

# 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.

Spokane high school girls will limit cost of graduating gowns to \$10 each.

The timber output of Washington for the past year is estimated to be worth \$54,750,000.

Representative Underwood, of Alabama, has declared against the initiative and referendum.

A free ship bill in congress may defeat the combine against an Atlantic-Pacific steamer line via the Panama canal.

John D. denies that he took any undue advantage of the Merritt brothers in securing title to vast mineral deposits in Michigan.

A gigantic smuggling plot has been revealed whereby hundreds of Chinese have been brought to Chicago and New York from Canada.

Governor West, of Oregon, has commuted the sentence of another murderer, and asserts he will not allow capital punishment so long as he remains in office.

L. W. W. disturbers at Aberdeen, Wash., attempted to rescue some of their number from jail, but were routed by streams of water from the fire hose.

A Portland justice court decided that a willow plume is a necessity of life for a woman, and a dry goods house in that city is unable to enforce payment for the ornament.

A French newspaper correspondent with the Turks at Tripoli says that city is in a state of seige, and that the Italians have not made any material progress since the war started.

Los Angeles women hold the balance of power in the politics of that city.

Persia begs the powers to interfere and prevent the aggressions of Russia.

Alarm and distress increase in Seattle as the water supply rapidly disappears.

James J. Hill extolls the wonders of the Pacific Northwest at the Chicago Land show.

Millions will change hands in Los Angeles at the coming election if the Socialists are defeated.

### PORTLAND MARKETS:

Wheat—Export basis: Bluestem, 83c; club, 80c; red Russian, 78c; valley, 80c; forty-fold, 81c.

Corn—Whole, 33¢; cracked, 33¢.

Millstuffs—Bran, 23¢ per ton; middlings, 31¢; shorts, 24¢; rolled barley, 35¢@36¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, 31¢@32¢.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, 18¢@19¢; No. 1 valley, 15¢@17¢; alfalfa, 13¢@14¢; clover, 11¢@12¢; grain, 11¢@12¢.

Barley—Feed, 32.5¢@33¢ per ton; brewing, nominal.

Fresh Fruits—Pears, \$1.25@1.60 per box; grapes, 50¢@1.10; cranberries, \$1.10@1.12 per barrel.

Apples—Jonathans, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenbergs, \$1@2.50; Baldwin, 75¢@1.50; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25@1.75; Northern Spy, \$1.25@1.75; Winter Banana, 22¢@3¢; Bellflower, \$1@1.25.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90¢@1.20 per hundred.

Onions—Buying prices, \$1.15 sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢ dozen; beans, 5¢@10¢; cabbage, 10¢@12¢ per pound; cauliflower, 50¢@1 per dozen; California, \$4 per crate; garlic, 10¢@12¢ per pound; lettuce, 75¢@80¢ per dozen; house lettuce, \$1.25 per box; pumpkins, 16¢@18¢ per pound; sprouts, 8¢@9¢; squash, 14¢@15¢ per pound; tomatoes, 50¢@1 per box; carrots, \$1 per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 37¢; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack price.

Poultry—Hens, 10¢@12¢; springs, 10¢@12¢; ducks, young, 16¢@17¢; geese, 11¢@12¢; turkeys, live, 18¢@20¢; dressed, choice, 22¢@24¢.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 50¢ per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8¢@9¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12¢@13¢ per pound.

Hops—1911 crop, 44¢@45¢; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9¢@16¢ per pound; valley, 15¢@17¢; mohair, choice, 35¢@37¢.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.45@5.85; good, \$5.30@4.45; fair, \$5.15@5.30; choice cows, \$4.50@4.85; fair, \$4.45; common, \$2.50@3.50; extra choice spayed heifers, \$4.50@4.60; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4.00; 4.25; common, \$2.50; choice calves, \$7.25@7.50; good, \$7.00@7.25; common, \$4.50; choice stags, \$4.50@4.75; good, \$4.25@4.50.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.75@6.85; good to choice hogs, \$5.60@6.75; fair, \$6.25@6.50; common, 5¢@6.25.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, coarse wool, \$4.00; choice yearling wethers, east of mountains, \$3.40@3.60; choice twos and threes, \$3.20@3.35; choice lambs, \$4.60@4.75; good, \$4.45; valley lambs, \$3.75@4.45; culls, \$3@3.50.

### NEW TRIBE FOUND.

Eskimos Who Resemble Europeans See First White Man.

Edmonton, Alberta—After spending three and one-half years on the Arctic trails of the wilds of the far North, J. C. Melville has returned to civilization. One of the tribes of Eskimos that he visited had never seen a white man before.

