

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.

Forestry patrol officials report the situation so far this season as unusually good.

The Pacific States Telephone company has advanced the wages of many of its Portland employees.

The French premier will confer with the czar of Russia regarding a mutual protective alliance.

Seven trans-Atlantic steamers arrived in New York Monday, with an aggregate of 9,287 passengers.

Northern Pacific freight handlers at Spokane were granted a raise of wages after a four-days' strike.

Stock of the big grain-carrying railroads has increased considerably in price, owing to the good crop prospects.

Owing to the failure of the rice crop in Siam and Burma, the price has now reached the highest point ever known.

A long "moo" was adopted as a fetch of the new Republican party, more commonly known as the "bull moose" party.

At the Eighth Annual Conference of Applied Chemistry in New York City next month, the words of every speaker will be recorded on phonograph cylinders.

House and senate committees of congress have allowed \$697,000 for the improvement of Crater Lake national park and the roads in the park and leading to it.

After successfully eluding heavily-armed posses for more than a week, a Colorado outlaw was captured by a woman rancher, tied and turned over to the sheriff.

Cloudbursts and floods stopped all traffic and did much damage in Nevada.

American industrial enterprises in Northern Mexico are being abandoned and Americans are fleeing for their lives.

Captain E. W. Bixby, the Mississippi river boatman who taught Mark Twain how to pilot a steamboat, is dead.

Infantile paralysis has been fatal to 33 out of 173 children in Los Angeles, and public playgrounds are being closed.

Bubonic plague and cholera are sweeping over Amoy, China.

Farmers of San Joaquin county, Cal., have threshed one of the biggest barley crops on record, over 2,000,000 bushels.

It is believed Mt. Hood has a rival in Eagle Cap, situated in Eastern Oregon, and accurate measurements will be made.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn caught fire off the California coast and was saved only after a heroic fight of over two hours by her crew.

Residents of Texas and Arizona are becoming indignant at the failure of the United States to stop the outrages to Americans in Mexico.

The right of Roosevelt delegates from Kansas to have places on the national ballot is to be decided by the Supreme court of the United States in October.

Rival candidates for governor of Washington spent the night under the same blanket, when one's auto got stuck in the mud in Snoqualmie pass and the other unable to get around it.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: New, Club, 77c; bluestem, 80c; old wheat, nominal.

Milletstuffs—Bran, \$25.50 ton; shorts, \$28.50; middlings, \$32.

Hay—Timothy, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$11@12; clover, \$10; oats and vetch, \$12; grain hay, \$9.

Corn—Whole, \$39; cracked, \$40. Oats—New, \$25@26 ton.

Eggs—Case count, 23c; candled, 25c; extras, 27c, dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, cubes, 31c pound; prints, 22@22½c.

Pork—Fancy, 10½@11c pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@14c pound.

Poultry—Hens, 13@13½c pound; broilers, 15@15½c; ducks, young, 12c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed, 24@25c.

Fresh fruits—Cherries, 3@7c pound; apples, old, \$1.50@3 box; good, \$2.50; peaches, 50@90c; pears, \$1.50@1.75; currants, \$1.50@1.75; plums, 40@75c; apricots, 75c@90c; grapes, \$1.75@2.25 crate; blackberries, \$1@1.10.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2.25@2.50 per crate; watermelons, 90c@1 per hundred.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, new, 60@75c per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 65@75c dozen; beans, 2c pound; cabbage, 1@1½c; cauliflower, \$1@1.25 dozen; celery, 85c@1; corn, 15@25c; cucumbers, 50c box; eggplant, 10@12½c pound; head lettuce, 20@25c dozen; peas, 8@9c pound; peppers, 8@10c.

Hops—1912 contracts, 18@19c; crop, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@15c pound; valley, 21@23c; mohair, choice, 32.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7; good, \$6@6.50; medium, \$5.75@6; choice cows, \$5.75@6.25; good, \$5.50@6.75; medium, \$5@5.50; choice calves, \$7@8.25; good heavy calves, \$6@6.50; bulls, \$3.50@5.10; stags, \$4.75@6.

Hogs—Light, \$3@3.75; heavy, \$2.25@7.50.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$3@4.25; wethers, \$3@4.60; ewes, \$3@3.75; lambs, \$4@5.30.

ONE MAN RULE WINS.

Senate Adopts Measure Giving President Control of Canal.

