

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.

Premier Asquith says woman suffrage is a big political mistake.

The French objection to the Moroccan pact was beaten in the chamber of deputies.

The senate inclines to expedite in every way the abrogation of the treaty with Russia.

King George, now emperor of India, reviewed 50,000 British and native troops at Delhi.

A Portland boy of six years held a lantern while his father captured a burglar in the house.

The United States attorney general advises supervision of mergers by the bureau of corporations.

The practice of giving complimentary railroad passes is to cease entirely at the close of the year.

Portland Elks will offer \$10,000 in prizes at their national convention and celebration in Portland in 1912.

The president of the National Woolgrowers' association denounces Bryan as a foe of the livestock men.

A St. Louis jury is "on strike" against the instructions of the judge and refuses to return a verdict.

Ex-governor Gooding attacked the Pinchot policies in a speech before the National Woolgrowers' convention.

Archduke Henry Ferdinand, of Austria, would abandon his titles and heirship to the throne in order to marry the girl of his choice.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brouger, a prominent Portland minister, who accepted a call to a Los Angeles church gets increase of \$1,000 per year in salary.

The government fish hatcheries on the Columbia and tributary streams are about ready to begin the planting of 21,000,000 salmon in Pacific Coast streams.

Taft approved the commission's report opposing Federal regulation of railway securities.

British railroad directors have granted full recognition of the Railroad Workmen's union.

Fire destroyed a portion of the buildings of Luna Park, at Coney Island, New York, causing a loss of \$150,000.

Work will begin immediately on a \$3,000,000 irrigation project for the Silver Lake country, Oregon, to water 100,000 acres.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestein, 82c; club, 79c; red Russian, 78c; valley, 80c; forty-fod, 80c.

Corn—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$30; shorts, \$24; rolled barley, \$37@38.

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 hay, 12@13.

Barley—Feed, 36@37 ton. Fresh Fruits—Pears, 50c@1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$1.50@1.25 per barrel; casabas, \$1.50 per crate.

Apples—Jonathans, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenbergs, \$1.25@2.50; Baldwin, 75c@1.50; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25@1.75; Northern Spy, \$1.25@1.75; Winter Banana, \$2@3; Bellflower, \$1.10@1.50.

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

Onions—Jobbing price: \$1.50 sack. Vegetables—Artichokes, 90c per dozen; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; celery, 75c@1 per dozen; cucumbers, \$1.25@1.75; garlic, 80@10c per pound; lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 16@1 1/4c; squash, 1 1/4@1 1/2c carrots, \$1 per sack; beets, 1 1/4; turnips, \$1; parsnips, \$1.

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

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

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

Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; springs, 13@14c; ducks, young, 16@17c; geese, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 23c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 42c.

Pork—Fancy, 8@9c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.40@5.75; good, \$5.25@5.40; choice cows, \$4.60@4.75; good, \$4.25@4.50; choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5; good to choice heifers, \$4.50@4.60; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$7@7.50; good, \$6@6.50.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.80@7.10; good to choice hogs, 6.50@6.70; fair, \$6@6.25; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.25@5.50.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, \$4@4.25; choice twos and threes, \$3.85@4; choice killing ewes, \$3.25@3.60; choice lambs, \$4.25@4.50; good to choice, \$4@4.25; culls, \$3@3.75.

CANTEEN IS ASKED.

General Wood Says Army Demands Restoration of Resorts.

Washington, D. C.—Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, favors the restoration of the canteen to army posts. He declares in his annual report that the consensus of opinion in the army is that the canteen should be re-established.

General Wood also makes some recommendations for the garrisoning of Panama canal forts. He says it is necessary to provide garrisons to protect the canal and to insure its neutrality, and for that he recommends 12 companies of coast artillery, four regiments of infantry at full strength, one battalion of field artillery, one squadron of cavalry and some auxiliary troops.

In recommending short-term enlistments, the chief of staff says that the argument that men would not return to the colors in time of war is "an unwarrantable reflection on the patriotism of men who have served the colors and returned to private life."

General Wood opposed the bill pending in congress which would consolidate the adjutant's and inspector general's departments with the general staff corps.