These people show many traits common to the European races. They probably are actual descendants of survivors of Sir John Franklin's two ships that were lost in these regions in the middle of the 19th century and never heard of again.

Another theory is that they are the descendants of the Scandinavian settlers of Greenland, who in the middle ages had to move from that country and proceeded along the Northern coast of the American continent and finally settled among the tribes somewhere in the vicinity of where they were found by the travelers.

So great is the struggle for existence within the Arctic Circle, that the female infants are destroyed lest they prove too great a strain on the slender resources of the tribe. A mother will bring up one girl, and only one. If any other girl baby is born, it is exposed to the cold to kill it. Boys, on the other hand, are regarded as an asset to the tribe. They can work and hunt and fish and forage for themselves.

One result of this savage, though from their point of view, necessary slaughter of the females is that the men far outnumber the women and many of the former have no wives.

He confessed that there are days in the Northern winter when he and the other white men of the party could not venture outside for any length of time owing to the severity of the weather, although the hardy Eskimos and Northern Indians pursued their hunting trips with apparently little or no discomfort from the bitter weather.

### TRUNKS ARE HELD.

Customs Officers to Question Los Angeles People.

New York—Customs men of this port seized several trunks with valuable furs, laces, gowns and trinkets, which Miss Louisa Bradbury, a middle-aged woman, fashionably dressed, and said to be member of a prominent Los Angeles family, brought into this country on the steamship Lusitania.

Miss Bradbury wept bitterly over the affair. She is not charged with attempting to smuggle in goods, but she frankly said she supposed to make no declaration as to their value. She and her niece, Marion Winston, of Los Angeles, were questioned as to why they had defied the customs authorities.

After the hearing, deputy surveyor of the Port Smythe said that Miss Bradbury had given the excuse that many of her friends had brought foreign goods back from Europe without paying duty. She refused to give their names, but some other source named several Los Angeles people who, Smythe said, will be summoned before the customs officials there.

The customs officials estimate that Miss Bradbury's goods are worth \$4,000 here and she will have to pay this sum, plus the possible penalty of \$1,000, to recover her baggage.

### PLUMBING TRUST GIVES UP.

Government Evidence Against Combine on Coast Strong.

Washington, D. C.—The "plumbing trust," which government officials say controls the sale of plumbers' supplies in most of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast regions, has capitulated to the department of justice and is seeking to avoid court proceedings.

Representatives of the trust will present their ideas of dissolution at a conference to be held later in the week.

The evidence against the combination, it was said, is strong. United States District Attorney McCormick, of Los Angeles, who is familiar with the workings of the combination, has been ordered to Washington by Mr. Wickersham to be present at the conference.

### Pirates Threaten Liners.

Hongkong—The West river is swarming with pirates and traffic to Wuchoo and Kwangsi province is seriously imperiled. The steamships are greatly alarmed and are considering the suspension of service. They are continuing for the present with an armed crew. Much indignation has been aroused by the attack by pirates on the British steamship Shionu a few days ago, when Chief Officer Nicholson was murdered. The people are becoming clamorous for intervention to put down the lawlessness.

### Yuan Now Against Rebels?

Paris—The Pekin correspondent to the Temps says that Yuan Shi Kai has again changed his attitude and has ordered a resumption of hostilities at Nanking, whether reinforcements have been sent. It is understood that he is again strongly supporting the dynasty. The change is attributed to the rally in Shan-tung, and it is also probable that Yuan can more easily obtain the financial support he wants by breaking with the rebels.

### Japanese Reinforce Guards.

Tokio—A statement issued by the foreign office says the Japanese troops at Pekin and Tien-tsin will be reinforced immediately. Such reinforcements are limited to one battalion of infantry and machine guns.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## CARE OF PATIENTS FREE.

State Tuberculosis Sanatorium Will Start Publicity Campaign.

Salem—That physicians and people throughout the state generally are not informed as to the scope of usefulness and purposes of the State sanatorium for tuberculosis, was one of the conclusions of the board having that institution in charge at a meeting held there, and as a result a campaign of publicity will be inaugurated, that information along these general lines may be disseminated.

The sanatorium is an institution for the tubercular poor, and the cost of caring for this class of patients there is nothing. Members of the board are convinced that lack of knowledge has resulted in many poor families keeping cases of tuberculosis on their hands because they believe that they can ill afford to place the invalid in a sanatorium.

The entrance requirements for a patient into the state home are few and simple. The attending physician visits the county judge, and a certificate is issued that the patient is suffering from tuberculosis. The patient is then admitted to the sanatorium without cost and is cared for there until a cure is effected.