Washington, D. C.—The future of the Panama canal will rest in the hands of a "one-man government" through the decision of the senate to support a plan already endorsed by the house of representatives.

By a vote of 43 to 14 it adopted a provision giving the president control of all affairs at Panama, with power to appoint a governor to "complete, govern and operate" the canal zone.

Spurred on by a special message from President Taft urging the need of immediate legislation to provide for the organization of the canal operating force the senate made marked progress on the canal bill. The question of tolls and the proposed free passage of American ships was under discussion when adjournment was taken.

A vote probably will be taken on Senator Burton's motion to strike from the house bill that paragraph which would exempt American coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls.

The senate overturned the recommendations of its committee on inter-oceanic canals in adopting the plan for a single governor. The committee had proposed a commission of three, one to operate the canal, one to control, and one to administer the civil government of the canal zone.

PLAN CELILO-PANAMA FETE.

Idaho Would Celebrate Completion of Great Waterways.

Lewiston, Idaho—The governing board of the Lewiston Commercial club has taken the initial steps toward holding a Lewiston-Celilo-Panama waterway celebration in honor of the completion of the Panama and Celilo canals and the opening of the Columbia and Snake rivers to navigation to Lewiston, the farthest inland river point available to sea navigation west of the Rocky mountains.

A large provisional committee was authorized to take charge of preliminary arrangements and co-operate with Portland, The Dalles, Pasco and other river points on a celebration fittingly commemorating this important event. The provisional committee immediately will prepare an outline for the proposed celebration and will present the plan in full to the Columbia and Snake River Waterways convention which will assemble at Lewiston, October 4 and 5.

The plans of the committee will also include invitations to the governors and officials of the United States government, United States senators and members of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, officials of the Panama canal and United States government engineers of the Pacific Coast, representatives of the commercial bodies of the Pacific Coast and the transcontinental railways serving the Pacific Northwest.

The slogan "Lewiston to the Sea" has been suggested and will probably be adopted for use on the official flag.

Long Siege Expected in Nicaragua Managua, Nicaragua—Strong protests have been made by the manager of the American railway to American Minister Wetzel against the seizure of the railway recently by armed forces. He asks for protection.

The minister in turn requested the government to protect the railway, and received the reply that the government was anxious to do so, but was unable to give the necessary protection because of the revolution. The government asked for the assistance of an American armed force.

In response to this request a detachment of American marines was dispatched from the United States gunboat Annapolis, now stationed at Corinto. The marines are now quartered at the American legation.

Business throughout the country is paralyzed by the revolution. Merchants refuse to pay customs duties. Protests have been sent to the American minister by the American collector general of customs and the American judges of claims commission against interference in the matter of the customs duties.

Hall of Fame Is Plan.

San Francisco—San Francisco is to have a Hall of Fame. Therein to 20 native sons and daughters of California that have done most to reflect glory on their state are to be glorified. The temple is being erected by the Native Sons. In the main hall are 20 oval frames garlanded with laurel wreaths. In each will be placed the art glass effigy of one who has helped make history in California. Three daughters of the state—Gertrude Atherton, Sybil Sanderson and Mary Anderson—are selected for the honor.

Kansas Goes for Roosevelt.

Topeka, Kan.—Partial primary returns indicate almost to a certainty the nomination of the Roosevelt electors on the Republican ticket. Arthur Capper, publisher of the Topeka Capital, was nominated as Republican candidate for governor by a majority estimated at 40,000. The contest between Governor Stubbs and Senator Curtis for nomination for United States senator is so close as to be in doubt. R. J. Hopkins apparently has won the nomination for congress in the Seventh district.

Appointment Is Fought.

Washington, D. C.—The senate judiciary committee has been requested by E. C. Greene, of this city, to reverse the action of a subcommittee which has reported favorably upon the nomination of Fred E. Fuller for appointment as federal judge for the Fourth Alaska district. It is charged by Greene that Fuller after accepting employment as attorney for the plaintiff in a lawsuit, accepted employment from the defendant in the same case.

Extend Pacific Highway.

San Francisco—The full length of the Pacific highway, as its founders plan it, will stretch from the British boundary on the north and to Mexico City on the south. The third annual congress of the Pacific highway association passed resolutions inviting the Mexican government to extend the highway from San Diego southward to the Mexican capital.

PROGRESSIVES NOMINATE ROOSEVELT AND JOHNSON

New Precedent Established by Notifying Both Candidates Immediately.

