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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Roosevelt has killed a big elephant and Kermit a hippo.

A company has been organized in San Diego, Cal., to build aeroplanes for sale.

An Arizona man has built an airship in which he flew eight miles and landed safely.

A famous painting by Murillo has been found in San Francisco, after being "lost" for 50 years.

Six aeroplanes took part in the aviation carnival, the Wright machines making the best showing.

A charge of wholesale peonage is made against former State Senator Smith, of Georgia, by about 50 negroes.

The entire crew of 26 on a Spanish steamer were drowned when the ship went down in a storm off the English coast.

The Duke d'Abruzzi is returning from his Himalayan trip and hopes to meet Miss Elkins before she leaves Europe.

Eight persons were killed and ten fatally hurt in riots at Schoenville and McKees Rocks, Penn. Troops have been ordered to "shoot to kill."

The Roosevelt hunting party, after making a long march through a waterless country, reached a water hole only to find it dry. They were forced to camp without water and on very short rations.

A wireless message from the steamer states that Harriman's condition is not at all reassuring. As soon as the Kaiser passes quarantine, a ferryboat will meet the vessel and take Harriman off. He will be rushed to Jersey City and taken in his private car to his home at Arden.

Thaw's mother claims he is badly treated at the asylum.

Extensive grafting has been uncovered at Montreal, Canada.

Telegraph companies have suspended new rules in regard to codes.

Harriman surveyors are at work on line from Eureka to Portland.

Taft confers with cabinet on interstate commerce and anti-trust laws.

The city of Monterrey, Mexico, headquarters for the Reyes party, has been swept by fire.

Wisconsin politicians will try to involve President Taft in politics when he visits in that state.

Two more spectators and a mechanic were killed in the Indianapolis auto races, making seven in all.

Trans-Mississippi congress asks opening of mineral and farm lands in reserves and indorsees Pinchot.

President Diaz, of Mexico, has sent more troops to check the Reyes movement and may be obliged to call off his meeting with President Taft.

Wellman's dirigible started for the North Pole, but a series of accidents ended finally in the explosion of the balloon and abandonment of the attempt.

One of the Moroccan rebel leaders has been captured.

Spanish warships are bombarding the position held by the Moors.

The Greek flag in Crete has been brought down by a shot from a foreign warship.

The row between Pinchot and Ballinger is likely to cause Pinchot's resignation.

A British battleship went ashore off the coast of England. It is hoped to save the vessel.

Heney has been nominated by the Democrats of San Francisco for prosecuting attorney.

Thirty-nine of Japan's leading business men have started for America for a tour of the United States.

Thaw has been returned to the insane asylum without special privileges. His mother will continue the fight.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad includes Bibles among the books furnished the library compartments of their trains.

Prohibitionists from all quarters of the country will celebrate in Chicago, September 22, the 40th anniversary of the founding of their party.

The standard of the G. A. R., carried in parades at national encampments for 20 years, has been missing since the parade at Salt Lake.

Harriman has started home apparently in good health and spirits.

A slight earthquake has been felt through Central Illinois and Iowa.

The trial of the Japanese strikers on Hawaiian sugar plantations is nearing an end.

Reports from Paris say Spain is anxious to negotiate with the Moors.

Americans in Mexico are forming a military company for the protection of American residents.

The contract has been signed at Pekin admitting Americans to a share of the Chinese railway loan.

The proposed visit of Taft to Seattle has been dropped. The question is whether the president shall play golf or see the fair.

AIR FULL OF AEROPLANES.

Speed Record Broken—Wright Machines do Best.

Rheims, Aug. 24.—The spectacle of six aeroplanes simultaneously winging their flight in huge circles near the plain at Betheny here today marked the opening of aviation week. At the finish there was a great burst of cheers over this wonderful and impressive exhibition.

Intermittent showers and high winds prevailed, and the eliminating trials for the selection of the French representatives for the James Gordon Bennett international cup, which is to be contested next Saturday, were spoiled. Only Le Fèvre, with a Wright bi-plane, Bleriot, Renault-Polterier and Captain Forber braved the gusty puffs. LeFevre alone succeeded in negotiating the complete circuit of the course. He remained in the air for 16 minutes in a 25 mile wind, breaking the speed record heretofore held by Tissandier, covering 19 kilometers in 8 minutes 55.45 seconds.

Of the others entered in the trials, Bleriot was only able to cover a sufficient distance to qualify.

