

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.

Hops are selling in Portland markets at 35 cents.

A strike of shopmen is threatened on all Western railroads.

Democrats beat Republicans 12 to 9 in a baseball game played by members of the national house of representatives.

Balfour attempted to get a vote of censure for Asquith in the British commons, but was overwhelmingly defeated.

The woman mayor of Hunnival, Kansas, is ready to quit, but is determined to oust several defiant councilmen first.

President Taft traveled 400 miles by special train to speak before a Chautauqua assembly and urge approval of reciprocity.

Two men were rescued, starving and ragged, from a barren rock on the Alaska coast, where they were cast two months before by a storm.

Football will be made a regular course at Stanford University, and credits given the same as in any other study, which will count in final graduation honors.

"If we do not receive \$5,000 by the night, we will kill your boy," was the word received by Antony Marino, of Chicago, whose 6-year-old son was kidnapped Saturday.

Fire insurance on standing grain has been reduced from 3 per cent to 1 1/2 per cent in Eastern Oregon and Washington, owing to the large amount of summer fallowing done there.

The United States is preparing for intervention in Haiti.

The senate has passed the reappointment bill, insuring another representative for Oregon.

Wool merchants of San Francisco are up in arms against the new wool tariff, saying Japan will profit by it.

An angry ball-player at Seattle hurled the ball at the umpire's head and then knocked him senseless with a blow from his fist.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—New crop, Bluestem, 80¢; club, 75¢; 76¢; red Russian, 74¢; valley, 75¢; 76¢.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25; middlings, \$32; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$28@29.

Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34 ton. Barley—New Feed, \$24.50 per ton; brewing, \$28 per ton.

Oats—Old white, \$25 ton; new, \$24. Hay—Timothy, valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$11; clover, \$8.50@9; grain hay, \$10.

Fresh Fruits—Cherries, Lamberts, \$2.50@3 per box; apricots, \$1@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, \$1.50@2.25 per crate; peaches, 75¢@1.50 per box; watermelons, 1¢ per pound; plums, \$1.75 per crate; prunes, \$1.75 per box; new apples, \$1.75@2.50 per box; raspberries, \$1.75@1.85; loganberries, \$1.25@1.75; blackberries, 1.75@1.90; pears, \$2.50 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, 5¢@10¢; cabbage, \$1.50@2 per hundred; corn, 30¢@40¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per box; egg plant, 15¢ per pound; garlic, 10¢@12¢ per dozen; lettuce, 30¢@35¢ per dozen; hot house lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 4¢@5¢ per pound; peppers, 9¢@10¢; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 2¢@3¢ per pound; tomatoes, 9¢@12¢ per box; new carrots, \$1.75 per sack; turnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.75.

Potatoes—New Oregon, 1 1/2¢@1 1/4¢ per pound.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$1.75 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢@16¢; springs, 18¢; ducks, young, 15¢; geese, nominal; turkeys, nominal.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candied, 27¢ per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 28¢ per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢@10 1/2¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12¢@13¢ per pound.

Hops—1911 contracts, 30¢ per pound; 1910 crop, 26¢@27¢; 1909 crop, 19¢@20¢; olds, 10¢@11¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9¢@16¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15¢@17¢; mohair, choice, \$36@37¢ per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers \$5.50@6; good, \$5.25@5.50; medium, \$4.50@5; common, \$3.75@4; choice cows, \$4.50@4.75; good, \$4.25@4.50; good, average, \$3.50@4.25; common, \$2.75@3; choice heifers, \$4.75@5; choice bulls, \$3.50@3.75; choice calves, 200 pounds and under, \$7@7.25; good to choice, \$5.50@6; common, \$4@5; choice stags, \$4.50@4.75; good, \$4.25@4.50.

Hogs—Extra choice light hogs, \$7.35@8; heavy, \$6.65@6.90; heavy rough, \$5.75@6.25.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, coarse wool, \$3.25@3.50; choice yearling wethers, coat of mountains, \$3.25@3.50; choice two and threes, \$3@3.25; choice spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50; good, choice spring lambs, \$5@5.25; choice killing ewes, \$2.75@3.