No Sign of Discord Mars Proceedings of First National Convention of "Progressive" Party—Colonel Superintends Construction of Platform.

Nominees of Progressive Party at Chicago Convention.

For President—Theodore Roosevelt, of New York.
For Vice President—Hiram W. Johnson, of California.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the delegates to the first national convention of the new Progressive party tonight proclaimed Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, as their candidate for president, and Hiram W. Johnson, governor of California, as their choice for vice president.

Marking a departure in the proceedings of national conventions, the two candidates were then notified of their nomination, and in the midst of deafening cheers they appeared before the delegates to voice their acceptance and to pledge their best efforts to the coming campaign.

For several hours during the afternoon and early evening the Coliseum had listened to a flow of oratory in nominating and seconding speeches in which the dominant note expressed was the belief that victory would come to the new party in November. Raymond Robbins, of Illinois, pledged a 100,000 majority for the national ticket in Illinois, and Gifford Pinchot predicted a 300,000 majority for Colonel Roosevelt and Governor Johnson in his home state of Pennsylvania. These statements were cheered to the echo.

The party formally christens itself the "Progressive party," leaving off the prefix "national," by which it has heretofore been known, but provision was made for the recognition of "real" progressives in any of the states by whatever name they should be locally designated because of state laws.

The convention adjourned at 7:24 p. m., with the delegates singing the "Doxology" in lusty voices. During the three days it was in session there was not a rollcall or a ballot. The delegates asked no such formalities, either in placing their candidates in nomination or in voting for them. There was not a voice of opposition either to Colonel Roosevelt or Governor Johnson. The delay in nominating was due to the large number of seconding speeches allowed.

As has always been the case in national political conventions, the bulk of the work of the progressive gathering was carried on in the committee. The only semblance of a conflict of opinion on the floor was a brief debate today as to whether an hour's recess should be taken. The point was not material, but, as one delegate expressed it, "we just had to fight about something to make it a regular convention."

There was a sharp discussion, however, in several committee hearings and no little difficulty in agreeing upon the platform as finally adopted. Colonel Roosevelt worked with the sub-committee in charge of the platform until late this afternoon, going over their work of the two previous days and nights and vigorously helping to mould the draft which at last proved acceptable to him. The platform did not take up the Negro question.

In this connection one of the interesting seconding speeches of the day was that of F. R. Gleed, of New York, a Negro. Gleed said the Negroes had faith in the new party; faith that it would do all in its power to right the wrongs of the race. "We stand by the platform," he said; "we stand by Colonel Roosevelt's letter; we stand by his speech. And as we stood by him at San Juan."

Orocco's Men Victorious.

Tucson, Ariz.—Orocco's rebel forces, according to advices received here, defeated the government soldiers under Generals Sanjines and Velasco at Seheripa and continued their advance as far as Ladura, Sonora. There they opened fire on the town, which was defended by 25 or 30 federals. The railroad agent, hiding himself under the station, sent out the report of the attack, adding that he intended to stay where he could be comfortable. The rebels cut the telegraph wire between Ladura and Mina, Sonora.

"Spitball" Has New Fear.

Philadelphia—Manager Dooin, of the Philadelphia baseball team, declares the "spitball" is responsible for the attack of diphtheria from which Pitcher Ad Brennan is suffering. Therefore he means to make application to President Lynch, of the National league, for permission for his pitchers to use a disinfectant on the ball when they are opposing a "spitball" artist. According to Dooin, every man who played with Brennan in the game against St. Louis ran the risk of being infected with diphtheria.

Ballplayers Seek Union.

New York—David Fultz, a lawyer, who was formerly outfielder with the New York Americans and the Philadelphia Athletics, admitted that activities toward forming a union of big league baseball players were in progress. He said members of the National league clubs met in his office last Sunday and that American league players met secretly in New York two weeks earlier. The sixteen clubs of the major leagues were represented.

Hill, so we will stand by you in November and fight for victory." Miss Jane Adams, of Hull House, Chicago, was among those who seconded Colonel Roosevelt. She was greeted enthusiastically. The new party formally placed itself on record as favoring equal suffrage, and further recognized the suffrage movement by providing for four women members-at-large on the national committee.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Songs and party yells whirled away the time at the National Progressive convention today after the delegates had assembled and while they were waiting to be called to order. Occasionally there came the long, low "moo" of the bull moose. The women delegates in various state organizations stood up on chairs with the men and joined in the cheers and songs that kept things in an uproar until the gavel fell. Suddenly the Colorado folk sprang a big sign and carried it about the hall. It read:

"No more Guggenheim; no more Devine; no more 'Angel Archie,' for us. Down with the bosses."

