

# CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

## Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

### General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

San Francisco has a rapidly growing "pugilistic colony."

A Nebraskan, who never had over \$5.00 at one time, falls heir to \$100,000.

Fifteen thousand men will march in parade in San Francisco, each carrying a Bible.

S. Benson disposes of all his timber holdings to Benson Timber company for \$2,100,000.

The largest bank in the United States was organized in Chicago with a capital of \$265,000,000.

The United States Senate passes resolution which permits direct election of United States senators.

Jack Johnson, the prizefighter, with twenty new suits of clothes, is in attendance at the coronation.

It is proposed that the Portland Rose Festival, just ended, receive a special tax to insure its annual occurrence.

The house committee proposes to investigate the \$180,000 fee received by John W. Foster, ex-diplomat, for pressing a Chinese claim.

The influx of Americans to London during coronation week is said to be far beyond expectation, or practically 100,000 persons.

There was a mass meeting of insurgents to protest to the employment of federals in the postoffice, customs-house and other positions.

A visitor to the Oaks, Portland, Ore., lost a silver dollar by flashing it before an ostrich, which plucked the coin and swallowed it.

An Oxheart cherry tree, planted in Caldwell, N. J., in 1776, by Josiah Bartlett, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was blown down recently during a severe wind storm.

Marjorie Mahr, of Portland, Ore., the actress who suffered the loss of both legs by being run over by a S. P. train last summer, is the recipient of a ranch in Mexico, the gift of "General Blanco."

China will demand indemnity from Mexico for the slaughter of Chinese residents of Torreon.

Roseburg's fire department took offense at remarks made by a councilman and resigned in a body.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 95c; club, 85c@86c; Russian, 84c; valley, 86c; 40-fold, 85c@86c.

Barley—Choice feed, \$28@28.50. Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$29.50@30.50.

Corn—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$28.50@29.50. Hay—Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, \$21@22; light mixed, \$19@20; heavy mixed, \$17.50@18.50; alfalfa, \$13@13.50; clover, \$12.50@13; grain hay, \$13.50@14.50.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, \$2@3.75 per crate; California, \$1.50@1.75 per crate, gooseberries, 5c@6 per pound; apples, 1c@3 per box; cherries, \$1.50 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 60¢ @ 75¢ per dozen; garlic, 10¢ @ 12¢ per pound; lettuce, 30¢ @ 35¢ per dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 5¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 1¢ @ 2¢ per pound; new carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—Oregon and Eastern, \$2.25 per hundred, new California, 7c per pound.

Onions—Crystal wax, \$2.50; yellow, \$2.25; red, \$3 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢ @ 17¢; broilers, 22¢ @ 25¢; ducks, young, 25¢; geese, nominal; turkeys, 20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 21c per dozen; case count, 20c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 24c per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢ @ 11¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, 10¢ @ 11¢ per pound. Hams—10 to 20 pounds, 16¢ @ 17¢.