Oregon's sanatorium for tuberculosis, although comparatively new, stands high among the sanatoria of the various states in the number of its cures and in its efficiency as an institution of this class," said George F. Rodgers, a member of the board.

"We are satisfied that a lack of knowledge of the uses of the institution has resulted in numerous cases being neglected, and possibly in deaths, because people without means have thought that the cost of caring for the patients at a sanatorium of this nature would be too great for slender purses to bear. The cost is absolutely nothing, the aim and object of this sanatorium being for the tubercular poor and to blot out as far as possible this disease among that class."

The board found a large force of convicts at work completing the laundry building, heating plant and roads and drives about the town.

## OREGON HEN IS CHAMPION.

Agricultural College Chicken Lays 259 Eggs in Year.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Professor Dryden, of the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural college, announced at the close of a year's test that the college has captured the world's championship for maximum number of eggs laid in one year by a hen, the total number of eggs laid being 259.

The test just completed shows an odd coincidence. A full-blooded Plymouth Rock and a Leghorn have tied for the world's record. The former shows a maximum of 27 eggs laid in October, while the latter does not run so high for any single month, but falls below 20 eggs a month only in March. The former record of 251 eggs was held by a hen raised at the Maine experiment station several years ago.

Prof. Dryden says in regard to this method: "This is a matter of breeding, feeding and care. For example, in the same pen with the record Plymouth Rock hen we had another Plymouth which laid but six eggs during the year. She received the same care and feed."

## DRY LANDS TO GET WATER.

White Lake District Likely to Get Needed Irrigation.

Klamath Falls—Prospects for securing irrigation in the district known as White lake, and across the California line in the valley lying along the Eastern edge of Lower Klamath lake, seem very bright just now, as the Van Brimmer Ditch company has made an agreement to permit J. H. Wise and others to use water from the company's canal.

W. S. Wiley, formerly attorney for the Klamath project of the reclamation service, represents the new company formed to use the ditch water supply, which proposes to take about 50 cubic feet of water a second from White lake through the Adams cut to a point where it will be lifted by a pumping plant and then spread over the lands through two ditches. The lands to be improved lie in township 41 north, range 10 east, W. M., Klamath county, and townships 47 and 48, range 3 east, M. D. M., Siskiyou county, California.

## Grant County Optimistic.

John Day—John Day and Grant county are enjoying a revival of commercial activity. The Sumpter Valley railroad is expected to extend its lines to this point the coming summer, and many other improvements are projected. The promised railroad activity has stimulated activity at all the towns. Within the past few weeks several farms have changed hands, a restaurant has opened in this city, two livery stables, a hotel and two meat markets have been sold, several buildings have been erected.

## Armory Newly Ready.

Dallas—The new armory building is nearing completion and the contractors say that it will be ready to turn over by December 1. The official dedication will not take place until the latter part of January, for arrangements are making to bring the annual meeting of the National guard association of Oregon to this city then.

## TO TEACH RURAL HYGIENE.

O. A. C. Plans New Work for Farmers' Short Course.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A course in rural hygiene is to be inaugurated this winter at the Oregon Agricultural college during the short course. A popular course of lectures will be given on the factors favorable and otherwise to health in rural communities. Prof. T. D. Beckwith, head of the bacteriology department, will give these lectures.

"The farmer ordinarily gives far more attention to the health of his stock than to that of himself and family," said Prof. Beckwith, speaking of the proposed lectures. "The point that the health of the people may be reckoned in dollars and cents to the community escapes the average citizen in his mad scramble for more evident wealth. For example, it is computed that the annual loss to the United States through human tuberculosis amounts to \$600,000,000, which is approximately three-fourths the value of the entire wheat crop of the country. This immense annual loss, about 75 per cent of which is preventable, is due solely to carelessness and ignorance of the most rudimentary rules of life and health. Of vastly greater importance than the money loss is the pain and suffering, most of which can be prevented by a little care and knowledge."

The short course lectures, which will be illustrated with stereopticon views, will cover such subjects as water supply (especially from wells), their location and construction as to health; sanitary methods of sewage disposal, the use and abuse of septic tanks; transmission of disease, such as tuberculosis and typhoid; flies and germ carrying; cause of colds and grippe and other epidemics.

## TO HAVE PUMPING SYSTEM.

Electric Power to Be Used in Irrigating Arid Land.