The Coloradoans explained that the "Angel Archie" was meant A. M. Stevenson of that state sometimes known as "Big Steve."

Michigan delegates started a new song, which soon was caught up by the other delegations until practically the entire floor was singing. This is the way it went:

"Follow, follow, We will follow Roosevelt, Anywhere, everywhere, We will follow on."

At 12:35 Senator Dixon interrupted the singing by rapping for order.

Chairman Beveridge caused to be read a telegram from Colonel William R. Nelson, of the Kansas City Star. It was dated Magnolia, Miss., and was as follows:

"Lord, how I wish I were with you. What a great day—the launching of a party of imagination, hope and prospects. We can afford to give the other fellows their memories and disappointments. The past has no interest for us. The future is our fruit. Give Colonel Roosevelt my love. I have never missed a chance to place a bet on him, and have never lost when there was a square deal. The Lord is surely with us. He has given us the men, as well as the opportunity. I cannot help but feel what a narrow escape we had in the June convention. Roosevelt might have been nominated there. My congratulations to everybody and regret that I cannot be with you."

Wild applause followed the reading. It was 12:47 when Chairman Beveridge announced the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt at the Coliseum. Delegates and the galleries jumped to their feet and cheered. A minute later the Colonel appeared on the stage, almost as if by magic. In the midst of the deafening din, the Colonel stepped onto the insulated speaking platform under the big sounding board. He bowed to right and left with a broad grin and waved greetings to friends on the stage and floor.

Mrs. Roosevelt, clad in black, appeared in a box to the left of the platform. She carried a red bandana handkerchief and waved it enthusiastically. Mrs. Roosevelt was accompanied by George Roosevelt, a nephew of the Colonel.

The demonstration had been in progress for 45 minutes before the delegates recognized Mrs. Roosevelt in a box. They turned to her with a cheer and she rose and bowed to acknowledge the cheers. Order was finally restored, the demonstration having lasted 45 minutes.

Will Troll for Salmon.

Astoria, Or.—As a result of the success attained by the men who have been trolling for salmon outside the mouth of the river during the present season, quite an industry in that line is promised for this fall. Several boats are now being rigged for that particular class of fishing. The boats will fish well off shore, in the vicinity of the lightship, and it is asserted they will not be subject to the state laws governing the fisheries. They can thus operate during the closed season on the river.

Drops Box of Dynamite.

Portland—In an explosion which shook the Grange Hall at Lents, broke windows in farm houses for half a mile around and threw several people from their beds, Perry Warren, aged 50 years, a real estate dealer of Lents, was instantly killed at 10:15 Tuesday night, when he dropped on the floor of his three-room cabin a 50-pound box of dynamite. The house was blown over a space of an acre, and no two pieces of lumber were left together. Warren's body was badly mangled. The explosion was heard eight miles.

Montenegros Fight Turks.

Cettinje, Montenegro—Fighting on the frontier between small guerrilla bands and the Turkish troops has been going on continuously for two days. The cordon of troops on the Montenegrin frontier was ordered to retire and adopt a defensive policy. The Turks crossed the frontier, but retreated again when the Montenegrins opened fire with their artillery. Great excitement prevails here and dangerous complications are feared.

SOCIETY BURGLAR RICH.

Gathered Half Million of Wealth Just for Pastime.

Chicago—Jacob F. Guthrie, alleged society burglar and forger, whose clever crimes netted him more than half a million dollars in six months, is declared to be a victim of periodical insanity, a sort of madness that drove him to crime. The rare joy of stealing and the thrill of breaking into other people's houses lured Guthrie to his ruin.

Six months of burglary, riotous, joyous stealing, that were described by him as he sat in the detective bureau, opened up a new chapter in criminal psychology. Burglary had proved to youthful Guthrie what gambling, drink and stronger stimulants are to others. Stealing, said he, had become a habit with him that he did not even care to break.

To sit in a house that has been "securely" locked before the departure of its wealthy owner for some summer resort, and map out a plan of stealing all the most valuable heirlooms and the art treasures was to Guthrie what an evening at an amusement park or theater is to more prosaic people. He made no effort to sell any of the products of his thefts.

