

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.

It is reported that Italians are being crucified and buried alive by the Turks and Arabs.

China is beginning to believe that the new premier, Yuan Shi Kai, aspires to become emperor.

Russia is said to have been involved in a plot to assassinate the American treasurer general of Persia.

Governor Foss, of Massachusetts, fears that government restraint of business may be worse than restraint of trusts.

Japanese Baron Cottu has succeeded in negotiating a loan of \$30,000,000 for China among French and Belgian capitalists.

England is considering a loan of \$150,000,000 to build warships to preserve her two-to-one percentage with the German navy.

A Wisconsin detective who had not seen his parents for 15 years, found them both serving life sentences in prison for murder.

A San Francisco fireman climbed to the fourth floor of a burning apartment house and rescued two canary birds at the imminent risk of his own life.

The Standard Oil trust ceased to exist as such, according to law, on December 1. About 30 subsidiary corporations are now supposed to be independent.

Manchu troops have captured Han Yan and put the Chinese rebels to rout.

Twenty-seven brass bands combined in one immense band at the Spokane Apple show.

The proposed lumber combine of Northwest mills gets little encouragement from Attorney General Wickersham.

The Santa Fe railroad is blockaded by snow and ice in New Mexico.

A small schooner with 23 Chinese on board was caught trying to land the celestials at Monterey, Cal.

The strike of coal miners in Northern Colorado is becoming serious and the governor is about to call out troops.

Italians report a fierce battle with the Turks in which the city of Henni was captured and 500 Turks killed and many prisoners taken, including several officers.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 82@83c; club, 79@80c; red Russian, 77@78c; valley, 79@80c; forty-fold, 80c.

Corn—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$24; rolled barley, \$35.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton. Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18@18.50; No. 1 valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12.

Barley—Feed, \$34@35 per ton; brewing, nominal.

Fresh Fruits—Pears, 50c@1.50 per box; grapes, 75c@1.25; cranberries, \$12.50@13 per barrel.

Apples—Jonathans, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenberg, \$1@2.50; Baldwin, 75c@1.50; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25@1.75; Winter Banana, \$2@3; Bellflower, \$1@1.25.

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

Onions—Buying price, \$1.15 per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; cabbage, 1@1.1c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.90@2 per crate; celery, 75c per dozen; garlic, 10@12c per pound; lettuce, 75@80c per dozen; bothouse lettuce, \$1@1.25 per box; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1.1c; sprouts, 8@9c; squash, 1@1.1c; tomatoes, 90c@1.50 per box; carrots, \$1 per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 36c; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack.

Poultry—Hens, 12@12.5c; springs, 12c; ducks, young, 15@16c; geese, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, choice, 25@26c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 50c.

Pork—Fancy, 8@9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@13c per pound.

Hops—1911 crop, 43@45c; olds, nominal.

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

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.40@5.50; good, \$5@5.35; choice cows, \$4.50@4.65; fair, \$4.25@4.50; extra choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5.40; choice heifers, \$4.50@4.60; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$7@7.75; good, \$7@7.25.

Hogs—Choice light, \$6.55@6.70; good, \$6.35@6.50; fair, \$6.20@6.25; common, \$5@6.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, coarse wool, \$4.25@4.50; choice wethers and threes, \$4@4.25; choice killing ewes, \$3.25@3.60; choice lambs, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice, \$4.25@4.50; culls, \$3@3.75.

MOSCOW TAKES SWEEPSTAKES

Best Packed Carload at National Apple Show.

Spokane—Three distinct prizes were awarded to the Moscow car on exhibition at the National Apple show in this city, but the big sweepstakes, the contest that brought out the keenest competition, was for the best packed carload exhibited at the fair, any variety. All save one carload entry, the Yellow Newtowns from Talent, Ore., were entered in this competition, which Moscow won.

In addition the Moscow Wageners took first for the best car of Wageners and won a special prize for commercial apples.

In all Mr. Orcutt and Mr. Knapp, with their car of Wageners, have won \$800 in cash, a silver loving cup, two gold medal banners, an extension frame orchard disk harrow, and five drums of lime-sulphur solution for spraying.

In the sweepstakes competition for the best packed carload exhibit the Moscow car scored 1846½ points out of a possible 2,000. The prize for this was \$500 and a gold medal banner.

In the competition on Wageners the Moscow car won first prize, with a score of 970½ out of a possible 10,000. The prize was \$300 cash and a gold medal banner.