INVITES JAPAN TO JOIN.

Taft Tells Togo of Hopes for Universal Peace.

Washington—President Taft extended to Japan, through the nation's guest, Admiral Togo, at a dinner in the White House in honor of the Japanese naval hero, an invitation to join the United States, Great Britain and France in the great world movement for international peace.

Rising from his chair between Admiral Togo and Speaker Clark, the president offered a toast to the emperor of Japan. Then turning to Count Togo, he said:

"I would indeed fail in my duty and be untrue to my own deep convictions did I not take this occasion of the first public welcome to you as our national guest to express my own appreciation and that of the American people of the broad and humanitarian view taken by His Majesty, the emperor of Japan, and the imperial Japanese government in so readily and generously affirming, in the most positive and solemn manner, that no consideration of selfish interest should be permitted to obstruct the progress of the great world movement for international peace as exemplified in the general treaties of arbitration, between the United States, Great Britain and France, signed on the day of your arrival in this country.

"I gladly acknowledge this important part which Japan has played in facilitating this notable achievement by its prompt and unreserved recognition, in the recent Anglo-Japanese agreement, of the great moral principle of arbitration, and I entertain the hope with confidence that the time may not be far distant when Japan will see fit to join in the movement now so auspiciously inaugurated."

COURT ENDS STRIKE.

Des Moines Car Company and Employees Ordered to Resume.

Des Moines, Ia.—Judge Lawrence Degraff issued a mandatory writ of injunction in the District court ordering the city railway and its employees to resume car service within a reasonable time.

International Organizer Fay, of the Carmen's union, announced that the strike of the Des Moines City Railway employees was ended, so far as the union was concerned.

He said the union would obey the mandate issued by Judge Degraff and the men would be ordered to return to work.

It is also ordered by the writ that Conductor Hiatt shall be temporarily reinstated pending arbitration. Papers to carry out the provisions of the writ were issued for service upon President Leonard, of the Streetcar Men's union, and General Manager Harrigan, of the city railway.

Striking streetcar employees of the Des Moines City railway required just one day in which to rid the city of their ancient enemies, the strikebreakers. It was announced that every strikebreaker brought to this city from Chicago or Omaha either had given up his job and gone home, or was in jail to protect himself from violence and would depart hence by the first train.

CARS ARE STONED.

Woman's Skull Fractured in Coney Island Strike.

New York—The Coney Island & Brooklyn Railroad company ran half-empty cars nine hours Sunday between 20-mile lines of 1,200 policemen. As a result of the attendant riots, four persons are in the hospital, one of them probably mortally hurt; perhaps 49 are suffering from effects of stones and brickbats and 25 strikers and their sympathizers are under lock and key.

As the day advanced the crowds became ugly, and double crews were placed upon all cars on all three lines affected by the strike. A policeman stood behind the two motormen, and plain-clothes men riding in threes and fours over the system, stood ready to repel any attacks upon crews and passengers.

Rebel Leader Threatens.

Guadalajara, Mexico—Jose Martinez, a revolutionary leader of Zapotlan, declares he will put 1,000 armed men in the field in the state of Jalisco unless assurances are given that the plan of the revolutionists outlined at San Luis Potosi last fall will be put into effect. He is said to have recruited a large force in the mountains near Zapotlan. Five hundred troops have been ordered to proceed against them. A clash between rebels and federals took place near Teamaxtlan.

Firmen Wants No Trouble.

Cape Haytien—The French steamer Caravelle is in port here with General Antoine Firmin on board. General Firmin said, in an interview, that he hoped the presidential election in Hayti could be carried out without disturbances being raised by any of the other candidates, because such difficulties probably would result in bloodshed. If the election went against him, General Firmin added, he would accept defeat gracefully.

Warship Crew Mutinous.

