

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.

A bad forest fire is raging near Tacoma, Wash.

Ex-President Diaz of Mexico arrives in Spain to reside.

King George distributes many titles during coronation week.

Forty thousand suffragists parade through streets of London.

Portland is the greatest wheat-shipping port in the United States for the year just ended.

Another bomb was found in the hall of records building in Los Angeles ready for explosion.

Oregon warship Boston arrived from Bremerton navy yard Sunday afternoon and received a royal welcome.

George W. McBride, ex-United States senator and secretary of state, died in Portland hospital at the age of 57 years.

President and Mrs. Taft celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Monday. Their presents would fill wagons.

Senator Lea of Tennessee saved the life of his wife by submitting to a transfusion operation which took a quart of his blood.

The trunk of the historic Balm of Gilead witness tree at Vancouver, Wash., to which Lewis and Clark are said to have tied their canoes when they came down the Columbia river in 1805, was carried down the river by the high water.

Portland commercial traveler buys lucky Epsom Derby ticket for one dollar and wins \$10,440. He gave the money to his wife.

Dick Ferris, the Los Angeles promoter who asserts he was elected president of the "Republic of Lower California" as a joke, and was indicted in consequence, was arraigned in court Tuesday. He and the Mexican revolutionists were given two weeks in which to decide upon their pleas.

Engineers find the Maine much worse than expected.

St. Louis has a million-dollar fire in the manufacturing district.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club prices: Bluestem, \$7@97½c; track, 86c; Russian, 84c; Valley, 86c; 40-fold, 86c.

Barley—Choice feed, \$27@28.

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

Corn—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28.50.

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.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; broilers, 20@23c; ducks, young, 20@25c; geese, nominal; turkeys, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 21c per dozen; case count, 20c per dozen; Eastern, 19@20c.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 23c per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10½c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 11@12c per pound.

Fresh Fruit—Strawberries, Oregon, \$1.75@2.50 per crate; gooseberries, 5@7c per pound; apples, \$1@3 per box; cherries, 75¢@1.50 per box; raspberries, \$1.25 per crate; apricots, \$1.50@1.75 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.25 per crate; loganberries, \$3 per crate.

Sack Vegetables—New carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—Oregon and Eastern, \$2.25@2.50 per hundred; new California, 4c per pound.

Vegetables—Asparagus, \$1@1.25 per box; beans, 8@10c; cabbage, \$2 per hundredweight; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per dozen; eggplant, 15c per pound; garlic, 10@12c per pound; lettuce, 30@35c per dozen; hot-house lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 4@7c per pound; peppers, 30@35c per pound; radishes, 12½c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound; tomatoes, \$2@2.25.

Onions—Yellow, \$3; red, \$2.75 per hundred; crystal wax, \$3.50 per hundred.

Hops—1911 contracts, 23@25c per pound; 1910 crop, 22c; 1909 crop, 15@15½c; olds, 8@10c.

Mohair—Choice, 36@37½c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 14@16½c per pound.

Felts—Dry, 19c; salted lamb pelts, 25c.

Hides—Salted hides, 8½c per pound; salted calf, 15c; salted kip, 10c; salted stags, 6c; green hides, 1c less; dry hides, 17c; dry calf, 17@18c; dry stags, 11@12c.

Cascara Bark—Per pound, 5c.

AVIATOR BURNED IN MID-AIR.

Two Killed and Five Hurt at Start of Race.

Paris—Fifty aeroplanists took wing early Sunday from the aviation field at Vincennes on the first stage of the European circuit race, which calls for a flight to London and return with stops at various places going and returning. Almost immediately after the start two of the aviators met tragic deaths, and at least one was gravely hurt. ... dead: Captain Prinetau, whose motor exploded in midair, flooding him with gasoline and burning him to death. M. LeMartin, who dashed against a tree, the motor of his aeroplane crushing his head.

The injured: M. Gaubert, ex-lieutenant in the army, who was entered in the civilian race under the name of "Dalger." He was found lying senseless near his machine in a wheat field four miles from Villers-Coterets. His injuries are serious.