The car entered by George M. Stowe of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, ran the Moscow car a close race in this event, scoring 9,477½ points and taking second prize of \$100 cash and a silver medal banner.

The International Apple Shippers' association offered a special prize of a silver loving cup "for the best commercially packed and graded carload of all entered in the competition." The association had its own schedule of counts for deciding this competition, the grading being different than under the apple show rules. The Moscow Wageners took this prize.

All carloads were graded on a basis of 10,000 points, divided as follows: Quality, 2,000; color, 2,000; size, 1,000; uniformity, 1,000; condition, 2,000; pack, 2,000.

The other carload awards were as follows:

For the best carload of Rome Beauties, first prize, \$300 cash and National Apple show gold medal banner—First, score 9,464½; R. P. Wright, Chelan, Wash.

For the best carload of Spitzenbergs, first prize, \$300 cash and National Apple show gold medal banner—First, Keystone Fruit company, Entiat, Wash.

For the best carload of Stayman Winesaps, first prize, \$300 cash and National Apple show gold medal banner—First, score 9,098½, Keystone Fruit company, Entiat, Wash.

For the best carload of Yellow Newtowns, first prize, \$3 cash and National Apple show gold medal banner—First, (not competing in pack), Houston Brothers, Talent, Ore.

For the best carload of any standard varieties not mentioned in the foregoing carload contests, first prize, \$300 cash and National Apple show gold medal banner—First, Keystone Fruit company, Entiat, Wash., on a car of Ganos.

For the best mixed carload of any standard winter varieties, each variety to consist of at least 5 boxes, first prize, \$300 cash and National Apple show gold medal banner; second prize, \$100 cash and National Apple show silver medal banner—First (9585½ score), H. S. Simmons, Wenatchee, Wash., second (8157 score), J. Rosenhaupt & Sons, Spokane.

Rosenhaupt & Sons had already captured a \$200 prize on this same carload for the most artistic carload in the fair.

B. C. Gets 49 Prizes.

The British Columbia exhibitors are jubilant over the capture of 49 prizes, while E. G. Fauquier, of Needles, B. C., is especially rejoicing over the 10 prizes he captured. "I won seven firsts," said Mr. Fauquier, "and three seconds, out of a total of 14 entries. We feel that British Columbia is doing mighty well to come down here and walk off with that bunch of prizes.

"The apple show is doing a big thing for the fruit raisers and the fruit industry. It will be a fine boost for us when we exhibitors go back home with a list of 49 prizes won at the National Apple show."

Thrice Rich, Now Pauper.

Bloomington, Ill.—In all the poorhouses of Illinois there is not a case so remarkable as that of William J. Henderson, of Rossville. He was taken to the Vermillion county poor farm to spend the remainder of his days. Rated on three different occasions as a millionaire, he lost each fortune, and now in his 80th year he has neither friends nor money. Henderson came to America from Ireland when a youth of 17, full of energy and with a shrewd head for money-making. He was married four times.

Rich Men's Tax Doubled.

New York—Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller will pay their personal taxes assessed by the city. Carnegie will pay taxes on \$10,000,000, as against \$5,000,000 last year, and Rockefeller pays on \$5,000,000, twice last year's assessment. Mrs. Russell Sage, whose personal property had been assessed at \$5,000,000, will have to pay taxes only on \$2,500,000, half the original amount being taken off on an affidavit by her attorney.

Soldiers Near Teheran.

London—A Times dispatch from Teheran says advance parties of 400 Russian troops are reported to be nearing Teheran. It is probable, says the dispatch, that some resistance will be offered to the advance.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

WATER PROJECT GBOWS.

Big Lakeview Bond Issue is Believed Assured.

Lakeview—Supplementing a million dollar bond issue through underwriters headed by James H. Pershing, of Denver, H. I. Reid, ex-city engineer of Colorado Springs, has spent the past 10 days in Lakeview collecting data and investigating the work done by the Lakeview Irrigation & Power company toward the reclamation of 60,000 acres in Goose lake valley.

That the report of the engineer will be a favorable one is evident in his enthusiasm regarding this country and aside from a few legal technicalities it is believed that the bonds are practically taken up now.

In order to facilitate the bond issue, the Oregon Valley Land company transferred its property rights to the Lakeview Irrigation & Power company who in turn last week transferred its entire holdings to a corporation known as the Goose Lake Irrigation company. Warranty deeds were given for all holdings and quit claim deeds to all rights of way, water rights and water contracts.