Madrid—A section of the crew of the Spanish battleship Numancia mutinied while the ship was lying in the roadstead at Tangier. The mutineers were overpowered and put in irons while the battleship started at full speed for Cadiz. The official explanation of the incident is that it was not political in character, but a demonstration against alleged hardships of the daily duties.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

BERRY MEN ARE HAPPY.

Evaporation and Special Canning Helps Loganberry Growers.

Salem—That the loganberry market is better than ever and that the demand is increasing instead of decreasing are statements of Britt Aspinwall, of Brooks. He and his brother J. P. Aspinwall have 5 acres of these berries and will plant 15 or 20 acres next spring.

Fear of loganberry overproduction is now a thing of the past, with the driers and evaporators, and it is believed that more and more of these berries will be raised annually.

Loganberries produce from four to six tons an acre, and command a handsome price. Up to last year Portland and Seattle were the principal markets from this point, and owing to the heavy offerings there was a slump in the price. Experimentation with the evaporator followed, as it was believed that the market could be extended. The best qualities of the loganberries were preserved and the bulk of the fruit was so reduced that it could be shipped conveniently and economically to all parts of the world.

In addition to this the canneries have discovered a means whereby this class of berry may be conveniently canned and safely preserved. The canneries in Portland and Salem are handling a large quantity of the fruit and are paying prices profitable to the grower. Instead of a glut on the Portland and Puget Sound markets there are now times when a scarcity is felt owing to the distribution of the fruit over large areas of market centers.

Mr. Aspinwall's evaporator has a capacity of 1500 pounds of dried berries daily. It is kept at a temperature of 140 degrees for 24 hours to thoroughly dry the fruit, and a cord of wood will evaporate a ton of loganberries.

UNION HAS GREAT CROP.

Wheat Yield of County Will Go Over Million Bushels.

La Grande—Wheat harvest in Union county is well under way, and what is generally admitted to be a crop from 250,000 to 500,000 bushels in excess of the million bushel record created two years ago, will be harvested during the next month. There is a uniform stand of wheat all over the valley and it is said by many that 1,500,000 bushels is too conservative an estimate. Excellent weather prevails here and it looks like the crop will be harvested without the slightest mishap in any way. If it does, Grand Ronde farmers will glean much profit from this year's crop.

Incidentally the apple and cherry crops are of such proportions—the latter already having been turned into cash as a rule, and indications favoring the former—will provide channels for many other tillers of Grand Ronde valley soil to realize neat profits. Sugar beets, which are grown in this and Wallawa valleys alone in the state of Oregon, indicate the bumper crop.

OATS 80 BUSHELS TO ACRE.

Without Irrigation, Yield Near Ontario Is Immense.

Ontario—The first shipment of crated apricots from the Snake River valley this season was made from the A. E. Woods orchard on the bench northeast of town, when 30 crates were shipped to Wyoming and Montana points at \$1.50 a crate.

Mr. Woods so far as known, has the only apricot orchard in this part of the West, and he expects to ship 1,000 crates of them this season. One shipment of a full carload will be made within a few days. This will probably be the first carload ever shipped out from this valley. The apricots are exceptionally fine.

The first cutting of oats near here this season was made by V. Mercer on his ranch about a mile from Fruitland. The yield was about 80 bushels to the acre. A bunch of oats from the J. F. Doty island in Snake River, containing one stool of oats, brought to town recently, had 32 stalks. They were seven feet tall and heavily burdened with oats. This field had no irrigation, yet promises to yield 80 bushels to the acre at the least.

New Cannery to Start.

New Bridge—The farmers and fruit growers of this valley are delighted with the announcement made by Manager P. J. Loveland that the cannery at this place, the first of its kind ever established in Eagle Valley, will start operation August 10. A large supply of cans and boxes is on hand, and there will be nothing to prevent a run to full capacity during the entire season. Mr. Loveland states that he will employ about 50 people.

Marion Stream Gets 24,000 Trout.

Salem—Shipment of 24,000 young Eastern brook trout has been received in this city by Houser Bros. through the efforts of Representative Hawley. The trout will be consigned to Battle Creek. The fry were in excellent condition when received and there is every reason to believe that they will survive and propagate freely.