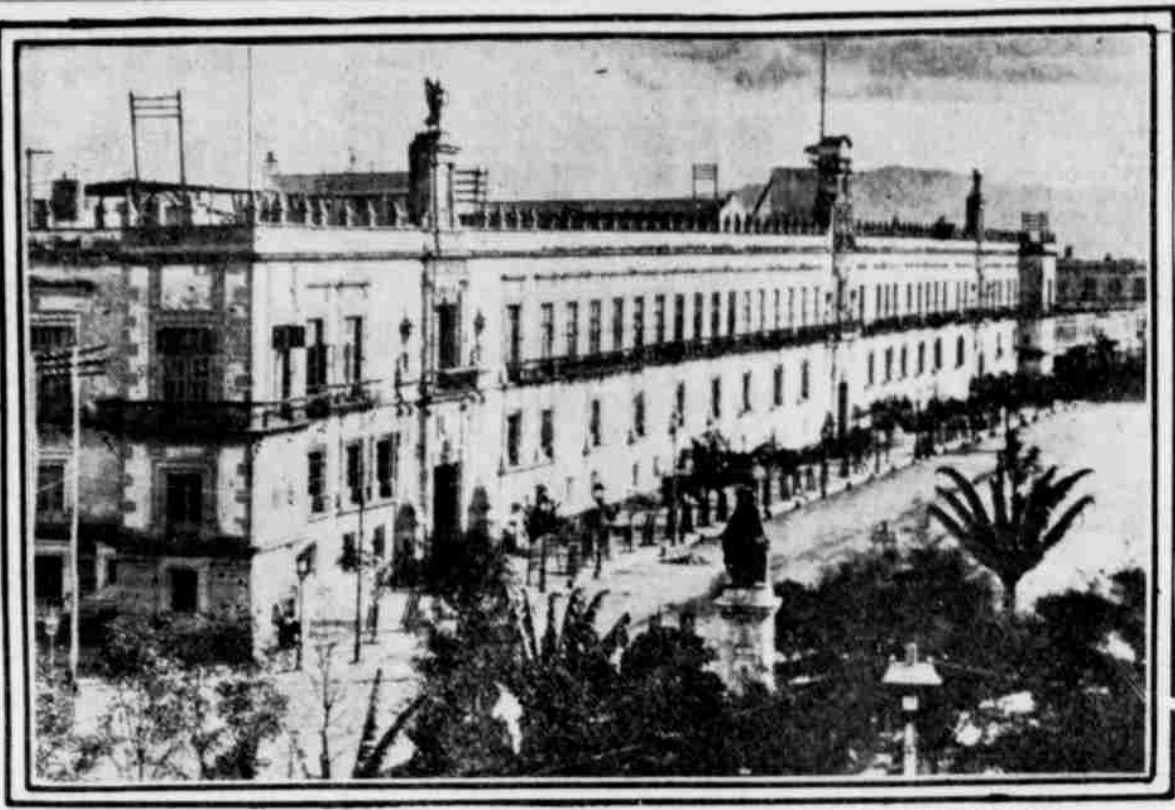
Hops—1911 contracts, 25c per pound; 1910 crop, 22c; 1909 crop, 15¢ @ 15½¢; olds, 8¢ @ 10¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 8¢ @ 14¢ per pound; valley, 14¢ @ 15¢; mohair, choice, 36¢ @ 37½¢.

Cattle—Prime grain-fed steers, \$6 @ 6.35; prime hay-fed steers, \$6 @ 6.25; choice steers, \$5.75 @ 6; fair, \$5.50 @ 5.75; common, \$5.25 @ 5.50; prime cows, \$5.75 @ 6.25; good, \$5 @ 5.25; fair, \$4.75 @ 5; poor, \$4.50 @ 4.75; choice heifers, \$5.50 @ 5.75; choice bulls, \$4.75 @ 5.25; good, \$4.25 @ 4.75; choice light calves, \$7 @ 7.25; good, \$6.75 @ 7; choice heavy calves, \$5 @ 5.50; choice stags, \$5.75 @ 6.25; good, \$5.25 @ 5.75.

Hogs—Choice, \$6.50 @ 6.85; good, \$6.25 @ 6.50; choice heavy, \$6 @ 6.50; common, \$5 @ 6; stock, \$6.75 @ 7.50.

Sheep—Choice spring lambs, \$6.25 @ 6.50; good, \$6 @ 6.25; choice yearlings, \$4.80 @ 5; good, \$4.50 @ 4.75; fair, \$4.25 @ 4.50; choice ewes, \$4 @ 4.25; good, \$3.75 @ 4; fair, \$3.50 @ 3.75; good to choice heavy wethers, \$4 @ 4.50; old heavy wethers, \$3 @ 4; mixed lots, \$4 @ 5.



ROYAL PALACE OF MEXICO, BADLY DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE.

## QUAKE KILLS 63 IN MEXICO CITY.

### Most Disastrous That Has Occurred in Past 20 Years.

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Mexico City, June 8.—Mexico's capital today is a city of sorrow. Buildings and streets gaily garbed in preparations for great rejoicing at the advent of Liberator Madero, the city's people are mourning those who died in the chaos wrought by the most disastrous earthquake that has been experienced in Mexico in 20 years.