Up to the present time, nearly \$1,000,000 has been spent on the Drews creek project, which is now about 70 per cent complete. In addition to the completion of the Drews project, construction work will go forward in early spring on the Cottonwood project, which roughly estimated, will cost close to three-quarters of a million dollars. With these two projects completed, sufficient water will be available for watering every acre of land in the valley as far south as the California state line.

BEND AUTO TRUCKS READY.

Trips to Be Made to Burns Now All Year Round.

Bend—After many delays in getting them here, the two auto trucks which the Central Oregon Trucking company will operate between here and Burns, hauling freight to the Harney country, have arrived. Several car loads of freight have been waiting here for weeks to be freighted to the interior. The road to be traveled is smooth and solid now.

The auto truck will get much of the freighting business from this terminal, from present indications. In addition to the line to Burns, cars will be operated to Lake county towns, Frank McKay, of Portland, has arrived with a machine to be used for runs to all towns in the interior where freight offers. Only a very deep snow will stop these cars, as the roads in this part of Central Oregon remain firm the year round.

AIDS IN WATER FIGHT.

Government Helps Indians to Win Pendleton Controversy.

Pendleton—Government aid for the Indians in the water rights controversy with the Byers Milling company is promised in a letter received by Major E. L. Swartzlander, agent on the Umatilla reservation, from C. F. Hauke, second assistant commissioner of Indian affairs.

Hauke says the department of justice has already been instructed to furnish the Indian service with data showing the exact status of the situation. As soon as this is obtained, he declares, the courts will be called upon to settle once for all the right of the Indian lands on which water is needed for irrigation purposes. If the government and the Indians win it will make possible the irrigation of 5,600 acres of valuable land immediately contiguous to Pendleton.

Potato Experiments Success.

Gold Hill—With the idea of propagating a potato suited to soil and climatic conditions in Southern Oregon, which has no particular claim to fame as a potato county, George Holcomb has experimented the past season with vines grown from seed from all the potato-producing countries of the world. Although potatoes grown direct from seed are supposed to be about the size of marbles, Mr. Holcomb has some as large as eggs. He hopes to discover the best potato for cultivation in the Rogue River valley.

Coos Bay Seeking Oil.

Marshfield—Final arrangements for oil boring have been made by the Coos Bay Oil & Gas company, recently organized by local men. The company is capitalized for \$25,000 and nearly \$18,000 of the stock has been subscribed. C. M. Maupin, formerly of the California oil fields, will probably be chosen as general manager. The first boring will be made on the Catching Inlet, near this city.

Potatoes, 250 Sacks, Acre.

Freewater—Two hundred and fifty sacks of potatoes to the acre is the record made on the Grandview tracts near Freewater by Bradley and Farish. The potatoes are of the Burbank variety and are smooth and uniform. They average from a pound to a pound and a half each in weight, and sell for a cent and a half per pound.

Schedule of Doctors' Fees.

Baker—A uniform rate of fees for the doctors of this county will be placed in effect if the plans which were discussed at the meeting of the Baker County Medical association are adopted.

SELL POULTRY TRACTS.

Establish Industry on Large Scale in Douglas County.

Oakland—One of the important developments projects launched recently in the Umpqua valley is the new enterprise of the Oakland Poultry Products company, organized and incorporated last week by Portland capitalists. The company has obtained title to a tract of 900 acres located one and one-half miles from Oakland, in Douglas county, and is preparing plans to conduct an extensive poultry and egg producing business.

The property is in the heart of the poultry center of the Northwest, and is declared to be particularly well adapted to poultry raising. The tract adjoins the 1640-acre farm purchased a few days previously by a Chicago syndicate to be used for colonization purposes.

It is the purpose of the Oakland Poultry Products company to subdivide the farm into ten-acre tracts. Settlers will be urged to engage chiefly in poultry raising, as it is pointed out that larger returns are received from poultry products on a less initial investment than from any other farming activity. The company will organize an extensive selling agency and will take charge of the marketing of the products raised by the settlers.

In connection with the enterprise one of the features of the poultry culture will be a free educational department. An Eastern expert has been engaged to teach the settlers the modern methods of poultry growing. In addition to individual assistance on the farms, the superintendent will give weekly lectures, touching upon all phases of the subject.