Shops Run on Full Time.

La Grande—After months of curtailed hours, the machine and round house crews in this city have been returned to regular hours again. The machine shop and round house crews are working 54 hours a week instead of 42 during the dull season.

HOPS BRING 30 CENTS.

Highest Price Since 1904—Further Rise Predicted.

Portland—Thirty cents has been paid in this city for new-crop Oregon hops, the highest price that has been current in this state since the latter part of 1904. Within less than a week's time the market here has jumped from 25 to 30 cents. That it will soon go to 40 cents is now conceded by nearly everyone in the trade.

The 30-cent purchase was made by McNeff Bros., hop dealers of this city, who obtained part of the crop of George L. Rose, of Salem, on which they paid a 10-cent case advance. They also bought at the same price 100 bales from another Oregon grower and 20,000 pounds from a grower in the Yakima valley.

Other dealers were in the market with 30-cent offers, but so far as could be learned had been unable to buy.

Hop merchants and growers were satisfied that the market would have to advance in view of the alarming crop reports that came from Europe, but the price struck the 30-cent level somewhat sooner than expected.

HYLAND FRUITMEN MEET.

Yamhill Association to Convene in Sheridan August 19.

McMinnville—The Hyland Fruit-growers' association, of Yamhill county, will meet at Sheridan on the afternoon of August 19. The general subject to be discussed at this meeting will be "The Handling and Cultivating of Yamhill County Soils, With Special Reference to Orchard Work." W. K. Newell, president of the state board of horticulture, has promised to be present and will give an address. Dr. James Withycombe, of the Oregon Experimental station, will also be present and will address the assembly.

The McMinnville Fruit association will be in attendance and will provide for a discussion on walnut culture. The Dallas association will attend and will furnish a talk on prune culture. This meeting is looked forward to with a great deal of interest and it ought to call out all the ranchers and fruitgrowers in the section. H. B. Miller, president of the Hyland Fruit-growers, will preside. All the horticultural heads of the state will also be present, while quite an attendance from Portland is expected.

RAIN AIDS FIRE FIGHTERS.

Linn County Forest Conflagration Is Almost Under Control.

Albany—A light rain in the mountains of Eastern Linn county has helped the fire fighters who are trying to stop a forest fire which is burning on Squaw mountain near the headwaters of Blue river, about 30 miles southeast of Cascadia. The fire had been spreading rapidly until this rain came. Since then the fire fighters have succeeded in holding it almost in check, though it is not yet under control.

A report was received at the forest service headquarters of the Santiam district here from Forest Ranger Knowles, who is in charge of the crew fighting this fire, stating that at the time the report was sent the fire had covered about three square miles. It is in an old burn, but as the old trunks stand close together and there are also many logs it is a very hot and dangerous fire. The report said that barring a heavy wind it was believed the fire could be kept from spreading into the green timber.

OLCOTT FOR PUBLICITY.

State Land Board Meetings Should Be Open, He Says.

Salem—Further in support of his contention that meetings of the state land board should be open to the public, Secretary Olcott has issued a formal statement concerning the work of companies on irrigation projects.

In this statement he declares that not a single contract now in force with companies reclaiming arid lands is satisfactory to the state. Secretary Olcott believes that the meetings of the desert land board in particular should be thrown open to the public, so that the settlers on such lands may have opportunity to become familiar with all the transactions of the board in connection with these lands.

Treasurer Kay said that he is in favor of allowing press representatives to attend the board meetings.

Apple Crop's Return Big.

Hood River—The Applegrowers' union has made its first shipment of this year's apple crop. The consignment was composed of Red Astrachans. The fruit was well shaped, smooth-skinned and without blemishes. Manager Sproat says the lot of apples will bring good returns. All of last season's apples were sold by July 1, and the past year's business is now cleaned up. The business last year amounted to a little more than \$600,000.

Surveyors Nearing Florence.

Florence—Surveyors for the Willamette & Pacific railroad, recently incorporated by G. K. Wending and others, are now working along the north side of the Siuslaw river, and have reached a point about 12 miles above Florence. Another party is working on the west slope of the Coast range, having crossed over by the Noti pass, and is coming in this direction.