Shortly before dark the rain suddenly ceased and the wind fell to a dead calm. The sky pilots soon were busy in getting their machines out. Latham was first away, ascending high from the start. He passed the clearing tribunes at the height of 150 feet. Lambert, Sommer, Cockburn, De la Girange and Fournier followed in quick succession, and as Latham was completing the first round, now at a height of 200 feet, six aeroplanes, like sea-gulls, were hovering over the field. Fournier was first down, falling head on into a haystack as Lambert swept around into the second lap, his machine seeming to cut a brilliant rainbow. 19 Meaule LeFevre started afresh and was followed by Lallande, Bonan-Varilla, Tissandier, Forber, Bleriot and Paulhan, until the entire air seemed filled with mammoth birds.

Latham came down after finishing the second round, the others gradually dropping out until only three Wright machines remained aloft. Lambert made four and LeFevre and Tissandier three circuits each.

LeFevre concluded with a thrilling demonstration of the maneuvering capacity of his machine, circling around the starting point, cutting several figure eights and swooping down over the people in front of the tribunes, Lambert finishing at the same time.

During this exhibition Lambert and LeFevre passed each other twice and gave other evidences of control over their machines. The Wright aeroplanes alone completed the required three rounds.

All the principal automobile manufacturers have representatives here watching the contests with a view to embarking into the manufacture of motors.

Lieutenant Commander F. L. Chapin, American naval attaché, is here, having received cable instructions from the navy department to attend the contests.

FLY BEFORE FLAMES.

Settlers Driven From Idaho Forests and Fires Still Rage.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—Fires raging in forests northeast and southeast of Spokane are destroying an immense area of splendid timber and driving the few settlers in the more isolated region to the river's brink for safety.

While the fire along the Pend d'Oreille river in Washington is under control, it still blazes furiously, having cut a swath a mile wide and several miles long. The damage will total an immense sum.

Terrific winds are blowing this evening near Sandpoint, Idaho, fanning small fires, which so far have been kept under control, and they threaten serious damage. A large fire south of Co-colla threatens to destroy timber belonging to H. C. Culver. Eighteen men are now fighting this fire, but cannot subdue it.

The Lumbermen's Protective Association is pressing every available man into service to fight the flames. A large fire is reported to have done a great deal of damage at Naples, Idaho, but at present there is no means of communication with this place. Another large fire between Granite and Athol is reported to have destroyed a large tract of standing timber.

Forest fires have destroyed several farm houses in the vicinity of Fort Hill, north of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, burning much timber also. Men cannot be had to fight the flames. West of Bonners Ferry a large force of men is working day and night to extinguish the flames, but have not made any headway.

A million dollars would not pay for the timber already destroyed, but it is difficult to estimate the exact loss. Forest rangers have the fire under control east of Bonners Ferry.

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CLOUDBURST IN COLORADO.

Oursay, Colo., Aug. 4.—A cloudburst this afternoon caused a flood in this city more disastrous than that of a month ago. Portland and Cascade creeks overflowed, and high speed. Workmen today started enlarging the airship house for another campaign.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

COURSE TO BE IMPROVED.

Correspondence School Closes Second Year's Work.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The second year of the correspondence study department of the University of Oregon has just closed with an enrollment of more than 350 students. This is a material increase over the number enrolled last year, and there is hardly a county of the state not represented among the students.

In all respects the results of the work of the past year have been most satisfactory, and the plans for the coming year include expansion in all departments.

Dr. Herman Burr Leonard, of the department of mathematics, who has had a number of years' connection with correspondence schools in the East, and who has been very successful in his correspondence courses in mathematics at the university during the past two years, has been put in general charge of all correspondence work. He will be assisted in the office work by Miss Mazelle Hair, formerly an instructor in the department of English literature, and the work in the field will be in charge of Professor L. R. Alderman. Plans for the coming year include several courses each in the departments of mathematics, English literature, English composition, botany, history, education, economics, mechanical drawing and physics, and an enrollment of 500 students is expected. The correspondence study work will begin in September.

LAST MODOC BOND IS PAID.

Southern Oregon Resident Secures \$113.47.

Salem.—The state treasurer's office recently paid the last of the Modoc war bonds. The claimant was Charles Sherlock, a Southern Oregon man, and he drew from the state the tidy sum of \$113.47. The face value of the bond was \$75.90, interest coupons \$27.52, interest on bond \$10.05, making a total of \$113.47.

These bonds were issued under an act approved October 22, 1874. The bonds matured January 1, 1880, and interest ceased December 1, 1881. For many years there has been but one bond unredeemed and recently a friend of Sherlock noticed the statement of the bond issue in the annual report of the state treasurer, and lost no time in calling the attention of Sherlock to the fact that the state owed him money which was willing and anxious to pay. Sherlock furnished undisputed proof of his right to the sum, which was accordingly paid him.