EPIGRAMS WIN REWARD.

Girl Stenographer Unconsciously "Muses" Way to Promotion.

Chicago—"Musings" of a stenographer employed by the Illinois Central railroad, jotted down in her notebook, came to the attention of the officers of the system, and a neat card bearing the epigrams so discovered has been sent to each stenographer in the service. The girl is Miss Helen Lee Brooks, who since the discovery has found herself the secretary of the division superintendent at Mattoon, Ill.

Here are some of the epigrams on her notebook cover, which have been sent out:

"The girl who prides herself on being a 'good fellow' ought not to complain when men in the office take her at her word."

"It's just as easy to boast as to knock, and it goes further."

"It is the ambition of some stenographers to go on the stage; of others to be married; none wants to keep on just being a stenographer."

"As employers, some men are difficult; all men are impossible."

ELKS MAKE GREAT PLANS.

Expect 60,000 Visitors and Delegates to Grand Lodge in 1912.

Portland, Or.—The Elks' Grand Lodge commission in charge of arrangements for the next annual reunion to be held here in July, 1912, is preparing to entertain 60,000 Elks and visitors during the convention week, July 8 to 13. A canvass has been made of the preliminary reports received from the 1,300 lodges in the order and that vast multitude is regarded as conservative. Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan, who was here last week arranging for headquarters, etc., says Portland will have the greatest attendance ever gathered at one of these sessions.

Indications now are that more than 100 special trains will bring the visiting Elks here, and the railroads and terminal company have been asked to provide parking space for fully 1,000 Pullman sleepers for that week.

LANDIS SCORES USURERS.

Bank Clerks Who Stole to Meet Demands Escape Lightly.

Chicago—Loan brokers were excoriated by Judge Landis when he gave light sentences to two young bank clerks who had falsified bank records to cover up a shortage of \$500, taken to satisfy a debt to a "loan agent."

A youth who earned \$110 a month was sent to the house of correction for 60 days, and the other, a \$60-a-month clerk, was fined 1 cent, which his counsel promptly paid.

The money lender, Carl Carroll, who is also a lawyer, has been cited to appear before Judge Landis and show cause why he should not be barred from practice in the United States District court.

Holly Forests Looted.

Los Angeles—Armed with axes, hatchets and butcher-knives, thousands of holiday parties from all over Southern California invaded the hills about Los Angeles in search of holly to use for Christmas decorations. Instead of cutting off tops of the bushes, however, most of them cut close to the ground, with the result that thousands of acres of holly-bearing territory were literally stripped and will never grow the desirable Yuletide decorations again. The matter will be brought to the Forestry department.

Lloyd-George is Injured.

London—David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, was seriously injured when leaving a women's liberal meeting, at which he had just made a speech.

A male suffragist hurled a brass-bound box at the chancellor, which struck him full in the face, cutting his lip and badly injuring his eyes. A doctor who was in attendance on the chancellor said he had a narrow escape from losing the eye.

Armed Arabs Menacing.

Paris—The Temps' correspondent with the Turks telegraphed from Azizia under date of December 15 that thousands of well-armed Arabs have been concentrating there in the past two days. A body of noted Arab fighters arrived at Azizia on that date, after a 48 days' march.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

INDIAN LAND OPEN.

Klamath Reservation Offers Rich Opportunity.

Klamath Falls—Agitation to have the Klamath Indian reservation formally opened has led Superintendent Watson to say that the reservation is virtually open now and that no formal action needs to be taken. The conditions are somewhat different from those on other reservations which have been opened in that nearly all agricultural lands have been allotted to the Indians, and the only acreage remaining unallotted is in timber.

This does not mean that there is no opportunity for white men to acquire homes and property on the reservation, says Watson, who asserts that it offers the greatest opportunities to the homeseeker of any reservation ever opened in the United States. There is no such thing as free land now, he says, and for that matter never was, as in land openings only about 20 per cent of the applicants ever received anything and it usually cost them as much as it was worth before their settlement was completed.