La Grande—Another plan of reclamation of the areas of arid and semi-arid land in Grande Ronde valley, one heretofore deemed impracticable on so large a scale, will be given a tryout here this winter and next summer. The Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, having operating stations all over Eastern Oregon, will carry on the experiments on 1,600 acres of land which the company controls in the heart of the few patches of land that are dependent on artificial water during the summer.

Mining engineers are on the ground ready to commence digging and drilling the first well. A distance of 50 feet downward, or where the water rises automatically, the diggers will construct a slum—an underground reservoir run at right angles to the shaft and extending 50 feet in each direction. This reservoir, or slum, will fill with water and act as a reserve pond when the drain from the pumps on the well is heavy. Electricity is to be used as power for pumping.

## TIMBER OWNERS FIGHT TAX.

Forest Assessments in Coos Bay Declared to Be Too High.

Marshfield—The county judge has been notified that the Menasha Wood-entire company and the Field Timber company will appeal from the findings of the county board of equalization in the assessment of timber lands. It is said that other timber companies will probably join in the movement.

Representatives of several timber owners appealed to the county board for a lowering of the assessment of timber lands generally throughout the county. While some changes were made in individual cases, the board refused a general lowering of the assessment.

It was alleged by the timber owners in their original petition that the timber was not assessed fairly as compared to the ranch land of the county.

## Has Novel Fish Screen.

Gold Hill—Charles Kell, local blacksmith, has secured a patent on his fish screen for power and irrigation ditches. The invention consists of a screen cylinder, rotated by paddles hung on the axis inside the screen. As the cylinder revolves it carries trash and drift over and down stream, preventing the passage of fish up the ditch. The invention is the result of the screening law, on the statutes of all western states, requiring all power and irrigation ditches to be effectually screened against the passage of fish.

## Law Will Be Enforced in Future.

Salem—The corporation department of the secretary of state's office has declared that the law will be enforced in reference to the filing of annual reports of corporations. A fine of \$100 is provided for in the law on failure to file such reports. There are numerous companies that are from one to three years behind with such reports, and the department intends to clean them up. All of the companies so delinquent are being notified.

## Lower Columbia Poultry Show.

Astoria—The members of the Lower Columbia River Poultry association are busily engaged in making preparations for their annual poultry show, which is to be held here from December 19 to 21 inclusive. The association will accommodate 400 contestants.

# When the Turkey Called

By Dorothy Douglas



WANTED, by a married couple, one lonesome, homesick American. Must be alone in London and desirous of eating Thanksgiving turkey with couple from home. Address will be found at window D.

Helen Graham turned after putting up her small sign on the wall of an American rendezvous in London and spoke to the man behind window D.

"Now, Mr. Gray, you will be sure to send some very nice Americans to me, won't you? I am trusting entirely to your selection." The ever ready smile of the American came to her lips and eyes.

"Just fancy any Yankee's being otherwise," laughed the Englishman. "But I will confine my choice to two whom I think worthy of your hospitality."

"How will you manage to turn undesirable away?" questioned Helen, who was not quite sure as to the outcome of her unconventional scheme for Thanksgiving guests.

"I shall tell them that the invitation has already been accepted, Mrs. Graham," the Englishman smiled, in his turn. He was not without his own plans. "I do not contemplate difficulty."

"It's awfully good of you to do this for me," Helen's eyes reflected for a moment the wistfulness of her heart. "You see, at home Thanksgiving is such a chummy, big-hearted and happy day that I just couldn't stand it not to manifest a little good fellowship. Mr. Graham and I would have wept over the turkey, I'm sure."

The big lounging room of the rendezvous was practically deserted when Helen Graham and her husband made their way out on the Haymarket.

"What a change from the crowds in July!" remarked Helen.

"All the better for our advertisement," said Graham. "There won't be many applicants. I thought you wanted two guests?"

"I do, but I put one down on the add, so that they will not come in crowds. A single person is more likely to be lonesome, anyway," she finished.

"I'll bet you put Gray up to sending a man and a woman," chided Bob Graham as he assisted his wife up the wobbling stairs of a Kensington bus.

In the meantime Margery Bonner walked leisurely along the Haymarket toward the rendezvous. Her erect back and trim, artistic costume proclaimed her an American girl.

And Hugh Gray, the man behind window D, was waiting for Margery Bonner. He had selected her as one of the guests for Mrs. Graham's Thanksgiving dinner. She had been calling for her mail only during the last three weeks, but Gray had discovered her charm the very first time her big blue eyes seemed to coax him for letters.

He looked up when she stood before him.

"I want several letters this morning," she informed him, her lips parting over a row of perfect teeth.