So far the death toll has been established as 63 souls, but it is believed that a more complete search of the ruins will increase this number considerably. Seventy-five are known to be injured and this also probably will be increased when the full details are known.

The loss to property is estimated at \$50,000 gold. No property of Americans was damaged.

Of the dead only one person, a Chinese, is a foreigner. More than half of the dead are soldiers, the worst effects of the shock being felt in that section of the city near the Mexican Central station where also stand the artillery barracks.

Another place where the earthquake took its toll of death in considerable numbers was at the power plant of the street railway company. Here six were killed and six wounded. Two others were found in debris, consisting partly of steel rails, which had been stored in the iron and wood departments, and which collapsed. The victims are inhabitants of little shacks built beside the structure.

With these two exceptions, the death list was made up of single cases, and in some instances of two or three, caught beneath falling walls in the poorer buildings of the district most seriously affected.

It was 4:46 o'clock when the first shock was felt. According to the meteorological observatory, the greatest intensity was reached at the end of the first minute, but the instruments continued to record the shocks for four minutes more.

### FILM MAKERS ENERGETIC

Coronation Events to Be Reproduced Same Night in Paris.

London.—Fuller and better cinematographic records will be made of the forthcoming coronation events than was ever before attempted in Great Britain. Moreover, extraordinary energy will be exerted to dispatch the records to the principal cities of the world.

The swiftest steamers and railway trains will be employed in sending pictures to New York and Chicago. It is expected that impressions of the early scenes on Coronation day will be given to half a dozen operators.

### Gait House is Auctioned

Louisville.—After serving as a hostelry for over three-quarters of a century the old Gait house, famous in the history of the South, went under the auctioneer's hammer, bringing only \$81,000. The original cost of the building and its contents is said to have been more than \$1,000,000. It was sold by order of a referee in bankruptcy. The purchaser was the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. The old Gait house first opened to the public in 1843 and was the scene of many social events in ante bellum days.

### Firesman Dead From Wind

Pittsburg.—Patrick Whalen, tillerman of a hook and ladder truck, died Tuesday night of injuries received in the storm last Wednesday. Whalen was out with the apparatus while the horses were being exercised, and a 64-mile wind, preceding an electric storm, picked him out of his seat among the ladders and dropped him to the pavement, fracturing a leg and causing internal injuries that resulted in his death.

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on the afternoon boat and train for Paris, that films will be developed on the train and that the pictures will be exhibited in a Paris theater by 9 o'clock the same night.

Within less than three days the pictures will be shown in a majority of the centers of European life, while London theatergoers on the evening of Coronation day will see films covering the coronation itself and all related events.

### LIFE IS LOST FOR MINE.

Prospector Seeking Mica Ledge Dies of Thirst in Desert.

El Centro, Cal.—Search for the body of William Burger, a veteran prospector, who had been lost on the desert for two weeks, was successful Thursday. Burger was found dead less than six miles from his camp. The body was conveyed to Imperial.

For more than 35 years Burger had searched near Carriso Creek for a ledge of mica which he had once discovered when a member of a surveying crew, but had been unable to relocate later. He left his partner, Thomas Stratton, in camp two weeks ago and started to cross a distant ridge.

### Portland Has Big Fire.

Portland, June 7.—Nearly 50 families were rendered homeless last night by a fire which started in the fashionable Hanover apartments, 165 King street, and, spreading to other houses nearby, caused a total loss of about \$100,000.

Most of the tenants were down town viewing the electrical parade when the flames were discovered by J. E. Montague. He remembered that Mrs. J. Blyke, aged 86, was on the fourth floor of the Hanover and rescued her at the risk of his own life, half-carrying her down the blazing stairways.

### Nome Famine is Relieved.

Nome.—The steamship Corwin, which sailed from Seattle May 19, and which after a long battle with the drift ice landed her passengers on the shore ice, unloaded her freight, mostly provisions, and relieved the famine.

The steamship Umatilla, from San Francisco with passengers and freight, is due here Monday.

A rich gold strike on the benches of Kleary creek in the Skerrel River country is reported.

