

# CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Highlights of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

A tugboat at Vancouver, B. C., pulled her entire stern out while towing a big log raft.

An ensign was killed and several men wounded in a fight with hostile natives in the Philippines.

Nearly 1,000 clerks have struck in the general offices of the Illinois Central railroad at Memphis, Tennessee.

Germany is trying to prevent a war between Italy and Turkey, fearing her powers would be drawn into such a struggle.

A New Brunswick, N. J., underdog who is running for the office of sheriff, used his automobile hearse to display election signs.

Four persons were killed in a Chicago tenement house fire. A woman weighing 454 pounds was carried from a fourth floor by firemen.

A woman committed to the Oregon insane asylum has been making her living as a shoemaker and passing herself for a man for 49 years.

A daughter of ex-Governor Richard, of Wyoming, with her husband, was found shot to death on their ranch near Redbank, Wyoming.

A Newport butler organized a "smart set" of 100 among the servants of wealthy society people and made himself "social dictator."

A Chicago couple have been "getting married" repeatedly, each time bringing the minister a counterfeit \$20 bill and getting \$10 in good money in exchange.

Disruption of the Steel trust presents a stupendous problem and has caused great stir in Wall street.

Canada has voted against the party which favored reciprocity by a large majority.

War is on between settlers and lumbermen over fine redwood forests near Fish, Cal.

"Progressive" Republicans deny that they are planning to nominate Hughes for president.

San Francisco wins its fight for a right of way to the ferry landing for municipal street railway.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Export basis: Bluestem, 48.80c; club, 80.681c; red Russian, 48.10c; valley, 80.681c; 40-fold, 81.92c; 50c, 80.681c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per cwt; middlings, \$32; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$33.50@34.50.

Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34 per cwt.

Barley—New feed, \$31@32 per ton; brewing, \$37.

Oats—New white, \$28@28.50 ton. Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15@16; No. 1 valley, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$8.50; grain hay, \$9@11.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16.5c; springs, 15@15.5c; ducks, young, 15@17c; geese, 11c; turkeys, 18@19c.

Butter—Oregon creamery, solid pack, 31c; prints, extra.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 30c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11.5c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 13@13.5c per pound.

Fresh Fruits—Cantaloupes, 50c@1.25 per crate; peaches, 50c@75c per crate; watermelons, 75c@1.25 per crate; plums, 50c@75c per crate; apples, 1.40@2c per pound; pears, 50c@1 per box; grapes, 50c@1 per box; apples, 1.00@1.75.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; beans, 50@10c; cabbages, \$1.50@2 per hundred; corn, 25c@30c per bushel; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per sack; eggplant, 5@8c per pound; garlic, 10@12c per pound; lettuce, 40@50c per head; house lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peppers, 5@6c per pound; mushrooms, 12c per dozen; sprouts, 8c per pound; tomatoes, 50c@75c per box; rutabaga, \$1.50 per sack; turnips, \$1; cabbages, \$1.75.

Potatoes—Oregon, 1.5c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2.5c per pound.

Onions—California, \$1.50 per hundred.

Hops—1911 crop, 32@33c; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 5@17c; mohair, choice 36@37c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.40@5.50; fair, \$4.50@4.75; medium, \$4.50@4.75; poor, \$3.75@4.50; choice cows, \$4.50@4.75; fair, \$4@4.40; common, \$2.50@3.50; Extra choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5; choice heifers, \$4.50@4.75; choice bulls, \$3@3.25; good, \$2.75@3; common, \$2@2.50; choice calves, 200 pounds and under, \$7.25@7.50; good choice, \$6@6.50; common, \$4@5; choice stags, \$4.50@4.75 good, \$4.25@4.50.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$7.75@8; good, \$7.50@7.75; fair, \$7.25@7.50; common, \$7@7.25.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, same wool, \$3.35@3.65. Choice yearling wethers, east of mountains, \$3.35@3.65; choice two and three, \$3@3.25; choice lambs, \$4.75@5; choice yearlings, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice lambs, \$4.25@4.50; culls, \$2.50@3.

## SOCIETY LEADER, WHOSE EXPERIMENTAL FARM FOR SUFFRAGISTS IS FAILURE.



MRS. O. H. P. BELMONT.

### REVOLUTION THREATENS SPAIN

General Strikes Called and Nation is Under Martial Law.