According to an estimate made last year, there were 5,500,000,000 feet of standing timber on the reservation and fully one-half of this is subject to application for purchase. Naturally most of this will be bought by lumbering concerns and manufactured. It is asserted that this development will mean a big thing for the reservation and the northern part of Klamath county.

At this time there are thousands of acres of the best agricultural lands on the reservation for sale, says Watson. The best lands can be bought at very low figures. He says that a third of the farm lands around Modoc Point, and from a third to one-half of the sagebrush and meadow lands along Sprague River, belong to the estates of dead Indians. These lands were among the first to be selected and allotted and naturally were the choice pieces. Application can be made at any time for their sale, and after appraisal bids are advertised for, and the lands usually sold to the highest bidder.

SLEEK GOATS TO PRANCE.

Northwest Angora Association to Hold Show at Dallas.

Dallas—The Northwest Angora Goat Association, in conjunction with the Polk County Poultry association, will hold their annual shows here from January 3 to 5, inclusive.

Cash prizes and premiums have been offered by the promoters of the goat show, and many exhibitors have entered or have signified their intention of displaying their choice animals.

The committee supervising the goat show is made up of O. S. Grant, A. L. McDonald, H. L. Fenton, J. C. Guthrie, G. W. McBee and W. A. Ayres. In a letter issued by the committee exhibitors are asked to communicate with W. A. Ayres, Dallas, Or. Special prizes have been offered to competitors owning bucks ranging in age from 9 months up, and does with the same age range.

Firms offering special prizes include William Brown & Co., Salem; Northwest Angora Goat Association; American Angora Goat Breeders' association; Multnomah Mohair Mills, Portland; Angora Goat Breeders' Journal, Portland; William Riddle & Sons, Monmouth; and the Oregon Agricultural, Salem, and the Oregon Rugby club, Portland.

The Angora Goat Breeders' Journal also will give a year's subscription of the Journal to every exhibitor at the show and to every purchaser of an Angora buck.

Space will be given at the show for the exhibition of sheep.

Hillsboro Man Raises Peanuts.

Hillsboro—F. A. Haines, of Hillsboro, has demonstrated that peanuts may be grown for commercial purposes in the Willamette valley in the rich loam soil of the bottom lands. Mr. Haines, out of curiosity, planted some peanuts a year ago. The other day while digging in the garden he found the peanuts in the ground, fully matured and of good quality.

It is generally believed that a sandy soil is required to raise peanuts, but it has been proved by several experiments conducted by horticultural experts that the black loam soil of the Willamette valley river and bottom land will grow the peanut with surprising success.

Nehalem Harbor Improved.

Nehalem—With less than \$50,000 spent on the improvement of the Nehalem river bar, positive results have already been obtained, with the full assurance that a continuance of the work will accomplish what was desired. Those commercially interested in the vicinity of Nehalem subscribed the \$50,000 to have the tortuous and uncertain channel straightened and deepened by the building of a jetty. This undertaking was not looked upon favorably by shipping men, who considered it a waste of money.

For Better Rural Schools.

Corvallis—The State Bankers' association has named a committee of six men who will have charge of the movement for improving rural conditions, especially in the matter of educational facilities, so as to stem the tide of country boys and girls going into the cities, and keep them on the home farm, for their own future profit as well as for the best interests of the state and nation.

EXPERIMENT FARM BUSY.

Three Buildings Put Up and 200 Acres Cleared of Sagebrush.

Burns—The Harney County agricultural experiment station, six miles east of Burns, has been busy place since Superintendent Brethaupt took charge of it late in the summer. The entire 200 acres in the farm is now cleared of sagebrush and 100 acres of it has been plowed.

Three good buildings are also practically completed—a large barn, a messhouse and a residence. The barn is built in modern style, with hip roof, giving a good deal of loft room for hay; the messhouse is of good size and plastered on the inside; the residence is a large bungalow and is to be plastered.

The water supply for the buildings will be pumped by gasoline engine from a splendid well which was drilled a few months ago to a tank built in the ground, and from this it will be forced by pneumatic pressure to all parts of the buildings. There will be interior washrooms and lavatories, which will be connected by tiling with a septic tank constructed on scientific principles. The clearing of the ground of sagebrush was accomplished with a piece of 12x12 timber 24 feet long, shod its entire length with a steel bar, to which were hitched from eight to 12 horses, according to the size of the sage. The brush was mowed down and pulled out in most effective style.