RIGHT OF WAY CAUSES SUIT.

Madras, Or.—W. E. Ellis and wife, who have a place two miles southwest of Madras, were served with summons in a condemnation suit by Deputy Sheriff J. C. Robinson, for right of way of the Deschutes Railroad company over their land.

There was a wide difference between the price offered by the right of way agent and that asked by the owner of the land. The case will come up for consideration at the October term of the circuit court in Crook county.

Railroad engineers have commenced to set grade stakes for the Harriman road, and it is presumed construction work will begin in a few days on both sides of Willow Creek canyon, north and south of this place.

HEARING FOR MOUNT HOOD ROAD.

Hood River.—The Mount Hood railroad had a hearing before the railroad commission here. Commissioners Aitchison and Campbell were present to take testimony. A general complaint of excessive freight charges had been filed. The Mount Hood railroad has been exempt from the power of the state railroad commission because the line is short. Since the extension of the line recently it will probably come under the supervision of the commission.

400 ACRES IN SPUDS.

Union.—Over 400 acres of potatoes in the vicinity of Union this season promise a bumper crop and the quality will be first-class.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: New crop, bluestem, 94¢; club, 88¢; red Russian, 86¢; Valley, 90¢; Turkey red, 88¢; 40-fold, 89¢.

Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton.

Oats—September, \$27.50@28.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$26 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$29@32; chop, \$22 @29; rolled barley, \$29@30.

Hay—New crop: Timothy, Williamette Valley, \$12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; mixed, \$13.50@16.50; alfalfa, \$13.50; clover, \$11@13; cheat, \$12@14.

Grain Bags—6½¢ each.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 33¢; fancy outside creamery, 27@31¢ per pound; store, 21@22¢. (Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.)

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candied, 28¢ @29¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16@14½; Springs, 16 @16½; roosters, 9@10; ducks, young, 14¢; geese, young, 10¢; turkeys, 20¢; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11½¢ per pound.

Veal—Extra, 94@10¢ per pound.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, new, \$1@2 per box; pears, \$1.75@2 per box; peaches, 50¢@1.10 per crate; cantaloups, \$1.50 @2.50 per crate; plums, 35¢@75¢ per box; watermelons, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; grapes, 60¢@1.75; casabas, \$1.50 per dozen.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 3¢ per pound.

Onions—New, \$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5¢; cabbage, 1@1½¢ per pound; cauliflower, 40¢@81¢ per dozen; celery, 50¢@81¢ per dozen; corn, 15¢@20¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 10 @25¢ per dozen; lettuce, hot-house, \$1 per box; onions, 12½@16¢ per dozen; parsley, 35¢ per dozen; peas, 7¢ per pound; peppers, 5¢@10¢ per pound; radishes, 10¢ per dozen; spinach, 5¢ per pound; squash, 5¢; tomatoes, 75¢ @1.25.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50@4.60; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.40@3.65; fair to good, \$3 @3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50 @3.75; Spring lambs, \$3.25@5.00.

Hogs—Best, \$8.75; fair to good, \$8 @8.50; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50 @8.

Word was received from Independence that Miles Porterfield had contracted to deliver 20,000 pounds of new hops to Klaber-Wolf & Netter at 20 cents a pound.

PIE FRUIT IS PLENTIFUL.

Pendleton.—With huckleberries plentiful in the Blue mountains there is a more general exodus of local people to the hills than there was when the warm season was at its height. While the berries grow in nearly every part of the blue mountains and are said to be plentiful everywhere, Kamela, the highest point on the mountains touched by the railroad, has the reputation for having the greatest quantities and the largest berries.

PLANTING NEW ORCHARDS.

Central Point.—The dividing of large farms into small home tracts, the planting of orchards, the rapid development of mining and timber properties, the building of substantial factories, business blocks and residences, the installation of a modern waterworks system and other public improvements, and the phenomenal increase in population are factors in continued prosperity of Central Point.

WELL DOWN 470 FEET.

Astoria.—Excellent progress is being made in boring for oil at the Hess place, on Young's river, and a depth of 470 feet has been reached. A little over 400 feet down a strong flow of gas was struck and this still continues. This is considered a very satisfactory indication and the boring will be continued until 500 feet is reached, unless oil is struck before that time.

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS.

Salem.—Announcements of the next meeting of the American Mining Congress have reached the executive office at Salem. Governor Benson was privileged to appoint 10 delegates from this state to the congress, which meets at Goldfield, Nev., September 27, 28, 29 and 30 and October 1 and 2.