"Seven letters, Miss Bonner," he said, giving them to her eager hands.

"Thank you. When I read these I'm going to ask you about this," she said pointing to Mrs. Graham's invitation. She threw herself happily on to the great leather-cushioned circle in the center of the room and became engrossed in news from home.

Robert Dexter swung in from the street, his broad shoulders away under an American rain-coat and his American eyes seeing everything with-in range. They lighted at sight of Margery Bonner.

And while her eyes were lowered over her letters, Margery Bonner's heart gave a little jump when somebody big and broad passed her on his way to window D. She had covertly admired his clear cut lines and the honest look in his eyes.

The girl approached window D again. "Tell me," she asked, "if you know anything about the person who put this notice here?"

The Englishman smiled his approval of her directness.

"A very charming little woman," he said quickly. "A Mrs. Graham. She and her husband are strangers in London and are simply longing for a friend on whom to lavish a generous impulse."

"Where do they live?" Miss Bonner had made up her mind. She was heart-sick and dreading the coming Thanksgiving away from all her people. She reflected that no harm could possibly come of no discreet offer.

The address she got was near her own boarding house in Kensington.

Robert Dexter watched her leave the office and step into a cab and whirl away.

In his turn he addressed the clerk Dexter was embarrassed, he was undecided as to how to preface his query. The clerk saw his predicament. He smiled his knowledge of Dexter's de-

sire. In the American there was born a great liking for all glissmen.

"She is a Miss Bonner," Gray without waiting for the question. When Dexter left the American rendezvous, he had Mrs. Graham's dress in his pocket and Gray had down a certain notice which ended part in the planning of a Thanksgiving dinner.

On the last Thursday in November a taxicab whirled to the curb of beautiful Little home on St. Mary road. Margery Bonner stepped out the daintiest of gray chiffon toques. She carried a huge bunch of roses as picturesquely like American beauties and small square package.

"I received your note, Miss Bonner," said Mrs. Graham as she led the two upstairs and into her own bedroom. Her heart she thanked Mr. Gray for his excellent choice. "And we are going to be even more unconventional and use first names," she went quickly in order to hide any embarrassment. "I don't want Mr. Dexter's friend of my husband, to know—"

"You are a dear—to think of bursting out Margery," and I am glad brought you some roses." She took the huge bouquet into the arms of her hostess.

"How sweet, Margery," said Helen shyly. "Don't mention it—"

"Helen," put in Mrs. Graham. "Helen," finished Margery and cause they were both happy a gasp of laughter reached the two who were already smoking the pipe of friendship.

"You must say 'hello Jack' as we got to the drawing room," prompted Helen as the two descended the stairs.

"Hello, Jack," cried Margery and two equally good-looking men ran their entrance.

Jack Graham did not lose a moment. "Hello, Marg," he threw back at her. "You put on my favorite gown, didn't you? Come here and meet Miss Dexter. Miss Bonner—Mr. Dexter!" They shook hands and Margery's eyes hid themselves lest he read surprise and—yes, delight—at each him.

"Tell me," cried Margery and "have we time to do something fully American, before dinner?" before anyone had answered, she was away and back again with the package she had brought with her. She extended it to Helen.

"Oh, you dear!" There were boxes of shelled popcorn to her. "I haven't seen any of this for months." She turned swiftly to bell and the maid appeared presently with some long-handled corn poppers.

There was a choky sensation in throats of all four when the implements of American life appeared and they had the effect of breaking the last barrier of convention established among the new made friends.

"The sport is rustic," cried Helen falling on her knees before the "but I love it!"

"And these fires are ideal for popping," exclaimed her husband at the bed of red coals. He was

down on his knees before her. "On, Marg, get your popper! Here, Dexter, fill this popper for Miss Bonner!"

Bob Dexter looked at the happy faces in the glow of the yellow corn was puffing into the balls and the fragrance of the roasted corn permeated the room. The picture stamped itself indelibly on Dexter's mind, especially the picture of the girl beside him. Her delicate was clear cut like a cameo among shadows. She glanced around and met the unguarded look in his eyes and a flush not caused by the mounted her cheeks. By way of entering his embarrassment she handed him her popper.

"Here," she said, "you are nothing—pop awhile."

He took the long handle, touched her hand in the transfer. So intent was the quartette and far had the memories escaped into home land that they did not hear the soft voice of the maid when she announced dinner.

To at least two in the party, Dexter had never been a Thanksgiving dinner more complete. Cupid stole wings of the turkey and flapped proudly about the interchanged hearts in his glee.



"The Sport is Rustic."