M. Bille, whose aeroplane struck the earth within a mile of the start. Bille was injured, but not seriously.

Three other aviators fell, M. Lerdian near Charleville; Oscar Morrison, close to Gagny, and M. Mortin at Chevon, within 22 miles of Liege, which is the end of the first stage of the race. None of these men were badly hurt. Of the 50 aviators who started, 38 were civilians and 12 officers assigned for military duty. Hung up for the competitors are prizes amounting to \$94,000.

Dawn at Vincennes saw a crowd estimated at from 500,000 to 1,000,000 persons massed around the military exercise field to witness the start. Six thousand soldiers and 4000 police, most of them mounted, were present to keep the field clear.

A signal fired at 5:45 o'clock signalled the commencement of the preliminaries. The Abbe Larebourg was just finishing the mass at an improvised altar in one of the aeroplane hangars for some of the aviators who desired spiritual preparation for the perils of the day. M. LeMartin, who within the hour was dying, was among those who knelt for the blessing.

DISHES SET FOR MEAL.

Interesting Discoveries in Work on Battleship Maine.

Havana—Unwaring of the cofferdam about the old battleship Maine is progressing slowly, the army engineers in charge giving most of their attention to the condition of the dam, which is in excellent shape.

Water from a hose was played on the mud on the spar deck and the surface was well cleaned off. Engineers began exploring the exposed parts of the vessel, and on entering the after-superstructure found a quantity of dishes laid out on the mess table. Many of them were unwashed and gave indications of having been left by mess attendants, who were surprised at their evening meal when the explosion occurred. The officers, of course, had finished their meal long before, as the explosion was after 9 o'clock.

On clearing off the spar deck, an ammunition box was found just aft of the port turret, which contained, besides a full complement of ammunition, clips for hand rifles and several hand swords. The lead and brass of the cartridges were little injured, but the steel swords practically were eaten away by the salt water. Officers' dress swords in scabbards were found leaning against the starboard wall of the deckhouse with the leather in good shape, but with the steel so badly eaten that it fell apart when picked up.

The engineers were astonished that the steel should have deteriorated in the water, and the only explanation is galvanic action. Several electric bulbs are said to have been found whole, which, with the fact that the crockery was unbroken on the mess table, indicates that the explosion was not felt to any extent aft.

General Hixby expected to depart for the United States and an attempt was made to pump as much as possible before he started. The outlook now is that the pumping will go on slowly but steadily till the cofferdam is all unwared.

Diaz in Spain.

Santander, Spain—The steamer Ypiranga, with General Porfirio Diaz, ex-president of Mexico, aboard, sailed for Plymouth. Several tugs sailing the Mexican colors, with cheering people, escorted the steamer for several miles. General Diaz said the friendly demonstrations at Spanish ports had comforted him greatly in his bitter exile. "It is quite possible that, after a few months' visit, I shall turn my steps toward the peninsula. I speak only Spanish, and I am too old to begin the study of foreign languages."

Roads Overpaid, Charge.

Washington—Uncle Sam has been paying the railroads a little matter of \$9,000,000 a year more than the service for carrying the mails is worth. This is Postmaster-General Hitchcock's latest announcement with respect to inside affairs pertaining to the postal service. Congress is to be asked to authorize a readjustment of railway mail pay so that this \$9,000,000 a year may be saved to the government.

Four Convicts Killed.

Waynesville, N. C.—Four convicts were killed, 12 were probably fatally wounded, and 17 guards and convicts were more or less seriously hurt by the collapse of the bullpen in which they were housed in a mountain pass in this county. The bullpen was built entirely from heavy logs, and the weight of the roof caused it to collapse. The structure slid down the mountain side without warning for 65 feet, and not one of the occupants escaped uninjured.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

LARGEST TIMBER DEAL.

\$2,100,000 Paid S. Benson for His Columbia County Holdings.

One of the largest timber deals ever closed in Oregon was consummated this week when S. Benson transferred his holdings in Columbia county to the Benson Timber company for a consideration of \$2,100,000.

