson, Or., and are an extra fine lot.

NEWBERG FORMS UNION.

Fruit Growers Organize to Promote Mutual Interests.

Newberg—An enthusiastic meeting of the fruit and berry growers of the Newberg, Dundee and Springbrook neighborhood was held in Crater's hall, in Newberg, when scientific methods of growing the fruit and organization for sale of the products were the subjects of talks by W. S. Allan, I. N. Campbell, L. S. Otis, Paul Reimers and others. The committee, composed of I. N. Campbell, N. E. Brittain, N. C. Christerson, appointed at a previous meeting on permanent organization, recommended that steps be taken immediately to organize the Newberg Apple Growers' union. This met with hearty response and 40 charter members were enrolled. A committee composed of Clarence Butt, I. N. Campbell, W. S. Allan, N. E. Brittain and N. C. Christerson was appointed to prepare and file articles of incorporation for the new association.

The varieties for commercial purposes, cultivation and care of trees, beauty of location and convenience to market will be some of the conditions of the award.

While the new association is to be called the Newberg Apple Growers' union, it is proposed to handle anything the horticulturist has to sell.

Nehalem Creamery Flourishing.

Mist—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nehalem Creamery association, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. Gustafsen; vice president, Martin Harvey; secretary, Emil Messig; local manager, Fred Mann; directors, P. Wanstrom, Peter Banzer and P. E. Allen; treasurer, J. O. Libbe. The association is in a flourishing condition, and prospects for the year are exceedingly bright.

Water at Madras at 91 Feet.

Madras—George White, a farmer living six miles northeast of Madras, struck water in a well by digging 91 feet. There is a strong flow into the well, which, contrary to expectations, comes from the north. The well was blasted through 85 feet of rock. There is now three feet of water in the well.

Lakeview Postoffice Grows.

Lakeview—The Lakeview postoffice receipts from the sales of stamps made during December last were over \$560, which may at this rate raise this office from a third to a second class office in the average for the coming year. It is in proportion. The box rent will increase this sum considerably.

Gain in Deposits of \$16,103,510.01

Salem—Individual deposits in the state and national banks in Oregon on November 16, 1909 were \$90,048,749.72, an increase since November 27, 1908, of \$16,103,510.01. The combined loans in 1909 were \$63,427,946.78; in 1908, \$51,492,259.72.

Newport Gets Fire Extinguishers.

Newport—The city has ordered seven new fire extinguishers. The insurance rate, which is quite high here, will be materially reduced upon the completion of the new water system now under construction.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices —Bluestem, \$1.16; club, \$1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.06; 40-fold, \$1.10.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$28.50@29 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton. Oats—No. 1 white \$31.50@32 ton.

Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley, \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$16@17.

Butter—City creamery extras, 37@39; fancy outside creamery, 35@37; store, 20@22 1/2 c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 32@33c per dozen; Eastern, 17 1/2@22c. Pork—Fancy, 11c pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16 1/2@17c; springs, 16@17c; ducks, 21@22c; geese, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 22@25c; dressed, 22@30c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 12@12 1/2 c per pound. Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@3 box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70@90c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2@2 1/2 c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$1.75@2 per hundred; horseradish, 9@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1 1/2@1 1/2 c; sprouts, 7@8c; squash, 2c; tomatoes, \$4.25 per crate; turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.50.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack. Hope—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20@22c; 1908s, 17 1/2@19c, 11 1/2 c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound; mohair, choice, 25c.

Cascara bark—4 1/2 c per pound. Hides—Dry hides, 18@18 1/2 c per pound; dry kip, 18@18 1/2 c; dry calfskin, 19@21c; salted calfskin, 19@21c; salted hides, 10@10 1/2 c; salted kip-skin, 15c; green, 1c less.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; strictly good cows, \$3.75@4; fair to good, \$3@3.50; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$3.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.

Hogs—Top, \$9; fair to good, \$8.50@8.75. Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50; fair to good, \$5@5.50; good ewes, \$4.75@5; lambs, \$6@6.50.

ADJOURN IN DEADLOCK.

Miners and Operators Unable to Reach Agreement.

Toledo, O., Feb. 7.—Unable to effect an organization because of the deadlock on the admission of miners' delegates from Illinois, the joint wage conference of the bituminous coal operators and miners of Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania adjourned tonight sine die.

No provision was made for another meeting. The adjournment, it is declared, does not mean necessarily a suspension of work at the expiration of the present contract, April 1.

This would affect all bituminous districts controlled by the United Mine-workers, as they decreed at their Indianapolis convention that no district should sign a wage scale until the scales for all districts were negotiated. Both sides have declared, however, that they will not recede on the Illinois proposition.

Some plan may be worked out to get the miners and operators together again before April 1. It may be a call for another convention or the selection of a representative scale committee.

A meeting of the executive boards of the miners was called for tomorrow. The night session lasted only a short time.

As no one had anything to say, the futility of continuing the session was expressed by President Lewis. His suggestion for dividing the responsibility for adjournment was followed. A delegate from the miners moved to adjourn and one from the operators seconded it.

A call by states resulted in the only unanimous vote recorded in the meeting.

REICHSTAG HAS TREATY.

Friendly Spirit to Govern Tariff Administration.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today sent to the reichstag the following communication regarding the German-American tariff agreement:

"The American government has declared that the livestock question in withdrawal wholly from the negotiations, on the condition that the unlimited enjoyment of Germany's conventional tariff be conceded to the United States.

"It further agrees that the advantages of the American minimum tariff shall be extended unrestrictedly to Germany after March 31.

"That the customs administrative features of the existing tariff arrangement shall remain in force.

"That this extension of the minimum tariff to Germany secures to her treatment in accordance with the most favored nation clause.

