

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.

The Standard Oil company already has its plans outlined for reorganization.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman and son will spend a month hunting and fishing in Idaho.

Striking Mexican miners at El Oro were fired upon by troops and nine of them killed and over 30 wounded.

The Southern Pacific has authorized the immediate construction of a railroad from Eugene to Coos Bay, Ore.

Two boys, aged 11 and 7 years, have started to ride on horseback from New York to the Pacific Coast in 60 days riding.

A village marshal of Harlem, Mont., killed one robber and put two to flight when they attempted to rob the bank at that place.

Six German soldiers were found on the French frontier, where they had cut the telegraph wires and broken down several poles.

Abilene, Tex., was swept by a wind and hail storm, which killed two persons and injured many, and damaged every building in the town.

Cotton mills in South Carolina have closed down on account of low water in the streams supplying power, and 70,000 operatives are out of work.

Fire in an asylum at Hamilton, Ontario, destroyed a large part of the institution, and only great bravery on the part of the attendants prevented loss of life.

Plans are being made for the reorganization of the American Tobacco Company.

All passengers were removed by two Japanese cruisers. The ship may be saved.

About 17,200 acres of land near Roslyn, Wash., have been withdrawn from entry by the Secretary of the Interior.

Drouth in Germany has caused a sharp advance in the sugar market.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of China struck a submerged rock while entering the port Yokohama.

A swarm of yellowjackets took possession of a Chicago laundry and had to be destroyed by the fire department.

A San Francisco woman was shot and robbed by a highwayman while kneeling at the grave of her son in the cemetery.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—New crop: Bluestem, 78c; club, 75c; old crop, bluestem, 90c; club, 80c.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; middlings, \$32; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$28@29.
Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34 per ton.
Barley—Choice feed, \$25.50@26 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, valley, \$16@17; alfalfa, \$11; clover, \$5.50@9; grain hay, \$10.
Poultry—Hens, 15c@15½c; Springs, 19c; ducks, young, 14c; geese, nominal; turkeys, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c.
Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candied, 26¢@27¢ per dozen.
Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 28c per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.
Pork—Fancy, 10c@10½c per pound.
Veal—Fancy, 12c@12½c per pound.
Fresh Fruits—Cherries, 15c@15½c per crate; cantaloupes, \$2.25@3.50 per crate; peaches, 75c@1.50 per crate; watermelons, 1¼¢@2¢ per pound; plums, \$1.75 per crate; prunes, \$1.75 per box; new apples, \$1.75@2 per box; raspberries, \$1.75@2; loganberries, \$1.50@1.75; blackberries, \$2@2.25; blackberries, \$2@2.25.
Vegetables—Beans, 5¢@10c; cabbage, \$1.50@2 per hundredweight; corn, 30¢@40¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per box; eggplant, 15¢ per pound; garlic, 10¢@12¢ per pound; lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 4¢@5¢ per pound; peppers, 8¢@10¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 2¼¢@3¢ per pound; tomatoes, \$1@1.75 per box.
Sack Vegetables—New carrots, \$1.75 per sack; turnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.75.
Potatoes—New Oregon, 1¼¢@2¢ per pound.
Onions—Red, \$1.75; white, \$2 per hundred.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.75@5.90; good to choice steers, \$5.35@5.50; medium steers, \$5@5.25; common steers, \$4@4.25; choice cows, \$4.75@5; good to choice cows, \$4.25@4.50; common cows, \$2.75@3; choice heifers, \$4.75@5; good to choice heifers, \$4.50@4.75; choice bulls, \$3.25@3.50; good to choice bulls, \$3@3.25; common bulls, \$2@2.25; choice calves, 20¢ lb. and under, \$7@7.25; good to choice calves, \$5.50@5.65; common calves, \$4@4.5; choice stags, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice stags, \$4.25@4.50.
Hogs—Extra choice light hogs, \$7.25@7.50; heavy hogs, \$6.50@6.75; heavy rough hogs, \$5.50@6.
Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, coarse wool, \$3.25@3.50; choice yearling wethers, east of mountains, \$3.25@3.50; choice two and three, \$3@3.25; choice Spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50; good, choice Spring lambs, \$5@5.25; choice killing ewes, \$2.75@3.

WIDOW AND DAUGHTER OF FINANCIER, WHO WILL SPEND AUGUST IN IDAHO.