Madrid—Spain is face to face with a crisis equal to that following the riots in Barcelona in 1909. The agitation and the power of the agitators on the masses have increased in proportion to the rigor of the repressive measures undertaken by the government.

What, at its origin, was purely a labor movement, now has developed into a revolutionary conflict, a commune having actually been proclaimed at two towns near Valencia and the authorities driven out.

The affiliated trades unions have decided to call a general strike all over Spain, and the government has decided upon the drastic step of "suspending the constitutional guarantee" throughout the country. This virtually means martial law.

Meetings have been forbidden. The military authorities, it is said officially, will not assume control except in extreme cases.

At Bilbao troops fired on a crowd that was endeavoring to free prisoners, including strike leaders, who were being taken through the streets. Twenty-six persons were wounded. The situation is grave.

King Alfonso has signed a decree suspending the constitutional guarantee throughout Spain. This act, which had been under consideration for some days, was taken to give the government power to deal sharply and promptly with the revolutionary agitation now fermenting in many parts of Spain, especially in the cities and industrial districts, where republican and revolutionary plans are being furthered under cover of workingmen's strikes.

The most serious situation is at Valencia, where a general strike was declared. The city was at once placed under martial law, and though there was more or less rioting throughout the day, the authorities had matters pretty well in hand until after dark, when the disturbers vented their fury in an attack on the officials in the adjacent township of Cullera.

The rioters murdered a judge and wounded other officials of the court which had been engaged in the trial of those arrested earlier in the day. The mob was finally dispersed by guards from the custom house.

### Gila Monster Bites Man.

Los Angeles—Prompt treatment with a vacuum pump saved the life of Mathias E. Eigenherr, a miner from Arizona, who was bitten by a Gila monster while he was exhibiting the animal on the street here. He had the monster secured in a box. He met some friends and tried to open the box to show the creature, when it fastened its teeth in his arm. Eigenherr was rushed to the receiving hospital, where the surgeons succeeded in extracting the poison from the wounds. The monster was shot by a policeman.

### Aviator Falls to Death.

Dewitt, Ia.—John A. Rosenbaum, of Chicago, was killed here when his aeroplane fell from a height of 50 feet. He had been in the air only 20 minutes when he lost control of the machine. Rosenbaum was making a trial flight when he met death. Other aviators previously had failed to make successful flights in the same machine and Rosenbaum declared he would not fly until daylight that he considered the little one out of danger. The illness was due to limburger. It resulted in ptomaine poisoning.

### Et-a's Lava Bars People.

Catania, Italy—The eruption of Mount Etna again was renewed Wednesday. Shots from guns of people who have been shut off by the lava were heard, but the people could not be rescued.

### DESTROYED FROM OUTSIDE.

Ruins of Battleship Maine Are Cleared of Slime.

Havana—The Maine was destroyed by an external explosion. There no longer remains any doubt as to the manner in which the United States battleship was sunk in this harbor on the night of February 15, 1898.

The cofferdam about the wreck has been pumped out and the mud cleared away to a greater extent than ever before. The clearing away of wreckage reveals the double bottom of the ship with part of the keel standing in a perpendicular position 28 feet higher than the natural position.

This perfectly confirms the report and testimony which Ensign Powellson gave before an investigating board after the disaster and which was based upon reports made to him by divers just after the explosion.

It is indicated by engineers here that such a tearing of the ship's bottom could not have been produced by an interior explosion. It is further said that no regulation military mine could have wrought such terrific havoc. It must have been a huge mine, as Captain Sigbee and others suggested at the time; perhaps a sugar mill boiler or large cask loaded with explosives.

### 500 SAILORS PERISH WHEN FRENCH WARSHIP BLOWS UP

Marseilles, France—Fire broke out in the ammunition hold of the French battleship *Liberte* and the vessel blew up and sank 19 minutes later. Nearly 500 of the crew are dead. The battleship was built about five years ago and was a sister ship of the *Verite*, which met with misfortune at the maneuvers a few days ago, going on the rocks and suffering considerable damage before being pulled off.

### TAFT BUSY IN ST. LOUIS.

Urges Power of Impeachment Instead of Recall for Judges.