"That the American customs administrative regulation shall be applied to German goods in a friendly and conciliatory spirit.

"That the present agreement respecting the labeling of wines shall remain in force; and

"That the customs administrative provisions respecting the marking of goods shall be applied in a friendly and conciliatory spirit."

Flood Cleanses Paris.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The fall of the river Seine was more rapid today. The appearance of the city is approaching the normal, but the subway system is still inoperative. Water remains in the tubes, which, after they have been emptied, must be cleaned and disinfected. The progress toward the restoration of the lighting, telephone and telegraph lines is slow. The work of disinfection and other precautions against an epidemic of typhoid has been so thorough that some of the newspapers predict that Paris will not only escape contagion but will emerge from the flood cleaner than before.

The superintendent of sewers reports that from the examinations which he has been able to make, few of the sewer mains burst, the ruptures occurring in the branch pipes leading into buildings.

Despite the attempts of some of the opposition papers to make it appear that dissensions prevail among the various relief organizations, investigation indicates that all are co-operating with zeal. Foreign contributions to the relief fund today reached a total of about \$700,000.

"Spartan" Doctor Dead.

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 7.—The strain of supporting a 200 pound patient, who had rolled off the operating table, burst a blood vessel in Dr. William Lawrence Woodruff's lungs yesterday and the surgeon died shortly afterwards. Dr. Woodruff's views on the simple life and Spartan methods of raising children had made his name known throughout the country. He first practiced his theories on his infant children, who thrived on coarse foods and ice baths, and the wearing of only a single garment.

Watch Case Trust Sued.

Cincinnati, Feb. 7.—A suit for \$375,000 damages has been filed in the District court here by the Dueber Watch Case company against the Keystone Watch Case company, of Philadelphia, and other concerns alleged to be members of an illegal combination within the meaning of the Sherman law. It is alleged that the defendants combined to restrain trade by issuing a circular forbidding dealers handling their goods to sell cases made by others.

Treaty against disease germs in the dust, made have been adopted by the New York street cleaning department for its sweepers.

WIRELESS BRINGS HELP IN TIME

Captain and Crew of Sinking Steamer are Rescued.

Steamer Kentucky, en Route From New York to Pacific Coast Founders Off Cape Hatteras—Alamo Answers "S. O. S." and Picks Up 47 Men from Jaws of Death

New York, Feb. 5.—Once more the wireless has averted disaster, for the "S. O. S." signal of distress, quickly flashing through the ether, this morning summoned help to a sinking steamer and tonight Captain Moon and his crew of 46 men are safe on board the Mallory liner Alamo, while their vessel, the steamer Kentucky is at the bottom of the sea off Cape Hatteras.

It is another case of disaster averted by wireless and told to the world by the same medium.

The Kentucky, a wooden vessel of 996 gross tonnage and 203 feet long, was bound from New York to the Pacific coast for use between Seattle and Alaska ports for the Alaska-Pacific Steamship company.

First news of the Kentucky's distress was received at the United Wireless company's station at Cape Hatteras at 11:30 o'clock this morning. There the operator heard the "S. O. S." and quickly followed by this message:

"We are sinking. Our latitude is 23:10; longitude 76:30."

Almost simultaneously the operator heard the steamship Alamo respond to the Kentucky's call for help, informing Captain Moore that the Alamo was making all speed to the sinking vessel's assistance.

Thereafter no message was received from the Kentucky, indicating that water had interfered with the power, putting her wireless apparatus out of commission.

The navy department at Washington in the meantime flashed wireless messages along the Atlantic coast, dispatching the battleship Louisiana, which was on a 24-hour speed trial cruise, and two revenue cutters, the Yamacraw and Seminole, to the scene, but at 6 o'clock word came from the Alamo that she had arrived first and had taken off all hands in safety.

This is the message as received in New York by the United Wireless company from its Cape Hatteras station:

"Latitude 32:46; longitude 76:28—Steamship Alamo has just taken Captain Moore and crew of 46 men from the sinking Kentucky. Water had already reached the fire room and the steamer will sink before midnight. The Alamo is now proceeding to Key West."

COAST ASKS PROTECTION.

Seaports Need 50 Submarines for Defence in Time of War.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Ten submarines a year for the next five years is the program of naval construction for the Pacific Coast defenses that has been prepared by the members of congress from the states of the Pacific Coast.

This will be insisted upon strongly at an early date before the house committee on naval affairs.

Delegations from Oregon, Washington and California have organized to press this claim. Representatives Hayes, of California; Ellis, of Oregon, and Humphrey, of Washington, were appointed by the Pacific Coast delegation to lay their plans before the naval committee. Mr. Hayes strengthened his position in his argument by quoting from the report of the naval board of strategy and other government documents.

"The Pacific Coast is in a defenseless condition," declared Representative Hayes. "In San Francisco Bay the current is so strong that it is next to impossible to protect the entrance to the harbor with mines."

Timber Deal is \$1,000,000. Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 5.—Involving approximately \$1,000,000 and affecting 1,000,000,000 feet of spruce timber in British Columbia, a deal has just been closed here whereby a syndicate composed of James Hackett, Thomas Morgan and James Shields, of Aberdeen, and several Seattle men, disposed of their holdings to Swift & Co., Chicago packers. It is said the new owners will at once build a large pulp mill on the property. There is abundant water power at hand to furnish power.

Sugar Case Complicated.

New York, Feb. 5.—The tangle in the sugar underweighing fraud cases was further complicated, if anything, by the hearing in the United States Circuit court here today. Counsel for Charles R. Heike, secretary of the American Sugar Refining company, while anxious to press the claims of immunity for his client on the ground that he had testified to material matters before the grand jury, did not wish to imperil his case.

Father of Babe is 83.