The principal owner of the company is Frank Lynch, who, with O. J. Evenson and E. E. Covert, organized the new corporation to retain the name and good will of Mr. Benson. It is capitalized at \$3,000,000.

There are 15,000 acres of land in the tract, containing 800,000,000 feet of high-grade yellow fir. With the transfer of the holdings are included a sawmill plant of 500,000 feet daily capacity and a logging railroad, fully equipped, 12 miles long.

Mr. Lynch, head of the new company, purchased from Mr. Benson some time ago the sawmill plant and holdings at Santiago and has continued to operate the business there under the name of the Benson Lumber company. With the acquisition of all of the Benson timber holdings, Mr. Lynch and associates become the largest timber and lumber operators in the Columbia River basin.

SALARIES ARE RAISED.

Fifty Oregon Postmasters Gain By Prosperity.

Washington—The postoffice department has announced changes in salaries of presidential postmasters, based upon the increase or decline of postal receipts during the past year, the changes to become effective July 1.

Eleven Oregon postmasters will receive an increase of \$200, 39 will receive an increase of \$100 and only four will have salaries reduced.

Portland is now a maximum office and the postmaster's salary will not be advanced. Those offices where a \$200 increase is ordered are as follows, the figures indicating the postmaster's salary after July 1:

Bend, \$1600; Central Point, \$1500; Cottage Grove, \$2000; Hermiston, \$1400; Klamath Falls, \$2400; Medford, \$2900; Monmouth, \$1400; Ontario, \$1800; St. Helens, \$1300; Sumpter, \$1300; Willowa, \$1500.

An increase of \$100 will raise the salaries of the following postmasters to the figures named below:

Albany, \$2160; Ashland, \$2500; Aurora, \$1300; Baker, \$2700; Bandon, \$1500; Burns, \$1700; Canby, \$1200; Canyon City, \$1200; Clatskanie, \$1400; Coquille, \$1700; Dallas, \$2000; Enterprise, \$1600; Eugene, \$2900; Falls City, \$1300; Forest Grove, \$2000; Freewater, \$1400; Grants Pass, \$2500; Hillsboro, \$1900; Hood River, \$2600; Huntington, \$1300; Jacksonville, \$1300; Lents, \$1600; McLinnville, \$2400; Milton, \$1500; Milwaukie, \$1200; Mount Angel, \$1800; Newport, \$1500; Oregon City, \$2500; Roseburg, \$2500; St. Johns, \$1800; Salem, \$3200; Shaniko, \$1500; Sheridan, \$1500; Sherwood, \$1200; Springfield, \$1600; The Dalles, \$2600; Toledo, \$1100; Union, \$1500; Woodburn, \$1800.

The decreases are: Dufur, \$1300 to \$1100; Grass Valley, \$1300 to \$1000; Moro, \$1400 to \$1300; Tillamook, \$1800 to \$1700.

CASCARA BARK TO MARKET.

Dealers Are Quoting Five Cents a Pound for New Peel.

Portland—Peeling of cascara or chittim bark has started in the country and initial shipments have been received in this city.

First prices for 1911 peel of chittim stand at 5 cents a pound, the highest figure in recent years for the start of the season, and for new bark.

All together several tons of new bark have been received and the high price paid.

Inquiries regarding the probable peel of chittim in the Pacific Northwest are coming forward in great numbers from eastern manufacturers as well as from foreign interests. So far as known no orders from the outside have been received and first buyers are therefore undecided as to whether they paid too much or not.

Prospects are for a normal peel of chittim in most sections of the Pacific Northwest but in some places where the bark was formerly gathered in great volume, scarcely any will be peeled hereafter because of the settlement of the lands by farmers.

State Printer Must Move.

Salem—Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, as custodian of the capitol building, has notified the state printer, that on or before August 31, 1911, he will be required to vacate all that space in the state house now occupied by the state printing office and plant. After that some other available space will be assigned Mr. Dunway for office purposes. The state printing department is now occupying the northwest quarter of the lower floor of the state house.