St. Louis—During a moderately busy day here Saturday, President Taft made six speeches, took a forty mile automobile ride, opened the local football season by tossing the pigskin onto the gridiron at St. Louis University, laid the cornerstone of a new Y. W. C. A. building, sat through nine innings of exciting baseball between the St. Louis and Philadelphia National League teams, visited the Masonic Club to be made a life member of that organization and, after addressing a throng in the Coliseum in the evening had nothing to do but travel all night in order to be in the insurgent state of Kansas on Sunday.

On the eve of entering this reputedly hostile territory, President Taft brought forward the suggestion of a wider power of impeachment as a substitute for the more radical proposal of a judiciary recall.

### Cheese Poisons Child.

Portland—One week slice of cheese nearly caused the death of Florence George, aged three, late Saturday night, and a like amount of the same food brought hours of agony to her four brothers, Theodore, seven; Roy, 10; Willim, 13; Adam, 16. The physician was called at 11 o'clock and it was not until daylight that he considered the little one out of danger. The illness was due to limburger. It resulted in ptomaine poisoning.

### 15,000 Socialists Protest.

Paris—A mass meeting of Socialists and Laborites to protest against a war with Germany brought out 15,000 persons here.

## DUE TO PATRIOTISM.

Canada's Vote Against Reciprocity Means Love of Country.

Montreal, Canada—That popular post-election puzzle, "How did it happen?" is fascinating all Canada. "Reciprocity was repudiated," says an evening paper, in three-inch type, with a cartoon below showing an archangel chaining "The Destroyer"—reciprocity—with a chain of votes.

"Yesterday's victory was not a triumph for any political party," an editorial declares. "It was won by a patriotic coalition of Conservatives and Liberals determined that the dream of a great imperishable Canada should not be despoiled."

Another, displaying the severed heads from the eight defeated Laurier ministers, insists that the time had come for a change in government, lest the controlling party become entrenched in graft.

Fear of annexation, disagreement with the government's naval and transportation policy and anxiety lest the principle of national principle be abandoned, were other causes assigned for the surprising change which gives the Borden followers a big lead in the new house.

## COLONIST INFLUX JUMPS.

Harriman Lines Report Passenger Business Double That in 1910.

San Francisco—The first six days, figures on the annual colonist business over the Harriman lines, announced by E. E. Wade, chief clerk of the passenger department of the Southern Pacific, show an astonishing increase in this year's business.

By way of Portland the business jumped from 14 passengers last year to 198 this year; by Los Angeles, 43 to 109; by El Paso, from 489 to 1,341, while the Ogden route shows a total for the six days of 1911, as against 1,275 last year.

The total business for the six days shows an increase of from 1,821 for the first week of the season of 1910 to 3,592 for the same period this year. The business is heavily on the increase and at the present rate will surpass that of 1910 by more than two to one.

## AVIATOR MEETS JEERS.

Makes Flight Against Judgment; Burns in Air.

Dayton, Ohio—Forced into the air by the jeers of thousands who called him a coward, Frank H. Miller, 23 years old, a Toledo, Ohio, aviator, shot into the sky at twilight and when 200 feet up was burned to death at the Miami county fair at Troy, near here.

Miller circled the fair grounds race track and was just starting on a spiral glide into a neighboring cornfield, when something went wrong. The craft dropped like a shot for 50 feet. A tiny blue flame was emitting from the engine, and in an instant more the gasoline tank exploded. The machine was wrecked, debris was hurled hundreds of feet in all directions. What remained of the aeroplane and its driver was burned almost to a crisp as they dropped rapidly to earth.

## ROBBERS GET STRONG-BOX.

Alaska Miners Lose Year's Clean-up in Short Order.

Katag, Alaska—Masked men held up a car on the Iditarod Flat tramway one and a half miles from Flat City and stole a strong box containing \$35,000 in gold dust, the property of three miners named Friend, Frank Lawson and Bennett James. Friend was in charge.

All the circumstances show that the robbery was carefully planned.

The robbery was committed at the head of Cottonwood creek on the line of the Iditarod Tramway, the single transportation facility that connects Iditarod, the steamboat landing for this station, with Flat City, which is seven miles distant. The tram service is supplied by small cars, the motive power of which is two mules, driven tandem, to each car.

## Thumb Lost; Train Saved

San Bernardino, Cal.—N. R. Graham, a Santa Fe railroad brakeman, cut off his own thumb to save a train from an open switch at this place. Graham saw that the switch had been thrown the wrong way for his train, and when the locomotive reached a point within a short distance of the frog, he grasped the lever and threw his weight upon it. One of his thumbs was caught in the mechanism, but Graham still bore down. He turned the switch, and averted a wreck, but left the thumb crushed under the lever.