GERMANS ATTACK EMPEROR

Moroccan Question Settlement Cause of Trouble.

Berlin—The prospect of a speedy settlement of the Moroccan question between Germany and France is welcomed on every hand, but the terms of the agreement when they become known, probably will cause considerable dissatisfaction.

Details still remain to be arranged. Both Germany and France have been compelled to concede weighty points because neither was prepared to press matters too far.

The first indications of indignation have appeared in the Pan-German Post and Zukunft, the organ of Maximilian Harden. The leading article of the Pan-German Post not only attacks foreign minister Von Kiderlin-Waechter and Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, and demands their retirement from office, but makes a terrific onslaught upon Emperor William, asking:

"What has happened to the Hohenzollerns?"

It also calls the emperor the strongest supporter of the Anglo-French policy.

The Pan-German Post concludes by calling the emperor "William the Timid," and "The Valorous Poltroon."

Herr Arden in the Zukunft also attacks His Majesty severely, naming him "William the Peaceful."

MEAT INQUIRY ORDERED.

Freight Rates to Be Special Subject of Commission's Quest.

Washington, D. C.—A sweeping inquiry, numbering 162 railroads in the West, South and Southwest, as respondents, was ordered by the interstate commerce commission into the freight rates charged on livestock, fresh meats and packing house products. It is indicated by the commission that the purpose of the inquiry is not only to secure a parity of rates, but to establish by definite order, rates which the commission shall regard as reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory.

Incidentally, commercial rivalry between two sets of meat packers in Chicago enters into the case.

In view of the great importance of the several proceedings heretofore instituted, it was decided by the commission to consolidate them into one case. It was regarded as next to impossible so to adjust the rates as to insure parity of charges throughout the territory by the consideration and disposition of individual cases.

TOGO RIDES WITH ENGINEER

Noted Japanese Admires America's Electrical Eminence.

New York—Admiral Togo left New York Friday night for Washington. His departure had a feature quite as unusual as his midnight arrival and welcome in New York bay the night before, for he left the city in the cab of a big electric engine, drawing a heavy Pennsylvania train for the capital.

Although the private car Olivette, which the government has provided for him, was attached to the train, the naval hero elected to sit by the engineer's side and watch him operate the 4,000-horsepower motor.

"I am intensely interested in your world pre-eminence in electrical engineering and railroading," the little admiral said through his interpreter, "and I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to observe, so I will ride with the engineer."

Work Makes Earth Paradise.

New York—Thomas A. Edison has started for a European trip for the first time in 22 years. With him on the Mauretania were his son, Charles, and in London Mrs. Edison and their daughter Madeline will soon join them. The family will make an automobile tour of the Continent. Edison was asked if he had anything new up his sleeve. He replied: "No, I have just finished something new. My talking pictures are complete. Two hundred sets of them have been made and they are wonderful. You ought to see them and hear them."

Woman Steam Tug Pilot.

Tacoma—The little steam tug Fawn, of Tacoma, comes now to the front with a distinction all her own. She has a regular "lady skipper," Captain Mrs. T. J. Walthey. Mrs. Walthey has a pilot license for vessels of 100 tons plying between Cape Flattery and Puget Sound points. Captain Walthey, her husband, who is at present taking orders from Mrs. Walthey as engineer, says the license would qualify his wife to act as mate on one of the big steamers that come into port from all over the world.

Fight Bitter in Canada.

Winnipeg—The report that the Dominion government will insist on handling the registration of voters lists in Manitoba for the approaching election created a sensation here and shows that the fight is on over reciprocity. The law says the Dominion has the right to prepare lists in the province where they have not been prepared for a year. The provincial government, continues, however, to make its preparations to register.

Storm Hits Southwest.

Kansas City—Rains which have fallen in Southwest Missouri, Southeastern Kansas and Northern Oklahoma since Wednesday morning have done damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000. At Lowell, near Galena, an electric company dynamited its 30-foot power dam, which cost nearly \$500,000, in order to save the costly machinery of its plant.