Mrs. E. H. Harriman, at Left; and Miss Carol Harriman, Her Daughter, at Right.

AUX CAYES FALLS.

Haytian Rebels Take President Simon's Home Town.

Port Au Prince, Hayti.—The reported capture of the home town of President Simon, Aux Cayes, is a severe blow to the government, as it indicates that the spirit of discontent is alive in the south as well as in the north.

There is trouble among the revolutionary leaders, however, and it is impossible to say now which party will be in control if the capital falls. General Le Conte, who is in control of Cape Haytien, and is reported to have sent a force against Gonaives to occupy that town for him, seems to be the strongest rebel chief outside this district.

Advices from Port de Paix, on the northern coast, indicate uneasiness at that point, and the American cruiser Chester has gone there from Cape Haytien.

The revolutionists encompass the capital. General Le Conte is at the head of the invading forces. He occupied Gonaives Monday and his advanced guard reached Archache yesterday, and before sunset had come within three miles of the city. Le Conte's candidacy for the Presidency progressed with his march on the capital, and there was a consequent loss of ground by General Firmin.

WIRE MAKER FINED \$1000.

More Sentences Imposed on Charges of Restraining Trade.

New York.—Henry A. Hammond, a director as well as sales agent for the Wire & Telephone Company of America, pleaded nolo contendere to the indictment charging him, like other wire manufacturers, with unlawful restraint of trade. He paid a fine of \$1000.

Judge Archbold also accepted nolo contendere pleas and imposed fines of \$1000 each in the following cases: Henry G. Stoddard, president and treasurer of the Trenton Iron Company; J. D. Keith, vice-president of the Phoenix Horsehoe Company of Illinois; and Samuel H. Roberts, secretary, and Thomas H. Taylor, assistant sales agent, of the American Steel & Wire Company of New Jersey.

Judge Archbold refused a plea of nolo contendere under a plea of attorney offered for John W. Kiser, president of the Phoenix Horsehoe Company of Illinois, whose attorney said he was on the ocean and not able to appear.

Eight Killed in Wreck.

Grindstone, Me.—Eight were killed and four injured when an excursion train and a regular passenger train on the Bangor & Arroostook road collided at this station shortly after 9 o'clock Friday night. Five passengers of the excursion train were killed. The engineer of the excursion train and two firemen were among the killed. What caused the accident is not known. A heavy storm prevailed throughout Maine and it is believed weather conditions had much to do with the disaster.

Solving Work 207 Days.

Boston.—The 132d session of the Massachusetts Legislature was prolonged after all records for legislative activity in this state had been broken. The session continued 207 consecutive days, or one more than the session of 1882. Labor was especially favored this year with a duplication of the workingmen's compensation act and the passage of a 54-hour bill for women and minors; also an eight-hour bill for public employees.

Maderos Selling Cattle.

San Antonio.—Regarded as significant in the activity of the Madero family in moving their cattle out of Mexico, thirty cars were moved Saturday. The railroads report that other large cattle-owners of Mexico are also sending their cattle to the United States. Their desire seems to be to sell out before the election in October.



FRANCE PREPARES DEFENSES.

Determined to Be Ready if Involved With Germany and England.

Paris.—France, though outwardly placid, is omitting no precautions.

The army is being reorganized and assembled, while statesmen profess themselves as sanguine of a peaceful solution. War preparations today included orders to the cavalry to be ready for the field at the first signal, the heavy provisioning of the forts on the eastern frontier by special supply trains run out of Paris at night, and the mustering of all regiments to their full quota.

The Cabinet met at Rambouillet today and at the conclusion of its meeting announced the decision to reorganize the army, accompanying the announcement with the careful explanation that this action was occasioned by the resignation of General V. Michel as Commander-in-Chief because of differences with his colleagues over the programme of National defenses. The Superior Council of War, composed of generals of the army, continues, but the Vice-Presidency, which was held by Michel, will be abolished. A chiefship of the general staff, carrying practically the supreme command in time of war, is created instead, and General J. J. C. Joffre will be appointed to the latter post.

Tot Dead, Carmen Mobbed.

New York.—Three-year-old Morris Goldberg, weakened by a seven days' fast, was run over by a trolley car in front of his home. Two thousand persons thereupon stormed the car, captured the motorman and conductor, laid them on the tracks and were about to run the car over them when a lone policeman seized the ringleader at the controller. Reserves then dispersed the mob. It was ascertained later that the entire Goldberg family of nine were starving amid the direst poverty.