## Tornado Hits Vesuvius.

Naples, Italy—A hurricane of great violence, accompanied by a deluge of rain, swept the Vesuvian region causing a heavy loss of life and damage to property. It is estimated that 50 persons were killed. Numerous boats in the bay of Naples are missing, and are believed to have been sunk. It is impossible to estimate the total damage as the telegraph and telephone wires are leveled and roads blocked in all directions.

## Dreadnaught Takes Water.

Brest, France—The Jean Bart, the new French warship of the "super-dreadnaught" class, was launched here. She has a displacement of 23,467 tons and with engines of 28,000 horsepower is expected to show a speed of 20 knots an hour. Her armament consists of 12 12-inch guns in six turrets, and 24 5.6-inch guns. When ready for sea, the vessel will have cost \$12,400,000.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

LOSS IN YAMHILL IS HEAVY. BEE MEN WANT INSPECTION.

Prunes, Hops and Grain Ruined by Continued Rains.

Newberg—While the apple and pear crops of this section have not been injured to any extent, scores of acres of prunes are molding, and it is estimated that not more than half a crop will be harvested.

Hops have suffered severely and the early jubilation of growers over good prices has in many instances been turned into disappointment over the partial or total loss of their fields. In the vicinity of Chehalem Center and in the direction of Lafayette many yards where picking was begun about September 1, have been abandoned. North of Newberg and around Middleton and Sherwood many of the yards are so moldy that little or no picking will be done.

In grain the most general loss will be felt. Thousands of tons of oats, vetch and wheat, soaked by the continual rains, are rotting in sacks or in the shock. It is estimated that in the valley not more than one-third of the grain has been threshed, while on Chehalem mountain and to the north in the direction of Tualatin scarcely a wheel has been turned in the harvest fields. After the first downpour of ten days ago the sun came out bright and many farmers uncovered their stacks, only to be dismayed by a soaking rain within another few hours. The result is that many stacks which were at first only partially damaged became wholly exposed to the elements and are now total losses.

Local grain dealers say that while Newberg storehouses are in ordinary falls filled to their capacity with oats and wheat, there will be more than room to spare this year.

## UMATILLA AUTOS ARE MANY

Motors Popular With Farmers in County—400 in Use.

Pendleton—Though commonly termed a sparsely settled section it is doubtful if any other county in the state can point to so great and rapid development of the automobile industry as Umatilla. Although the farmers were slow to take up automobiles at first, the machines have rapidly sprung into favor on the farm in the last two years and at present by far the greatest number of owners are growers of grain. It is estimated that more than 400 machines are now owned in a county the largest town of which boasts a population of a little more than 5,000.

It is also especially true of farmer autoists as a class that the larger cars are the most popular. The best seems to be none too good for the growers of grain in this section of the state. Their machinery, their horses, and every part of their farm equipment, is the best that money can buy. Thus it happens that when a tiller of the soil comes to purchase a car he does not stop at the price, but picks out the car that seems to him to be the best fitted for his purpose. The one thing that he is particular about is to get the power necessary to take him up the hills and over the roads.

The development of automobilism has also resulted in the development of better roads. A Good Roads association, composed almost exclusively of automobile owners, was organized two years ago and has done much to obtain improvement of the county's highways. Macadam roads have been constructed where this was possible, straw has been used to great advantage in summer, permanent bridges have been built and steps have been taken to make all future road improvements permanent instead of temporary.

## GOLD HILL PEACHES HUGE.

Fruit From Sam's Valley Orchards Weigh Three-Quarters of Pound.

Gold Hill—Peaches weighing three-quarters of a pound each have been shown in the local market lately. They come from Sam's valley orchards, and the varieties are Muirs and Chairs Choice. Shipments to the Portland markets have already begun.

The Miller orchard of Sam's valley will ship its entire crop of 1,000 boxes to the Oregon metropolis. The price in the local market for the best peaches has been as high as 5 cents a pound.

Grapes from local vineyards have just made their appearance here. While there will not be more than half a crop, the quality is high.