### Sad Life Story is Told.

London.—At the festival of the Claremont-Central mission, Mr. Parsons, a workman, described some sad scenes witnessed by the Claremont "Crossers" during their midnight work among the Embankment outcasts during the last five years.

"We see men walking along asleep," said Mr. Parsons. "I have seen them run into the trees. We have seen them asleep on the seats, covered with snow."

### Strikers Declare Truce.

Cleveland.—Following the killing of a spectator by a union picket and the riots recently, the leaders of the 6000 striking garment workers agreed to a truce and peaceable Sunday.

The scheduled Sunday gatherings of the strikers have been cancelled and the strikers ordered to keep away from the factory districts and advised to spend the day with their families in the parks.

### Oklahoma is Sweltering.

Oklahoma City, June 7.—With the thermometer at the weather station here registering 102 from 3 o'clock until 5 this afternoon, the heat record for 20 years was broken. At 6 o'clock 100 degrees was registered. No heat prostrations were reported.

### Deck of Maine is Shown.

Havana.—The work of pumping the water out of the cofferdam, which was built around the wreck of the battleship Maine is steadily progressing. The greater part of the after-deck is now clearly visible, showing the confused masses of wreckage covered with marine growths.

### Idaho Bank Closes Doors.

Washington.—The First National Bank of Salmon, Idaho, has been closed by its directors. The institution has a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$15,000.

## CHINA PREPARES TO RESIST RUSSIA

### Czar Continues to Rush Troops to Frontier.

#### Ex Member of Duma Warns That Celestial Kingdom Will Become Powerful Factor.

Victoria.—Russia continues her coercive policy toward China, but the latter empire is making a show of resistance, according to newspapers brought by the Empress of Japan. It is understood Russia will soon occupy Kildja. The Tokio Yomiuri says that although China has conceded to Russia the demands regarding the promises made in the treaty have been unfulfilled, and Russia has determined to send an armed force to the frontier, and instead of undertaking further negotiations, dispatched a note to Pekin giving the reason for occupying the territory.

The Japanese paper says this step was decided upon by Russian War Minister Sukhomiloff after interviews with officials in Russian Asia.

"From the fact that the Russian authorities continue to dispatch troops to the Russo-China frontiers, it is to be feared that the situation may assume a serious aspect at any time," says the Yomiuri.

An order for compulsory training by Russian residents of the maritime provinces has been issued by the military governor, all residents who have not served with the colors being ordered to train. Mr. Guechhoff, ex-president of the Russian Duma, who has completed a tour in North China, telegraphed a warning to Vladivostok that China is strongly preparing to resist. On his arrival at Vladivostok Mr. Guechhoff joined with the gubernatorial and other officials in a conference with the war minister to discuss the situation.

Mr. Guechhoff says that China is making rapid progress and in ten years will become the most powerful country in the Far East, and a conflict with Russia is inevitable sooner or later.

That China's attitude toward foreign intervention is becoming bolder is evident from Tientsin dispatches, which say that Chao Ehr Hsun, the new viceroy of Manchuria, has determined to station six army divisions in Manchuria and to begin construction of the Kinechou Algin railroad, to which Japan and Russia objected strongly some time ago.

A portion of the new loan will be devoted to this work and to making a free port at Lianshan, on the Gulf of Pechili.

### Oil Lassoed From Fire.

Pendleton, Or.—To save the lives of members of the Pendleton fire department who were playing streams on the burning gasoline house of the Pendleton Cleaning company, R. Arbuttle, an ex-cowpuncher, lassoed a sealed 54-gallon tank of gasoline and pulled it back out of the building. Explosion of gasoline fired the building, a frame structure, early Wednesday evening. While the firemen trained streams of water on Arbuttle, the ex-cowboy went into the gas-filled building and with his first lasso roped the tank.

### Full Speed Ahead, Cry.

Boston—"Full speed ahead" along the lines for social betterment was the slogan sounded by President Homer Folks, of New York, in formally opening the eighth annual national conference of charities and corrections. Folks said that while many might be concerned, "lest by excess of taxation for social purposes and of regulation of industry for social ends, we may defeat our own purposes," he was in favor of "full speed ahead."