105 Days' Sleep Broken.

Vandalia, Ill.—After sleeping almost continuously for 105 days, Miss Hazel Schmidt, the 18-year-old girl whose strange case has puzzled physicians for weeks, was awake five hours and ate three meals Sunday. She said she felt no ill effects from her slumber. Attending physicians say the girl's trance is broken and that she soon will be herself again and will probably be normal hereafter.

Hail Ravages Fruit Belt.

Toronto, Ont.—Ninety per cent of the crop in one of the richest sections of the Niagara peninsula fruit belt was destroyed by a terrific hail storm. Between St. Catharines and Winona small fruit trees were stripped of their branches and many farmers face financial ruin. Hundreds of chickens were killed by the hail.

ASSAY OFFICES DOOMED.

Government Says Operation Is By Considerable Loss.

Washington, D. C.—More landmarks of the Old West will begin to disappear January 1, unless congress should pass legislation to maintain the Western assay offices on their present basis.

The government has decided to double the charge for assaying at Deadwood, Carson, Salt Lake, Helena, Boise, and Seattle. Members of congress from those places protest that increased charges will close the offices because the mining companies will prefer to send their gold to the mints, where the assaying charge will not be increased.

Treasury officials say the offices have been a dead loss for years. Seattle, they say, does quite a business in assaying gold that comes from Alaska, but at all others the government loses money.

The government established most of these offices in the stirring days when a messenger setting out with a fortune in his saddle bag often failed to return, and the professional "assayer" was classed with the card sharper and the "gun man." No miner was assured of an honest assay of his treasure.

But with the advent of mining machinery the offices became less useful because many of the big companies sent their gold direct to the mints.

MORGAN WILL BE CALLED.

Financier of Steel Trust to Be Put on Defensive.

New York.—The congressional committee of inquiry into the United States Corporation is now desirous of hearing personally from J. Pierpont Morgan with regard to the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the Steel corporation in 1907. This was made known here at the committee headquarters.

That a subpoena will be issued within a few days for Charles M. Schwab, ex-president of the corporation, also was revealed.

"The best man to defend J. P. Morgan for his part in the Tennessee Coal & Iron transactions," said Chairman Staley, "is Mr. Morgan himself. I sincerely hope that Mr. Morgan's engagements in Europe will not deter him from appearing. Mr. Morgan's own story of that transaction and the momentous events at the time of that financial panic, and the effect of that steel stock transfer in the midst of it are certain to be of great value."

That the New York financier will be subpoenaed to appear before the committee when he does return now seems certain.

JAILS PLACES OF EASE.

Federal Judge Seeks Real Punishment for Guilty Forgers.

St. Louis, Mo.—Federal Judge Dyer is looking for a Missouri jail where Federal prisoners are kept in confinement, and not allowed to go fishing. The judge made his wishes known in passing sentence on a forger of money orders. He fixed the punishment at six months in jail.

"But," said Judge Dyer, "I want a few days to determine what jail I will send the prisoner to. Recently I heard that government prisoners are allowed absolute freedom in the rural jails. I have been told that prisoners sent to Montgomery City were permitted to go out and fish all day and return to jail at night. I also heard of one person who went to see a prisoner and was surprised when the prisoner met him at the railroad station."

Old Glory Shelters Babe.

Seattle, Wash.—Mrs. George Snowden, a niece of President Taft, who has been making her home temporarily in Vancouver, B. C., hastened to Seattle some days ago to give birth to a grand nephew to the president, which was born a few days ago at the Minor Hospital. Mrs. Snowden says she could not bear the idea of being the mother of a child that was not born under the flag of the country in which her uncle is president, so she came to Seattle that the babe might be a native-born American.

Airman Dives 500 Feet.

Salinas, Cal.—With his propeller and his control cables broken Fred J. Wiseman, an aviator, made a sensational dive of 500 feet at a local race course park and landed safely. The accident has necessitated postponement of exhibitions that were to have been given here in the course of the week to celebrate a fiesta in connection with the twenty-third annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Trotting Horse Breeders association.

Bore for Buried Miner.

Joplin, Mo.—More than 100 men and boys are working desperately in an effort to sink a shaft to the drift of a mine east of here in which Joseph Clary, 21 years old, is held a prisoner under 70 feet of earth and rock.