HAWLEY RETURNS HOME.

Salem.—Congressman Willis C. Hawley, of the First district, has returned to his home at Salem. Mr. Hawley expressed pleasure at being able to re-express pleasure at being able to return to his state after the long special session. He said he thought the time was well spent.

THIRTY BUSHEL WHEAT.

Montana Farmer Makes Success of Working Dry Land.

Caldwell, Mont., Aug. 20.—F. F. Irvine, member of the Montana board of control of the Fourth Dry Farming congress, and one of the successful dry land farmers of this vicinity, is now harvesting 40 acres of wheat, which he estimates will yield about 30 bushels an acre. This grain was planted in September on sod ground that had been plowed in May and June. Being the first crop from this ground Mr. Irvine regards his crop as unusually good. He says the field has been attracting attention and people have been coming in from miles around to see for themselves what can be accomplished by conscientious application of dry farming principles.

Mr. Irvine has informed Secretary John T. Burns, of the Dry Farming congress, that he will send a sample of this crop to Billings, Montana, for exhibition at the Fourth Dry Farming congress, which will meet at Billings, October 26-27-28 next.

WIND AGAINST WELLMAN.

Twice Prepares to Fly to North Pole but Puts Back.

Hammerfest, Norway, Aug. 20.—A dispatch from Walter Wellman's Arctic expedition camp at Spitzbergen dated August 14 says:

"A north gale which had been blowing on the 6th dropped on the 12th, and Mr. Wellman made ready to start in search of the North Pole. The balloon was inflated and provisioned, and the motors were working smoothly. On the 13th the wind was still variable, but Mr. Wellman decided to get the airship out of the house.

"The officers and crew of the Thalia assisted in swinging the airship, which was of fine appearance, out of the shed. The wind, however, again freshened and at 6 o'clock in the morning Mr. Wellman ordered the airship back into the shed to wait for more propitious weather."

C. P. R. DISCOVERS FRAUD.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 20.—The legal department of the Canadian Pacific railway believes it has unearthed a huge conspiracy to mulct that and other corporations by means of false claims for damages for personal injury received in alleged accidents. The claimants are alleged to have a regular organization, with branches in Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver and other places, and to carry on a systematic scheme of fraud by means of false claims, false witnesses, etc. Three arrests have been made and others are promised.

YOKUM IS OPTIMISTIC.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 20.—B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, who is making a tour of the West to observe the crop and general business conditions, said today: "I find business conditions are good and improvement general all along the line. Cotton is in good shape. In some sections it needs rain. The corn crop has been hurt in this state in some sections, but there will be more corn than last year by reason of the increased acreage."

BLACK HANDSHAKE COSTLY.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 20.—The executive board of the Freeman's Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church here has elected Rev. J. F. Deeking to be president of Rust University, at Holly Springs, Miss. The election was made necessary by the abrupt resignation of Dr. F. C. English, of Cincinnati, who said he had been threatened by a mob at Ethel, Miss., because he had shaken hands with a colored presiding elder.

OCEAN FALLS AFTER QUAKE.

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—A delayed dispatch from Acapulco says three severe earthquake shocks were felt there Monday. The ocean dropped far below the normal and along the entire shore line of the port the beach was exposed for a distance of 30 feet. The shocks are believed to have been those registered at the Washington observatory. The people of Acapulco are still living in the open, not having ventured to return to their homes.

QUAKE TALE EXAGGERATED.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Passengers arriving from Mexican ports today on the Panama steamer Acapulco, the first vessel to bring news of the earthquake of July 29, 30 and 31, declare that the reports reaching this country by wire greatly overestimated the loss of life resulting from the disturbances. They declare that only two persons were killed outright at Acapulco, although hundreds had narrowly escaped.

MOORS CUT WIRES AGAIN.

Madrid, Aug. 20.—Advices received here from Penon de la Gomeria, on the coast of Morocco, says the Moors again have cut telegraph wires and isolated the Spanish garrison there. The bombarding at Penon de la Gomeria is constant and there have been many casualties among the Moors. The Kabylis are mobilizing near Alhucemas preparatory to marching on Melilla.

WRECK ON LEPER ISLAND.

Honolulu, Aug. 20.—The steamer Nilhau went ashore early today on the coast of the Island of Molokai, and has been abandoned by her officers and crew. The vessel, which is of 600 tons burden, will probably prove a total loss. The steamer Claudine has gone to the scene of the wreck to attempt to float the Nilhau.

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