"I did not care about selling those things," naively remarked Guthrie. "I just enjoyed stealing them, and after that I didn't care what became of the things. They were like so much junk."

"There is something queer about the man," was Chief of Detectives John Halpin's comment. "Here's a man whose remarkable crimes have given him an enormous fortune, and he hasn't touched a single article. He does not even dress himself decently. There was no woman on whom he spent his money; he didn't drink or gamble or go joyriding. He stole just for the sake of stealing, and not for any profit, apparently."

"Beyond a doubt Guthrie has obtained the most valuable collection of stolen articles I ever saw. There are diamonds, rubies, sapphires, emeralds and pearls worth thousands of dollars. All his burglaries were committed in the homes of the city's wealthiest citizens."

"He read the society notes and when he noticed a wealthy woman had left home for a few days he would break into the house and steal the most valuable articles he could find. Apparently he kept all the things he stole which appealed to his artistic taste, but he must have disposed of a large quantity of the plunder."

"Thousands of dollars' worth of stolen articles were identified by society women."

YANKEE DANES GIVE PARK.

Deed to 400 Acres in Jutland Handled to King Christian.

Aarhus, Denmark—King Christian has received at Marselisborg castle the members of the committee representing the Association of Danish Americans which has presented to the government a new national park in Jutland.

The American minister of Denmark, Mr. Maurice, on behalf of President Taft, honorary president of the association, read a message from Mr. Taft extending greetings to the king and people of Denmark. The message in part follows:

"It is with great pleasure that I have witnessed the action of the American citizens of Danish birth of this country in acquiring a tract of 400 acres of land near Aalborg for the purpose of establishing a Danish-American national park, to be dedicated to the Danish government, and to be at all times open to the public. "I am gratified to be identified with this act in my capacity as honorary president of the association. I recognize in it a concrete expression of the cordial relations that have always existed between the Danish and American people and which are today based more firmly than ever on friendship, understanding and mutual esteem."

Many Rebels Are Quitting.

Mexico City—Encouraged by the success of General Sanjines, near the eastern boundary of Sonora, and relying upon General Puerta, to wage an energetic campaign against the rebels with the army that drove them back from Bacilymba, government officials believe that by the end of the week Pascual Orocco will be seeking hiding places or begging for amnesty.

Unofficial as well as official dispatches state that many of Orocco's men are tiring of fighting without pay and that desertions are increasing.

Royalists' Plot Exposed.

Lisbon—The government has learned of plans for a new Royalist outbreak, said to have been arranged for the middle of August. The information came from a loyal Republican, who learned of the plot from Ludovina Ruaz, an active Royalist, among whose admirers he was numbered. The woman was arrested. The government said it had evidence that the conspirators contemplated seizing the ministers of state and deputies and simultaneously General Conceivo was to make a raid on the capital.

Rebels Die Without Trials.

Mexico City—The right to execute rebels without trial was conferred upon the Mexican army, when the permanent committee of congress approved the bill providing for suspension of guarantees in three states and portions of nine others. It will not become effective, however, until approved, article by article. The measure, which principally provides for martial law, will apply to the states where the rebels are the most harassing.

Mountain Climber Is 81.

Ashland, Or.—More than 80 members of the Siskiyou club of this city, climbed Mount Ashland Sunday, viewing the panorama of scenic beauty as seen from the summit of the highest peak in this section of Southern Oregon. W. H. Smith, aged 81, was the oldest person who successfully made the trip.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATES

WHEAT SURPLUS IS 4,000,000

Fine Yields on Big Farms of Gilliam County.

Condon—Harvest is on in Gilliam county in earnest and every farmer is busy. The crop is unusually large and is being cut as quickly as possible. Combined harvesters are much in evidence, while many farmers are heading and stacking or threshing direct from the header to the stationary separator.

The yield is enormous, some fields going to 45 or 50 bushels to the acre, and men who last fall were in straightened circumstances will pay every debt and have a comfortable bank account.

Hail did considerable damage in the southern part of the county, something that has never happened before, but when this loss is estimated it will cut a very small figure in the total yield.

Hay will be abundant with plenty of fruit and potatoes. In the Shuttler, Blalock and Clem districts wheat will average between 20 and 30 bushels, while the crop in Terry Canyon, Mayville, Condon and Gooseberry will be about the same. It is a safe estimate 1,500,000 bushels will be shipped from Condon alone, while the whole county will export about 4,000,000 bushels of grain.