As it will be days before Clary can be reached they are boring a six-inch hole through which Clary can be furnished with air, food and water if he is still alive.

Stone to Mark Site of Debate.

Bloomington, Ill.—A red granite boulder weighing six tons, discovered by the Woodford County Historical society on the farm of Thomas Bratt, near Low point, will be used to mark the spot where Lincoln and Douglas met in their famous debate at Matamoras in 1858. The stone will be dedicated at the annual meeting of the Old Settlers of Woodford county next month.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

GINSENG RETURNS BIG.

Proceeds of \$22,000 an Acre Are Realized.

Medford.—That \$22,000 an acre can be realized from ginseng in the Rogue River Valley is the statement of E. F. Graham, of Prospect, who has been experimenting with the plant for years. On a homestead of 160 acres Mr. Graham began his experiments and he now has one-eighth of an acre producing the valuable plant.

Three-year-old ginseng roots have a market value of from \$4 to \$8 a pound and roots from 8 to 12 years old will net as high as \$20 a pound. After three years of work attending to one-third of an acre of the root, Mr. Graham has received \$3000 for the product of his area. The cost of starting in the business is very great and it is for this reason that no more land was set out.

The ginseng root is marketable only in China, where the light yellow roots are used by the Chinese for every conceivable domestic purpose. Specimens of peculiar shape demand, almost, their weight in gold, because of their supposed occult powers. By replanting the roots freaks are produced.

Government investigation of the plant discloses the fact that there is no species of insect nor any fungus growth that bothers the plant, but there is a law to the effect that the plants must be inspected each year by a Government inspector. Professor P. J. Ogara, ex-Government pathologist and now employed by the Jackson County Fruit Association, who has just returned from inspecting Mr. Graham's place, is inclined to believe that this valley is one of the few places in the world where ginseng may be successfully raised.

DALLAS IS PRUNE CENTER.

San Francisco Company Likely to Build Packing Plant There.

Dallas.—The Armisby Packing Company, of San Francisco, has been inspecting several Willamette Valley cities with a view to locating a branch packing plant in one of them, where it can get prunes in large quantities. Scott Sweetland, representing the company, said that the company favored Dallas, and that a plant would without doubt be located here. The late William Brown, a pioneer of this county and city, and probably the wealthiest man in this county, before his death deeded a tract of land in trust to the first packing and canning plant built here. The Armisby Company is favorably impressed with this tract. The Dallas Commercial Club has offered to tap the land with a sewer at its own expense, and place it in readiness for the building of the plant.

Dallas is the prune center of Oregon, shipping more prunes than any other city in the state, unless it be Portland. Not only does Dallas ship many carloads of prunes each year, but apples, peaches, pears, grapes, cherries, strawberries and all other kinds of fruits raised in the valley are raised here in abundance. Thousands of acres have been set out in apples, and these orchards will be bearing in a year or so.

HOOD RIVER LAND LEASED.

C. L. Rogers Gets 350 Acres Adapted for Fruit Growing.

Hood River.—D. C. Eccles, of Oregon, Utah, manager of the Oregon Lumber Company, which operates a large mill at Dea, has just leased to C. L. Rogers, of this county for a number of years, 350 acres of logged-off land under the ditch of the Dea Irrigation & Power Company. This tract is the last of the lands of the lumber company.

All of the tract, which is located between the East and West Forks of the Hood river at an elevation of 1200 feet and about two miles above Dea, is particularly adapted to apples, pears, and strawberries.

Japanese Tries Silk Culture.

Portland.—That silk-worm culture may prove a success seems assured through the demonstration made by Mrs. M. Iwakoshi, a Japanese living at Pleasant Home, on the Mount Hood automobile road, who imported silk worms last Spring from Japan to ascertain if they could be raised in this country. She has produced several hundreds of cocoons from which the butterflies are emerging.

Mrs. Iwakoshi has reared several hundred yards of pure white silk thread, which she proposes to show at the Gresham Fair this Fall, as an illustration of what may be done in silk production in Oregon. The silk thread she produced from the silk worms is pure white, and those who have seen it say it is fine in texture, and seems equal to that produced in silk countries.

Nine Acres Bring \$10,000.