The land plowed this fall will be sown and planted to various crops and another lot of plowing will be done in the spring, to be sown and planted with the same kind of crops, so as to test the respective results.

STATE COMMISSION BUSY.

Railroad Body Meets and Secures Evidence at Union.

Union—The State Railroad commission has been in Union taking testimony in the case of the Central Railroad of Oregon. Clyde B. Aitchison and Frank Miller, of the commission; W. C. Earle, civil engineer; James W. Crawford, second assistant attorney general and Abner Jones, stenographer, made up the party. The Central Railroad of Oregon was represented by Attorney C. E. Cochran, of La Grande; the Commercial club of Union by B. F. Wilson, of Union.

Evidence was taken and it is understood that the commission will decide the points at issue at the next regular meeting.

The repair and continued operation of the road from Union to Union Junction is one of the principal points at issue, the company having conceded that it was their intention finally to abandon that portion of this road and make Hot Lake the connecting point with the O.-W. R. & N. road. The members of the Commission then proceeded to Baker to take testimony relative to the Sumpter Valley road.

NATRON EXTENSION PUSHED.

Work on Present Contract Hurdled—Depot at La Grande Half Done.

Eugene—That work on the present contract of the Natron extension is rapidly nearing completion is the statement made by F. R. Hamblet, general office manager at Natron. Where three large labor camps have been maintained all summer, Mr. Hamblet says, there is now but one ballasting camp with about 50 laborers. One work train is employed in clearing slides, which have been frequent, and in maintaining the track. The depot building, at Lowell is about half completed, and when it is completed the contractors will move on to Jasper, and then to Oakridge.

Changes in the lines of the original survey east of Oakridge, which is the eastern terminus of the contract just being completed by the Utah Construction company, are being rushed, and further contracts will be let within a short time. The next contract to be let probably will cover a stretch about 12 miles in length, and will be up the Salt Creek canyon.

Oregon City Grows Fast.

Oregon City—That Oregon City had the most remarkable growth the past year in its history is shown by a report made by Miss Anita McCarver, who has completed taking the city school census. Miss McCarver reports that 57 residences have been erected in the city since the census was taken one year ago, and 100 homes have been remodeled since then. Not more than 25 homes have heretofore been the average. The increase in the attendance at the Oregon City high school this season was 100 per cent.

Oregon "U" Grads Teach.

University of Oregon, Eugene—According to the high school files of the state, over 100 graduates of the University of Oregon are now teachers in Oregon high schools. They are represented in 45 separate high schools and in 22 counties, Eugene high school leading with 11 and the Portland schools next with nine. The class of 1911, the last to leave the University, has the largest number teaching, 32 in all.

Pacific After \$100,000.

Newberg—Pacific College is launching a campaign for an addition of \$100,000 to the endowment. President Pennington is to withdraw from all classroom work to take the lead in this campaign, but will not retire from his executive duties as head of the school.

The Trifle

By HARRY IRVING GREENE



HERE was a time when Wallington had generally been conceded to be a brand new genius in the financial world—a marvelous being who could change stones into bread and serpents into fowl; then all at once he found himself in the throes of bankruptcy.



He had exhausted his resources and was for the time being hopelessly insolvent. Day by day his little handful of remaining change vanished in steadily diminishing ratio as his meals became cheaper and further apart, until finally he had but a dime left. This coin he resolved to save for some last and most desperate extremity, and he even determined to fast for days before parting with it. And fast for days he did, while oft times the days came much too fast.

When Christmas eve came he had not tasted food for three days. He felt that he could endure it no longer, that the last and most desperate extremity had arrived and that now he must spend his dime. He was plunged deep in meditation when he felt someone touch his arm and turned about.

Beside him there stood a gaunt man with cavernous cheeks, feverish, wild eyes, and a stomach that curved the wrong way. The apparition addressed him in a croaking voice.