Elgin Crops and Fruit Heavy.

Elgin—Rains of the last two weeks assure record crops in this part of the country. Timothy and alfalfa are in fine condition and the grain crops are promising. Fall wheat is so rank in growth that it will be necessary to mow a crop of hay from it that it may be able to hold its burden of grain. Several farmers have already cut their wheat down and many will follow suit. Full crops of apples, pears, cherries and small fruits seem certain.

EUGENE TO FLORENCE.

First Work on Construction Impetus for Big Demonstration.

Eugene—Fully 2000 people gathered at the west end of Fifth street Tuesday to celebrate the beginning of construction work on the Eugene-Siuslaw railroad. The stores of the city were closed from 2 to 4 o'clock and the business part of town was practically empty during the celebration. More than 100 automobiles were packed along the right-of-way, all filled with an enthusiastic and cheering crowd. Construction of a railroad from Eugene to Florence has been the dream of Lane county for 30 years.

At 2 o'clock a procession of citizens, headed by the mayor and city council, formed at Eighth and Williams streets and marched to the scene of operations. The procession was headed by a band, and was one of the largest that has formed in Eugene recently. Automobiles were in line, followed by carriages and buggies and scores on foot.

All the speakers dwelt on the importance to Eugene of securing railroad connection with the coast, particularly in view of the nearness of the completion of the Panama canal.

The line is financed by the Lane County Asset company, which is a local corporation, organized in October, 1909. Permanent survey has been completed to a point 30 miles west of Eugene, and several available preliminaries have been completed from this point to the coast. The company owns 1800 feet of waterfront at Glenada, on the Siuslaw river.

Coos Bay is the ultimate destination, and the asset company owns surveys to that point. Contracts have been let as far as Elmira, 14 miles west of Eugene.

CAPACITY INCREASED.

Reservoir of Baker Irrigation Company Gets Improvement.

Baker—Work is now under way which will greatly increase the storage capacity of the reservoir of the Baker Irrigation company. The height of the dam is increased 10 feet, so that when the changes are complete the dam will be 600 feet in length, 60 feet wide at the top and 70 feet in depth. Already the company has spent over \$200,000 on the reservoir and ditches, and the work now under way will give a storage capacity which will absolutely prevent any shortage of water on the land irrigated by the project. Snow in the mountains is melting slowly this year, and the Powder river will furnish plenty of water to all consumers, with no possibility of the damaging shortage of water which followed the heavy spring freshets when practically all the snow in the mountains went off within a few days.

ROAD'S EARNINGS BIG.

Oregon Short Line Shows Remarkable Prosperity.

Salem—Enormous business transactions by the Oregon Short Line are indicated in their report, which has just been filed with the state tax commissioner. The gross earnings of the road from operations are shown to be \$21,748,834 for 1910, with operating expenses amounting to \$11,188,791. The total income is placed at \$29,585,164. The taxes for the entire line in 1910 were \$840,757 and for 1909, \$665,951. The taxes in Oregon for 1910 were \$27,201 and in 1909, \$6611. The gross earnings per mile for the company are shown to be \$13,994 and the expenses of operation per mile \$7199, while the net earnings per mile are \$6795. The equipment, including rolling stock, but exclusive of roadbed, rails and similar property, is valued at \$12,040,971.

Heating Plant Need Filled.

Salem—Discovering that the old heating plant at the State Sanatorium for the Prevention of Tuberculosis is past the hope of repair, the state Board for the Prevention of Tuberculosis found that it was entirely without an appropriation for a new plant. As a result, Governor West turned over to the institution the old heating plant at the asylum, which has been recently replaced.

Surveyors Start from Burns.

Burns—Three crews of government surveyors, each containing 14 men, arrived in Burns this week and are on their way to different parts of the county, where unsurveyed land is situated, to proceed with the work of subdivision, which they began last year. One gang will go to Steens Mountain, another to the Iron Mountain section and the third to the extreme south end, near the Nevada line. A large area of good land will be taken for settlement.