## O. A. C. Boy in British Columbia

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—C. C. Clark, Portland, graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College in '70, is superintendent of the large holdings of the British Columbia Land & Water company, Kamloops, B. C., 350 acres of which is planted to fruit. After taking graduate work at the college Mr. Clark became horticulturist for the department of agriculture, British Columbia, a position which he resigned to go to Kamloops.

## Orchard Land Brings \$15,000.

Portland—W. A. Bowers and associates, of Elwood, Ind., have purchased the 100-acre farm of Lorenzo Sleepy, near Talent, in Jackson county, for \$15,000. The tract is located in a well known fruit district. It is the intention of the new owners to develop the land and plant it to a commercial orchard.

## Hops Nearly All Picked.

Brooks—Hops are nearly all picked in this section, but a few yards are still unpicked, and mold has appeared.

Warm Discussion of Governor's Veto at Annual Meeting at Salem.

Salem—The annual meeting of the State Beekeepers' association on the fair grounds here was marked by lively discussion of the governor's veto of the proposed bill for bee inspection. All former officers were re-elected, but the secretary treasurer having resigned, H. F. Wilson, in charge of the apary at the Oregon Agricultural college, was elected to fill the vacancy. Plans were discussed for securing space and premiums for a bee exhibit at the next state fair.

"The association members feel that they are as much a part of the agricultural industry of Oregon as are a number of other branches, and deserve protection," said Mr. Wilson, referring to the discussion of the inspection measure. "A new bill will be prepared and presented to the next session of the legislature, and it is hoped that all the beekeepers of the state will work for its passage."

"Many people throughout the United States make beekeeping their sole business. Thousands of hives are also distributed among orchardists and farmers. Oregon produces but a small part of what can be secured from the right kind of beekeeping, and is one of the few states of the Union which has no inspection law. Under existing conditions it is almost impossible to keep out diseases and other destructive pests."

"Mr. L. C. Fones, of Portland, succeeded in securing 249 pounds of section honey from a single colony of bees during the past season. Thousands of colonies producing half that much contribute materially to the wealth of the state. To one suited for the work there is no more enjoyable occupation."

## GERMANY AFTER APPLES.

Hamburg Firm Sends Buyer Here to Get Oregon Fruit.

Portland—Oregon apples are in such demand in Germany that W. Knudel, representing a firm of exporters of Hamburg, has arrived in Portland for the purpose of purchasing select stock from Hood River and other districts.

"We never have been able to get enough Hood River apples," said Mr. Knudel. "By coming right on to the field I hope to obtain at least all that the market here will offer. However, the demand for Hood River Spitzenbergs and Wenatchee Winesaps is so great that I don't expect to get all I could dispose of."

"In Germany we consider the Oregon apples the finest that can be grown. They are served in the leading hotels and in the best cafes and are in constant demand in fashionable homes. The people are willing to pay a higher price for apples grown in this state than for those of any other part of the world. There will always be a market for Oregon stock in Germany and little danger of an excessive supply."

The firm represented by Mr. Knudel imports fruits from various countries for sale to high-class hotels, restaurants, cafes and dealers who cater to the aristocracy. This is the first time that they have entered the local market on such an extensive scale.

## Shipping Days Named.

Salem—Saturday has been designated by the Railroad commission as the day upon which stock in less than 10 carload lots can be transported on the lines of the O.-W. R. & N. The law in relation to the subject was passed by the last legislature and provides that railroad companies may transport stock in excess of 10 carload lots any day in the week. It further provides that during but two days of the week can stock be transported in less than 10 carload lots and gives the railroad company the right to have one of the days and the commission the other. The company has named Tuesday as the other day.

## Hatchery Man Promoted.

Astoria—Irwin H. Wilson, superintendent of the Klatskanie River salmon hatchery, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of trout hatcheries in the state fisheries department. His successor at the local hatchery has not been announced. Mr. Wilson's principal duties in his new position are understood to be the selection of sites for the establishment of trout hatcheries and the erecting and equipping of the plants.

## Professor Goes to British Columbia

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Prof. C. I. Lewis of the horticulture department of the Oregon Agricultural College leaves soon for two weeks' trip through British Columbia fruit districts, including Nelson, New Westminster, and the Okanogan and Grand Forks districts, covering some 1,800 miles.

## Dallas Gets Goat Show.

Salem—At a meeting of the Northwest Angora Goat association held here it was decided to hold the annual show at Dallas, probably some time in December. No other business was transacted, the election of officers and business in connection with the pool going over until the show.