RICH MAN COINS BOGUS MONEY

Wealthy San Franciscan Is An Expert Counterfeiter.

Formerly Accomplished Metal Worker, Claims He First Made Bad Coins As Pastime.

San Francisco—George Wilson, the most skillful counterfeiter of gold coins ever captured in San Francisco, was arrested by secret service operatives and has made a complete confession. At his home, a \$10,000 house in a fashionable street of the Richmond district, the secret service men found a complete outfit for making counterfeit \$5 coins. When Wilson was searched 15 coins of his own make were in his possession. He is reputed to be moderately wealthy.

The perfection of the molds and the startlingly fine workmanship of the counterfeiters drew from the officers the statement that the coins are the most nearly perfect ever seen. Wilson formerly was an expert metal worker.

For some time the secret service men worked quietly in tracing the authorship of the almost perfect \$5 counterfeit coins. When arrested Wilson at once confessed and admitted the secret service men to the hiding place of his molds and counterfeiting tools. These were kept in a desk drawer in the living room of the Wilson home.

Mrs. Wilson, a nervous woman, who has lived for weeks in terror of just such a termination of her husband's work, collapsed when the officers crossed her threshold. Wilson had not been content with the plaster of paris molds used by the unskilled counterfeiter, but constructed his of copper, cast with wonderful skill, and both the old and new designs of the five-dollar coins.

In his confession Wilson implicated his wife, but said that she did not pass any of the illegal coins and had no part in their production. She was not arrested.

Wilson bore a good reputation. He was well-known in the Richmond district, where he had lived for some time. His handsome home is surrounded by residences of many of San Francisco's best-known business men, many of whom were his friends. Wilson said that he began making the coins experimentally, and they looked so good to him that he could not resist the temptation to make more of them.

WRECK GIVES UP BONES.

Engineers Find Relics of Maine Victims on Every Hand.

Havana—With the gas-blast apparatus installed by the engineers, the tangled barnacled mass that was once the United States battleship Maine, being dislodged from the muck of the harbor, where it was sunk by a mysterious explosion in 1898.

Within the past week almost every step taken by the engineers in the exploration of the wreck has revealed the bones of ill-fated men—warriors who went down with her.

Of the remains found this week only one set of bones has been identified, and in this instance it is possible that the engineers are mistaken. The identification was that of the bones of Assistant Engineer Merritt, visible from the fact that the upper jaw contains two gold teeth, and from a peculiar mark on the skull.

The bones supposed to be those of Merritt were discovered at the present spot where Midshipman Boyd testified that he and Merritt had been separated by the inrush of water while struggling to make their way from the junior officers' wardroom to the main deck.

Bones of two other men were found near the warrant officers' quarters on the port side of the berth deck. Identification is impossible. The total number of bodies recovered is 21.

Aviator Dives Into Sea.

Long Beach, Cal.—After thrilling great throng of Sunday visitors to the beach here with a spiral dip down the wave tops, Aviator Frank Chapman startled the spectators with an unexpected plunge into the surf about 100 feet from shore. Bathing life guards swam to his assistance, unfastened the straps which held him to his seat and brought him safely ashore. He had been blinded, it was said, by oil flying from the engine of his monoplane, and steered down by the wind to land on the beach.

Jail Feeds Fire Fighters.

San Bernardino, Cal.—The fire station continues to improve, and within 48 hours it is believed every vestige of flames on the mountains north of this city will be extinguished. Arrangements have been made apparently to pay off the stranded fire fighters, many of whom were sent back to this city from the front several days ago. Those of the exhausted ones who were absolutely penniless were fed and lodged at the city jail.

British Warship Ashore.

Halifax, N. S.—A wireless dispatch received here says the British cruiser Cornwallis is stranded on the ledge of Cape Sable, a few miles from where the Canadian flagship Niobe went to the rocks July 30. The message stated that the Cornwallis was not damaged and apparently had not sustained any serious damages.