Gage Mine May Reopen.

Riverton—The Gage mine at Riverton, on the Coquille river, which has been closed down, is to be opened again soon, it is announced. San Francisco men are interested in the property and plans are now being made for operating the mine.

LAWLESSNESS IN CHICAGO.

"Moral Uplift" Idea is Promoter of Crime—Murderers Thick.

Chicago—Chicago is overwhelmed by crime and criminals who laugh at the feeble efforts of the police to subdue them, and who have only sneers and contempt for the vapid judges, who, under the guise of "moral uplift," give them ridiculous low fines or set them free to resume preying upon helpless society.

Atrocious crimes are now committed in broad day, in the very heart of the city, the perpetrators no longer waiting for the cover of darkness. There has been appalling epidemic of attacks upon women and little girls. In the latter cases, the children are lured to empty flats by various pretexts and left unconscious. One woman has died as the result of an attack by a man who never has been captured. He entered her room and shot her when she resisted him.

Restaurants and stores have been robbed as frequently as three times within a week. The robbers line up any customers who happen to be in the place and despoil them, as well as the proprietor and the cash box. Two robbers made a specialty this week of robbing young men escorting girls to their homes from entertainments. They also robbed the girls of their jewels and money and wound up the night by holding up a priest, from whom they took a diamond-studded gift watch and \$70.

It is the general impression that the vast horde of criminals and hoboes brought in here and colonized for the election for mayor, have found the pickings so rich and the dangers so limited, that they have decided to remain in Chicago. Once in a while they venture to outside towns and rob small banks and post-offices, but the rural marshals and citizens frequently shoot them or send them to prison for long terms.

DOMESTIC ERA IS GONE.

Larger Issues Supersede Old Pots and Pans for Women.

Oakland—Suffragists and their friends crowded the MacDonough the first public meeting of the present campaign held under the auspices of the College Equal Suffrage league. Considerable disappointment was manifested when Miss Anita Whitney, president of the league, announced that Dr. Charles F. Aked was unable to appear. His place was filled by Duncan McKinley, surveyor of the port of San Francisco.

"The new era made inevitable the social and political liberation of the American woman," said Mrs. Hume. "Her sphere now extends outside the home, and she is concerned with everything in municipal housekeeping. We find the modern woman concerned with municipal improvements, parks, playgrounds, pure milk, streets, censoring picture shows and delinquent children.

"This has not perverted woman nature. The modern woman is simply an enlarged edition of the old-fashioned mother, and the responsibility of modern municipal housekeeping is being gradually turned over to her by the men."

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING.

President and Wife Invite Relatives of Former Executives.

Washington—Descendants or relations of every President of the United States since 1869 were invited to the silver wedding celebration which the President and Mrs. Taft gave at the White House Monday. The list is believed to be complete except the relatives of President McKinley.

Elaborate preparations were made for the entertainment of probably the largest number that has ever been present at a function in the White House. The mansion itself was lighted throughout with hundreds of electric lights; the grounds in the rear were made nearly like day as artificial light could make them; two bands furnished music and the fountain was played upon by a big searchlight on the east front of the State, War and Navy building, just across Executive avenue.

Mercury Mounts to 106.

Kansas City—Many heat records were shattered by the sudden rise in temperature in the Southwest, but the sky is cloudy and rain is expected within the next 24 hours. New maximum heat records for June were established at Muskogee, Okla., and Oklahoma City, the mercury reaching 105 and 106 degrees, respectively. A high temperature of 100 was registered in Leavenworth and Topeka and 99 in Kansas City, Joplin, Mo., and Wichita, Kan.

Girl Defends Her Home.

Nome, Alaska—Lena Bernhofer, 16 years old, shot and dangerously wounded United States Deputy Marshal Fred Fonson when he attempted to serve a writ of dispossession on the girl's aunt, Miss Mary Bernhofer, proprietor of the New Nome hotel. The bullet struck Fonson in the right arm and penetrated the upper part of the body. An X-ray examination failed to show the bullet. Fonson has a good chance to recover.