Before the next hatching season the company will have in operation a 20,000 capacity incubator to supply the market with one-day old chicks. It is also planned to rent compartments to persons who have eggs to be hatched. The company has 1,000 White Leghorns to provide for the first egg supply.

As soon as the enterprise is well under way the company announces that it will open branch stores in the large cities in the Northwest to handle the products for the trade demanding the highest class poultry and fresh guaranteed eggs.

The general manager of the company said recently that the plan of the project has been completed and that work on the development of the poultry co-establishment at Oakland would be started at once.

"Scientific poultry raising is one of the big needs of the Northwest," said the manager. "When approved methods are used in connection with this activity there is no industry that will give such substantial returns. We can raise poultry here to as good advantage as in other parts of the United States."

WALDO BORE DONE.

Tunnel Gives Outlet to Lake in Cascade Mountains.

Springfield—The tunnel through rock to Waldo Lake, at the summit of the Cascade mountains 100 miles east of this city, which was started three years ago by the Waldo Lake Irrigation & Power company, was completed this week and the crew of laborers which has been at work on the tunnel have been laid off.

The tunnel, which averages eight feet square, is 535 feet long and allows the water of the big lake to empty into the North Fork of Salmon creek, which is a tributary of the upper Willamette River.

This company was organized five years ago by A. R. Black, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and the plan is to utilize the waters of the lake to irrigate large tracts of land in the upper Willamette valley. After leaving the lake the water will flow down Salmon creek into the Willamette river and will be diverted from that stream in the vicinity of Springfield and Eugene. Montana capitalists are associated with Mr. Black in the enterprise. They have expended many thousands of dollars in blasting the tunnel through the rock and next summer will begin the work of building concrete headgates. It will be necessary to pack all of the material to the lake from Hazel Dell, nearly 30 miles, with horses, as there are no roads leading to the lake.

Water Ditches Are Built.

Lakeview—Surprise valley soon will be irrigated with water furnished by the Modoc County Irrigation company, which is building a large ditch from Cowhead lake, ten miles east of Fort Bidwell. A great power project also is a part of the enterprise. The power house will be established near Cowhead lake. After the water passes through the power house for the generation of electricity it will be carried in a large ditch 25 miles down the east side of the valley. The ditch will water 20,000 acres.

Water Tracts; La Grande.

La Grande—The La Grande Irrigation company has completed its incorporation papers and within the next ten days earth will be moved in constructing main laterals for the irrigation of about 10,000 acres in Southern Union county. The incorporators are J. E. Reynolds, J. D. McKennon, F. L. Meyers, who are stockholders with the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company; M. H. Davis and L. A. Lewis, both of Boise.

ITALIANS BURIED ALIVE.

Women Aid Turks in Perpetration of Barbarous Acts.

Washington, D. C.—Stories of almost incredible barbarities practiced by Arabs and Turks are contained in dispatches received at the Italian embassy here.

In a dispatch received from Rome, the Italian minister of foreign affairs describes alleged atrocities practiced on the Italian wounded which include crucifixion, and burial alive. Women, it is said, take part in the perpetration of the cruelties.

The dispatch, which is signed by Signor San Giuliano, minister of foreign affairs, follows:

"Near the mosque of Heni, where the medical post of the Twenty-seventh battalion of Bersaglieri had located, 40 bodies of our soldiers were found. They were horribly mutilated, crucified with their throats cut open, impaled, torn to pieces and dismembered. Among them was the body of a surgeon lieutenant.

"In the Arab cemetery, near the places where the fourth company of Bersaglieri was located, seven bodies of Bersaglieri were discovered. They had been interred alive, with the heads out of the earth.

"The body of one of them showed that he had been terribly tortured. There were many shot and dagger wounds, and the eyes had been pulled out and threaded and the eyelids sewn to the brows. [Another one had one arm out of the earth from which the hand had been cut off.

"A captain's cap has been found and its owner identified as a corporal who escaped miraculously after remaining four hours in a ditch. He testified that among the hordes were Turks and women. The military engineer corps took photographs.

NAVY RUN WITH ECONOMY.

Establishment 20 Per Cent Larger But Cost of Upkeep Less.

Washington, D. C.—With an appropriation reduced by \$400,000, the government, the past two years, has been maintaining a navy larger by 20 per cent than it was during the preceding two years.

This was made possible by economies resulting from improvement in business methods, said Secretary Meyer in a statement made public recently.