### Balloonists Are Rescued.

Remerhaven, June 7.—Three balloonists who left Berlin yesterday in a competitive flight, were rescued at daybreak in the estuary of the Weser river, into which they had been compelled to drop to avoid being carried over the North Sea. The men had been in the water three hours when discovered. Nine balloons have landed on the coast.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## UMATILLA CROPS ROSEATE.

Farmers Believe 6,000,000-Bushel Record Will Be Surpassed.

Pendleton—With the wheat in thousands of fields just beginning to head and with the promise of additional showers, Umatilla county farmers are freely predicting the greatest harvest the county ever had. From all sections of the county and regarding all kinds of grain the same reports are being received. All say they never saw the prospects brighter.

It is said that the normal crop of 5,000,000 bushels of wheat will be harvested even though there should be no more rain between now and harvest, while many say that 1907's record yield of 6,000,000 bushels will easily be surpassed if the normal amount of rainfall comes during June.

Prettier stands of fall wheat were never seen than are now to be found in any direction from Pendleton, while the May rains have brought the spring grain out until a good crop is assured. A peculiar feature of this year's fall-sown grain is that it is heading out as early as the barley, which usually precedes it by a week or two. The harvesting of the two crops will therefore probably start simultaneously.

## BUYS GYPSUM LAND

St. Louis Company Said to Contemplate Plant in Eastern Baker.

Baker—The Acuma Cement company of St. Louis, Mo., has purchased 3,000 acres of gypsum deposit land near Huntington and will erect a plant of 200 ton daily capacity on the Buchanan spur of the Northwestern Railroad. The plant will cost upwards of \$100,000 and will employ several hundred men. The land was purchased from Major John H. Atkin of Portland, J. P. Hannon and H. C. Northley of Huntington and John L. Rand of this city. The St. Louis people were interested in the proposition by Frank Nelson of Boise, Idaho, who negotiated the sale of the property and brought about the closing of the deal.

The gypsum industry is fast becoming important in Baker county, along with others being developed. The big lime and cement plant, on the main line of the O.-W. R. & N. east of this city, is being increased in capacity all the time. The gypsum deposits seem practically inexhaustible and of high quality.

## UMATILLA ALFALFA SHORT.

Mowing to Begin This Week—Later Crops to Be Heavy.

Pendleton—Growers of alfalfa in Umatilla county are preparing to harvest the first crop of the season. The song of the mower will be heard in several fields this week but it will be about ten days yet before the harvest is in full blast.

According to most of the growers in the vicinity of Pendleton, the first crop will be about 25 per cent short this year. This is due to the exceptionally chilly spring which retarded the growth in most sections. The shortage will be more than made up by the increased acreage and by the second and third crops which promise to go above normal.

## State School Receives Presents.

Salem—From the result of efforts made by Multnomah Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, and the Artisans of Polk county, a new piano and moving picture machine will be installed at the Oregon state training school. When Governor West was at the Woodmen reunion in Portland and at the Artisan picnic at Rieckreal, he called it to the attention of the lodges. The Woodmen immediately raised \$50 toward a piano and promised that the balance would be forthcoming. The governor received a telegram from H. S. Hudson, of Portland, supreme master of the Artisans informing him that the picture machine had been purchased and awaits the order of the governor.

## Farmers Want Own Project.

Grants Pass—George E. Sanders, agent for the Chicago-Rogue River Irrigation company, announces that he has arranged to be ready to start two of the large pumps, recently installed, on two days' notice, when the farmers and fruitgrowers need water. Farmers however, have filed a petition and published a notice that the district would establish an irrigation project under the state law that permits bonding districts for such purposes.

## \$300,000 Issue is Legal.

Marshfield—Judge John S. Coke has given a decision in the Port commission case which is of great importance to Coos Bay. The case was a friendly suit started to test the validity of a port bond issue of \$300,000.

This case has been decided in favor of the Port commission, and means that the proposed bond issue is legal.