The price at present is not satisfactory and farmers will not sell until better prices can be obtained.

The barley crop is also excellent this year.

GOOD PRUNE PRICES ASSURED

Extent of Marion County Crop Not Yet Certain.

Salem—Bumper crops, in most respects, are looked for in Marion county this year. The hay crop is large and the price so far is low. Hay will run about \$7 a ton baled, while it can be purchased as cheap as \$4 in the field. The potato crop gives big promise. There are more potatoes planted this year than last by far, and the crop will be excellent as well. Potatoes promise to be cheap as a consequence.

It is predicted that the apple crop will be enormous. Prunes have suffered somewhat and there are varying predictions as to this crop. Some say that there will be half a crop, some that there will be a third of a crop, while others say that they will run as high as two-thirds of a crop. From what can be generally ascertained, however, the figures placing the crop at one-half seem to be a conservative estimate, and practically correct. Prices promise to range well for prunes.

There is comparatively little grain in Marion county, but what grain there is excellent. On the whole the outlook to the farmers seems to be satisfactory. Some hay has been injured, but otherwise the weather conditions have been good, barring some small late rains which threatened to do some harm, but conditions are now much improved.

Crop Best in Years.

Hillsboro—Washington county never had better crop prospects. Hay is heavier than for years, and although 30 per cent of the clover cut was damaged slightly, the loss is more than made up by the extra heavy yield. All fall-sown grain, wheat, oats, barley and rye, will yield better than for a number of years, winter wheat in many places bidding fair to go from 30 to 45 bushels an acre.

Potato prospects are the best at this season of the year that the county has enjoyed for 15 years, and there is a larger acreage than usual, owing to the big price of last spring.

Hops are superb and are better than any prospects at a like season heretofore.

Apples are fair, pears an average crop, prunes a failure except on elevations, where the yield will be better than usual. Prices of all products here are governed by Portland markets.

Cattle Imported for Hay.

Prineville—Good crops prevail all over Crook county this year. Forty bushels of wheat to the acre will not be an unusual figure for dry land and some of the irrigated wheat will yield better than that. The hay crop is nearly a third greater than last year, but the farmers are beginning to wonder where they are going to get the stock to which to feed it. On account of the high prices last fall and this spring, most of the stockmen sold off nearly all of their beef cattle, so it may be necessary to ship cattle in.

Gold Hill Mayor Original.

Gold Hill—To erect a brick building with brick burned on the ground from clay taken from the excavation for the basement, is the unique proposal of Dr. R. C. Kelsey, Mayor of Gold Hill. He will employ an expert, licensed brickmaker long enough so that he and his sons can get the knack of mixing, molding and burning brick, after which the work will be a strictly family affair as far as possible. The clay taken from the excavation has been proved by test to be good quality brick clay.

Hood River Crop Immense.

Hood River—Although the early warm spells and the unusually great far toward making a failure of the year's strawberry crop in the Hood River valley, the rains were the making of the greatest hay and potato crops the community has ever known. So excellent are the prospects for the year that predictions are now made that the shipments this season will be at least 15,000 sacks.

Rogue River Outlook Is Fine.

Medford—Without exception, Medford and the Rogue River valley will have the largest crops in their history this year. In fruit there will be a phenomenal crop of apples. If August has an average rainfall, Professor O'Garra, county pathologist, predicts a total of 450 cars. In 1911 there were but 81 cars.

SOME BURNING PERMITTED.

Farmers Clearing Land Should Obey Fire Laws, Says Warden.

Portland—Roy Woods, supervising state fire warden for Multnomah county, states that farmers and others engaged in clearing land frequently cause state officials and themselves unnecessary trouble through failure to acquaint themselves with the fire laws. "I am frequently called upon to go to a remote part of the county to inspect a slashing the owner wishes to burn," said Mr. Woods, "when the Section seven of the state fire law provides: 'That during the period between June 1 and October 1 it shall be unlawful for any person to burn slashings, brush or timber land without a written permit from a warden.' This section, however, further states: 'This restriction shall not apply to the burning of log piles, stumps or brush heaps in log piles, under adequate precautions for personal control, and in accordance with any regulations which may be adopted by the state board of fire safety.'"

It can readily be seen that a large number of cases no permit is required to burn. The state board has ruled that when burning is done it must be continuously watched, and the law provides that if fire occurs, the one doing the burning is held strictly accountable for all damages. If there is doubt in any person's mind as to the safety