Medford.—A nine-acre orchard of pears and apples was sold to H. A. Latta, of Two Rivers, Mich., for \$10,000. The land is located northeast of Central Point and is part of a tract of 64 acres that east of William Holmes, of Medford, \$2000 in 1910. Soon after he purchased it for \$3000, Mr. Holmes sold five acres of unplanted land to C. C. Hall for \$800. The remarkable increase in value of the land is due to improvements in the way of setting out trees.

Two Score Acres of Wheat Destroyed

Pendleton.—Fire, starting from a spark from a locomotive, caused the season's most disastrous grain fire, when 40 acres of wheat running 45 bushels to the acre was burned on the ranch of O. D. Haminger, near Myrick. The wheat was insured to the extent of 30 bushels to the acre.

FIRE WARNINGS SENT OUT.

State Board Issues 20,000 Circulars Full of Information.

Salem.—The first bulletin issued by the State Board of Forestry has just come from the press and 200,000 copies will be printed for distribution among those who apply for it to the State Board of Forestry at Salem. The bulletin was prepared under the direction of George W. Peavy, director of forestry at Oregon Agricultural College and also a member of the State Board of Forestry.

Prefacing his statement, five to Oregon and the new forest fire laws with a complete view of forestry conditions in this country, he comments on the situation in Oregon with reference to the new forest fire laws to be enacted.

The bulletin also contains a showing that the annual consumption of wood is 296,791,900 and the estimated cost, \$4,798,321. It is reported that the State of Oregon has approximately 499,000,000 feet of timber that is merchantable and that the sawmills of Oregon manufacture about 2,000,000 feet annually. Of this about 100,000,000 feet is shipped to points outside of the state. Of the balance used in the state 500,000,000 feet is used in general building, pulp, boxes, doors and other similar articles made in Oregon working factories of Oregon. His statement relative to Oregon forest fire conditions is as follows:

FOREST FIRE INCENDIARY.

State Forester Believes Outbreak Work of Criminal.

Salem.—State Forester F. A. Bitt is convinced that the fires raging near Mill City are the work of an incendiary. Efforts are being made to run the criminal down. The fires were actually under control Sunday when a new one broke out in the time in the direction from which the wind was blowing. The fire then saw a man skulking behind trees watching them. When it started after him he escaped in the woods.

Five years ago the same tract was burned over and Forester Bitt declares there was no fire then but that someone was at setting out the fire. At one suspicious were almost enough against one man to secure his arrest.

The present fire has burned 12 sections and is still under control, according to messages received by the state forester. It is coming in from Tillamook, Marion and Polk counties.

ARID LANDS WILL BE TOPIC.

Reclamation Projects to Be Up at State Irrigation Meeting.

Ontario, Or., July 22.—For reclamation of the arid lands of Eastern Oregon will be the subject of discussion at the biennial meeting of the State Irrigation Association, which will meet in Ontario on September 28 and 29, during the week of the Malheur County Fair.

Judge Stephen R. Lowell, of Medford, president of the association, has appointed Leon J. Chapman, secretary of the Ontario Commercial Club, secretary of the association and work will commence at once on securing prominent speakers to arrange a program. The Portland Commercial Club will be asked to aid in making the meeting a success and a representative of the Reclamation Department will be asked to make an address.

Dr. James Withycombe, of Coquille, a member of the executive committee, will assist in the execution of the program.

Money Raised to Dredge Coquille.

Coquille.—The Coquille Commercial Club at a special meeting Sunday night appointed a committee to raise \$1000 or more, which amount is needed to have the Oregon continue work on the Coquille river and remove the four obstructions between this place and the ocean, when the work will be completed and a good deep channel ocean going vessels will be able to reach the mouth of the river to this point. Most of the money has been subscribed.

Big Profits From Farm.

Sublimity.—P. A. Bell, for years a resident of this section, is going to Germany to visit his father, aged 97 years. Mr. Bell filed a homestead near the present site of Sublimity soon after he came to Oregon, and has lived on the place ever since. He is said to have netted \$50,000 from his labor on the homestead.

Condensed Milk Combine.

Salem.—The largest corporation in the world, the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk company, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000, has understood this company has taken over the plant at Forest Grove, is a Maine corporation, and the for filling the articles with the secretary of state here were \$235.75.

Apples to Be Canned.

Medford.—Thousands of dollars' worth of apples will be saved when the big California canning company, which is planning an apple butter and canning factory in Medford, commences its plant. The Commercial Club is assisting them in getting a site and they will build a plant that will employ 40 or 50 men.