## Hood River Strawberries Move.

Hood River—The first carload of strawberries of the season was shipped from this city June 3, by the Applegrowers' Union. The berries were consigned to the Stacy Fruit company, of Fargo, N. D. The berries are ripening fast now and hereafter carload lots will be shipped every day.

## HAS GREAT PROSPECTS.

New Flouring Mill Spur to Production of Cereal Crops.

Baker—The crop outlook for Baker county was never better than at the present time, in spite of the intensity of the season in Eastern Oregon. The steady rains of the last week have done a world of good to all crops which are looking up fine. More wheat has been sown than ever before in this county. This is due largely to the new flouring mill in Baker, which in order to stimulate interest in the industry, has offered a number of prizes for the best crops, both in quantity and variety. For several reasons the mill people have been experimenting with which varieties are best adapted to the different localities and have come in close touch with the farmers.

Oats and alfalfa give great promise of large yields and the former are of high quality, probably in excess of the high standard of Baker county oats, which have frequently won prizes at agricultural shows for their fine quality. The alfalfa crop on Powder river, lower and upper Burnt river, in the Eagle, Pine and Baker valleys, are looking fine, and bountiful harvests in this staple source are confidently expected.

In the Powder river valley there will be no shortage of water, such as caused trouble last year. The snow in the Blue mountains is melting and the reservoirs are sure to contain a supply to last the entire season. Last year the snow melted rapidly and practically all the mountain snow went off quickly in the spring freshet, causing a shortage nearly all summer. The Baker Irrigation company has increased the capacity of its reservoir, making it a total height of feet, with a width of 60 feet at top and length from side to side, 60 feet. At present there is enough water stored to cover 2,000 acres a foot in depth and from the way the snow has been melting recently it will contain a sufficient supply to prevent possibility of shortage.

## PLANT SPRUCE AND LARCH.

Large-Burned Over Area Reseeded By Forestry Department.

Baker—R. M. Evans, assistant forester of the Wallowa national forest with headquarters at Wallowa, is finished planting an area of about 200 acres near Medical Springs to Norway Spruce and European larch. This part of the area burned over in a forest fire of last summer. Mr. Evans says the land was so completely burned over that nothing but stumps and charred sticks remain of what was once a heavy forest.

An interesting experiment was made by Mr. Evans to overcome the depredations of squirrels and chipmunks which have rendered many of the planted areas of the forest useless by eating the tree seeds before they have a chance to germinate and produce saplings. Poisoned grain was scattered over the ground liberally.

The forestry department is contemplating dividing the Wallowa reserve as the district handled from the Wallowa, Wash., office is of too great extent to be properly attended. The headquarters of the forest for the new district as proposed will be this city.

The rangers and chiefs are taking all precautions to prevent forest fires this season, although the Wallowa reserve did not suffer nearly as much as some of the other districts in state.

Henry Ireland, superintendent of the Sumpter reserve, is also making preparations to prevent such losses occurred from forest fires last year, although as was the case with all national forests of the eastern end of the state, there was not nearly loss sustained in the Southern district.

## State Land Board to Travel.

Salem—An extended tour of Central and Southern Oregon is planned by the state land board, and July 5 has been set as the date for a start. The board will go via Medford and Crater into Southern Oregon, cross to Harney county and come back through central portion of the state. The board consists of Governor West, secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay and State Engineer Lewis.

## Building Sawmills.

Medford—The Pelican Bay Lumber company is erecting saw mills to total the 100,000,000 feet of timber in that section. A canal three-fourths of a mile long is being dug through marsh to bring the timber to the waters of the lake, and equipment and machinery are being taken to grounds for the construction of a logging railway.

## Interior Fruit Shipments.

The Dalles—Large shipments of Dalles strawberries and cherries being made daily to Central Oregon cities. Three hundred crates of cherries were shipped in one day last week to Madras. Warm weather in last week has ripened the cherry crop and picking has been going on several days.

## Postal Savings Bank Ordered.

Grants Pass—Postmaster Baker has received notice to open a postal savings bank June 27. He is also instructed to go to Astoria for a class is to be held June 19 to instruct postmasters in postal bank work.