A reduction of 10 cents a pound in the cost of powder is reported by the ordnance bureau, 1,000,000 pounds having been made during the past year at a cost of 33.6 cents a pound. Purchasing hemp at Manila resulted in a saving of \$40 a ton, an annual saving of approximately \$30,000; by docking vessels at navy yards the department saved \$46,000 during the past fiscal year, a reduction of 20 per cent; and the use of substitutes for linned oil netted a saving of about \$40,000.

By manufacturing certain classes of goods at the navy yards in which they can be purchased cheapest large savings have resulted. Particularly is this true of standard mess tables, the cost of which has been reduced from \$20 to \$11.94 at one navy yard.

GRIEF MAKES MAN MUTE.

Father of Girls Buried in Sand House May Never Speak Again.

Kansas City—Grief over the loss of his two little daughters, Ethel and Flossie, who were killed when their sandpit playhouse caved in, caused Andrew Hutchinson, of Kansas City, Kan., to lose his power of speech. Hutchinson, a well-digger, suffered from an injury several years ago and for the last year has worked only a small part of the time. When the cave-in occurred, he ran to the sand pit and looked at the bodies of his daughters. He did not return home for an hour, but sat on a pile of rails and gazed at the heap of sand. He has been mute since and physicians fear he will never speak again.

Suffrage Splits Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass.—The refusal of the Harvard corporation to allow Mrs. Pankhurst to address the students in a college building has caused a stir in undergraduate circles. The body of students is splitting into two camps, suffragists and anti-suffragists, and influential alumni are being asked to take a hand in the controversy. A petition has been started praying the corporation to reserve its judgment and the party is enrolling itself as the Harvard Men's Equal Suffrage league.

Embezzlement is Charge.

Cordova, Alaska—John W. Foulkes, assistant postmaster under ex-President Joseph F. Diggs, was given a preliminary hearing on a charge of embezzling \$4,000 of postoffice funds and was bound over to the grand jury under \$6,000 bonds. Pending the securing of bonds Foulkes was remanded to jail. Postoffice Inspector Smith testified at the hearing that a shortage of \$4,000 was not discovered by the inspectors because of false reports.

Newspaper Best Educators.

Salt Lake City—"Geography can be properly taught only from the newspapers," declared Dr. A. E. Winship, of Boston, in an address to the Utah Educational association on "Education for Prosperity." He declared newspapers were the greatest textbooks in the world, as no other publication could keep pace with the rapid changes of modern life.

DYNAMITERS ADMIT THEIR GUILT

Los Angeles Times Suspended Make Complete Confession.

Life Imprisonment for One, 14 Years for Other—McManiga, Informer, Gets Off Light.

Developments of McNamara Case—James B. McNamara pleads guilty of dynamiting Los Angeles Times causing 21 deaths; will receive life sentence.

John J. McNamara pleads guilty; Llewellyn Iron works case; no death caused; will get 14 years.

Ortie McManiga, who confessed and implicated McNamara, will get light sentence.

Prosecution of Bert H. Franklin, charge of bribing talesman will dropped.

General Harrison Gray Otis and law-abiding labor unions will probably result.

Samuel Gompers declares his city was imposed upon.

Federal authorities may continue investigation in collateral cases.

Los Angeles, Cal.—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder the first degree in Judge Berke's court Friday. His brother, John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, entered a plea of guilty to dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron Works in Los Angeles Christmas day, 1910.

James B. McNamara's confession clears up absolutely the tragedy of the explosion and fire which, at 11 o'clock on the morning of October 1910, wrecked the plant of the Los Angeles Times and caused the death of 21 persons.

For 19 of these days the McNamara brothers were indicted and J. B. McNamara was on trial specifically for the murder of Charles Haggerty, a machinist, whose body was found nearer than that of any other to the spot where the dynamite was supposed to have been placed.

It is expected that District Attorney John D. Fredericks will ask for life imprisonment for James B. McNamara, the confessed murderer, and probably 14 years for his brother.

As the two brothers sat together in the county jail, refusing to say one or make any statement, an incident only to the occurrence here hung about the question with reference to James B.

"Why did he confess?"

To this opposing counsel gave the same answer.

"He confessed because he was guilty, and that's all there is to it," declared District Attorney Fredericks.

"He was counselled to confess because that was the best thing he could do, in the opinion of counsel," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel.

"I will say now that the confession was no other reason or motive. I've studied this case for months. I've presented a stone wall."

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