"For God's sake, stranger, buy me something to eat. I am penniless and upon the verge of committing crime. I have worn out my shoes looking for work, and while I have a job promised me it will be a week before it is open. And meanwhile I am starving, friend, starving. In the name of Christianity spare me enough for a meal out of your plenty."

Wallington stared into the evening dusk as he fingered his last and smoothly worn dime. He knew well enough what this other man was suffering, for had he not been in the same stage twenty-four hours before! And to give a man a dime in such a case was so grossly inadequate. Yet what could he do? He turned about. Close before him was a restaurant where he had spent hundreds of dollars in his palmy days and whose proprietor he knew well. Yet he owed a bill there for his last big after theater dinner party of many months ago, and he had never had the courage even in his semi-starvation to go in and ask for more credit. Yet now it must be done, for here was a human being starving upon the streets. Wallington shuddered. It was plainly his duty to fill this man's stomach, and for the last time he would exert those powers of persuasion which once upon

on a time few men had been able to resist. He took the stranger by the arm. "Come with me," he commanded.

They entered the restaurant and Wallington walked straight up to the proprietor. "Bob," said he, "I owe you a pretty stiff bill, but I am going to go to work in a week and then I will begin paying you off. Now I want you to do me a last favor. I owe you about forty dollars, and a couple of dollars more won't make much difference to you. It is Christmas eve and my friend over there is starving. Now I want you to fill him up to the chin on good, solid food and charge it to me. I will not ask you for any favor again if you will do this last thing." The proprietor looked at his old patron thoughtfully.

A Yuletide Home-Coming

By Charles Mc

HE club looked very thing General Heralcy was cross—a sense of cross—evidently he had made his way long for his scenes. And he traveled two days and a night, vaguely connecting his sneer's end with all the love and ship his starved nature was longing.

When he arrived at his old home, a chill, grey Christmas morning was only to find that the silent absence had been too long a test for friendship. The emptiness of all but servants, the worn strange, unwelcoming faces, the empty of the club waiting on the street which he had always frequented as being thronged, and sadness swept over him.

This was not what he wanted. His pocket he drew out the paper which had really brought so many miles, and looked at it. It was only a death announcement cut from a paper of a town and ran in the usual way—Townley, at his residence, etc. In fancy he saw a young maiden, who sought her happiness only in the eyes of the youth by her side. There were joy-bells there, too, as they left the church with the fragrance of mutual love about them.

The bells pealed on outside, and willing fancy led him into the realm of "night land." In an instant he made up his mind to visit once more the old cottage not many miles away which he had hoped brides before to take a flight. He would see it, even if its condition only added to his pain.

Two hours later he was through the crisp country air winding path which led to the old, ivy-covered cottage. As the last turn brought sight of the house he stopped in surprise. He had expected to see ruin, and decay, but instead he saw a trim, well-kept cottage, soft, crooning song in a voice reawakened the tender memory long ago, came floating through unopened door.

Half believing that it must be leading him still, he entered the softly, and, following the way into the inner room, and stood in the glow of the warm firelight. The sweet, tired-faced, middle-aged singer turned as his shadow across the light, and then stood and trembled.

"Gerald!" she whispered. "Have you come to reproach me today! No today!" The strong man's voice broke held out his arms.

"Nance!" he cried joyfully. In a moment she was crushed, clinging to his breast. "Oh, Gerald! Is it really you? Is very good. I thought you were dead."

For several moments they thus, the man's (singer) on her things had gently into a chair. "You are alone!" he said. "You are a little caught up for two, or three Christmas days." "Yes," she answered. "I am alone. I have often come down here in the old days, you could see me now, and I could not live with other man's thousands." A smile hovered over the face as she fitted here and busily preparing things for the Then she slipped behind a chair leaning over whispered with her cheeks: "Perhaps you do not know that—that Mr. Townley's money back to his family if—if I again." The man sprang to his feet, took her into his strong arms, and said: "It is not too late," he cried. "are still young. Will you let me make you happy?" Her answer was drowned in a burst of Christmas bells that came from the village church close by. He did not need her words. He saw her eyes.