Fishers Lost in Storm.

Trieste—A great hurricane which swept over this section did great damage. The loss of life is great. Some of the fishing boats, however, which it was feared had foundered, have returned to port. Eight steamships of the Austrian Lloyd Line broke from their moorings and were more or less seriously damaged. Several lightships were driven ashore. Quays, piers and embankments suffered severely.

ROYALTY AMID CORONATION

Officials From All Nations Staid London.

King and Queen Ready for Festivities. John Hays Hammond of U. S. on Hand.

Events of Week at Coronation King and Queen.

June 18 and 19—The royal representatives from foreign nations arrive.

June 20—Special envoys and delegates are received by the king and queen. State banquet at Buckingham palace.

June 21—Reception by their majesties of the over-sea premiers and representatives. Day of special recess for the king and queen. The Duke of Connaught gives dinner at St. James palace.

June 22—Coronation day.

June 23—Royal progress through South London.

London—The Earl Marshal, Duke of Norfolk, and the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl Spencer, are men and much sought after in the days immediately preceding coronation. They are custodians of the elect, sorters of social spirit, inquirers into pretensions of nobility in these trying times of pomp and circumstance. Whoever has had to satisfy the bluff, black-bearded Earl Marshal in the tweed jacket before then certainly won't regret the illuminated cardboard lantern they may see not merely crowning, but also the Earl Marshal himself, trying to look as plain as a simple man can be expected to be.

Between now and July 1 there will be a round of engagements. President and Mrs. Asquith will give a dinner to their majesties in Downing street June 30. The entertainment will include the presenting of two portraits, Bernard Shaw's "The Man of the Hour" and James A. Barrie's "The Twelve-Pound Look."

Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, gave a dinner in honor of king and queen at the foreign office, June 23, which was one of the most brilliant of the season. There were 150 guests at the dinner, including all the foreign princes and envoys to the coronation.

A noteworthy feature along the lines of route to be followed by the newly crowned king, in his procession through the streets of London is the almost complete transformation of familiar sights. Churches, ancient edifices, public buildings, open spaces, business premises, private residences have all changed their appearance. Starting with the Westminster Abbey in the annex added to increase the accommodation has altered its appearance almost alarmingly, although efforts were exerted to lend an air of continuity to the addition.

The office of works has done to permit those present to purchase souvenirs, the chairs and stools on which they sat, all of which were marked with the word "Coronation" and embossed with the crown and the date of the occurrence.

A peculiar dilemma which arose of the scarcity of first-class carriage horses has developed since the universal introduction of the motor. Affected many members of the royal household, the terrible queues of possible rushes into main thoroughfares from side streets, barriers of timber were erected to the most dangerous street junctions.

John Hays Hammond, special banner of the United States, his official entry into the city upon Monday, arriving from country.

He was met at the Victoria station by the Duke of Connaught, representing King George, and other officials and the staff, consisting of Baron Sandhurst, Lieutenant-General Bernard N. James and Captain G. G. Sowerby, especially appointed to attend the American envoy throughout his mission.

Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, who has been ill at his country place during the last week, is greatly improved and attending the festivities.

Jap Fireworks Censored.

Sacramento—To avoid race riots on the Fourth of July in Sacramento the committee in charge of the celebration, named by Mayor Beard, sued a decree that there would be no Japanese fireworks and no raising of the Japanese flag on that day. There was a display of daylight fireworks last year and bombs were set up, which, when exploded, played the Japanese flag. This is because of strained relations between the factions, this will not be allowed.

Undersea Record Broken.

Gloucester—American records submerged runs were broken by flotilla of seven submarines which arrived from Newport. All of number stayed under water 10 hours during the run from Nantuxet Provincetown, while two of the number did not come to the surface for 11 hours. This is the longest any submarine of the U. S. Navy ever remained beneath the surface.

Rope Skipping Fatal to Child.

Pittsburg—Ottis Danner, aged 10, died at her home in St. Clair street, the result of a ruptured vessel, caused by jumping the rope.