

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.

President Taft celebrated his 53rd birthday, Thursday, September 15.

Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, charges Roosevelt with insincerity.

Roosevelt defends his "New Nationalism" in an address at Oyster Bay.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon has been renominated for congress by a small majority.

San Francisco police are charged by the mayor with protecting dancehall proprietors.

Fourteen cases of cholera were found on a ship which had just arrived at Alameda, Spain, from Egypt.

It is estimated that 2,400 people went to the Salem, Ore., fair from Portland on Portland day, September 15.

Highwaymen held up two auto parties within a mile of Oregon City and secured about \$1,000 in money and jewelry.

The fire loss on the south side of Frazer river, B. C., is estimated at \$200,000, and several persons are missing.

President Taft, in a letter to Secretary Nagel, announces that Federal patronage will not be withheld from insurgents.

Retail grocers of the state of Washington have passed resolutions against trading stamps, premiums, and the parcels post.

Senator Beveridge told the convention of Indiana bankers that the government should have supervision over all big corporations.

Caleb E. Powers, who was alleged to have been concerned in the murder of Governor Goebel, of Kentucky, has been nominated for congress.

Helen Gould gave a children's circus at her country home in New York, in which over 400 members of her sewing class and friends participated.

George H. Primrose, the world-famed minstrel, is about to be re-united with his wife, from whom he separated last July. He is now 60 years old.

J. J. Hill says business men are foolish to entertain fears for the future.

Five persons have died of cholera at Danzig, Prussia, and many more are ill.

The Southern Pacific has subscribed \$40,000 to the New Orleans exposition fund.

Railroad officials say increased freight rates nearly all goes back to the people.

Fire destroyed an Alaska cannery, together with \$120,000 worth of freshly packed salmon.

Cornell university receives \$689,000 out of the \$882,859 estate of the late Professor Goldwin Smith.

A hunter near Scappoose, Or., has been missing several days, and it is believed he has become demented and is fleeing from his would-be rescuers.

Government authorities state that within a hundred years the Indian will be unknown, having by that time become completely merged into the white race.

Witnesses in the sugar frauds trial say they never knew a weigher who would not underweigh, if paid for it, and never knew an importer who would not pay for underweighing.

During the progress of a play at San Francisco, Margaret Illington, leading lady, was given a dose of ammonia, full strength, instead of greatly diluted, and was nearly strangled before she discovered the mistake.

Friends of Senator Lorimer are planning a big banquet in his honor.

Secretary Nagel is mentioned for a place on the Supreme court bench.

President Estrada, of Nicaragua, proposes a new treaty with the United States.

A launch party of 15 Bellingham people is missing, and it is feared they are lost in a gale.

High society people composing the Narragansett club of New York are on trial for gambling.

David Eccles, millionaire lumberman of Utah, will have to stand trial for timber land frauds in Oregon.

Maine has elected a Democratic governor and three representatives, and may elect a Democratic U. S. senator.

Railroads throughout the country report an average gain in earnings of 10.1 per cent for August, as compared with August 1909.

Ten high officials of the Swift, Armour and Morris packing houses have been indicted for conspiracy and illegal monopoly.

Disastrous forest fires are sweeping Whatcom county, Washington, and have burned many ranches and every house in the town of Hazelmead.

A Tacoma young woman, with only a dog and a horse for company, will hold down a claim for 30 days in a wild and lonely spot near Dietrich, Idaho.

TANG TAKES REINS.

Progressive Friend of America Resumes Control in China.

Victoria, B. C.—Kokumin Shimbun, of Tokio, in the course of a long article on the change of policy at Peking in recalling Tang Shao Yi and making overtures to Yuan Shih Kai to return, says the appointment foretells great development of American influence in China in the future. The Kokumin says:

"It is out of the question to expect that the policy of Tang Shao Yi, who secured his position as a representative of the Yuan party, will be favorable to Japan. Moreover, he is a notorious pro-American statesman and his appointment foretells the great development of American influence in China in the future. He represented China in America and made many promises in America regarding Manchuria and railway questions. It will be interesting to watch the progress of these dead promises."

The Kokumin looks upon Tang Shao Yi as "one of the principal factors in diplomatic circles in the Far East," and considers him the enemy of Japan and friend of America.

Tang Shao Yi, who was reinstated in his post of minister of communications last month, is decidedly progressive. After his restoration the edict, Prince Chun, issued a strict edict notifying viceroys and governors that foreign loans are indispensable in the development of the imperial railway system, and instructing them to suppress anti-foreign agitation. Tang is an ardent friend of America.

SEA WALL IS WASHED OUT.

Scores of Men Work to Save Houses on Long Beach.

Los Angeles—Scores of men are working unceasingly to fortify residences along the ocean front at Long Beach against the waters which broke through a protecting cement wall and left the houses exposed to the fury of the breakers.

Many beach houses were left undermined by the washing of the waves, and unless the foundations are reinforced within the next few hours they will fall into the sea. A half mile of the breakwater, as much of the sea wall, and nearly a mile of concrete sidewalk were washed out.

One building collapsed from the force of the waves. An apartment house of 40 rooms is in a most perilous position, and there is every probability that the building will fall. The house is now standing on the sheerest ledge. The danger had been threatened for three days and residents were apprehensive of their momentary peril.

Electric light poles fell during the night like ninepins. The trouble is due to the unusually high tides.

ALL PARTIES GIVEN SHARE.

Metropolitan Street Railway Impartial in Campaign Gifts.

New York—The admission that every corporation with which he had ever been identified had not only contributed to political campaign funds, but had contributed to the campaign fund of "everybody that ever ran for office" was made on the stand by H. H. Vreeland, ex-president of the Metropolitan Street Railway company.

Mr. Vreeland could only be made to specify amounts for the year 1903. During that year the corporation of which he had then been president, the Metropolitan Securities company, had contributed \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the Republican State committee and \$17,000 to \$18,000 to the Democratic State committee. The company may have also made campaign contributions locally, but the witness was not positive on that point.

New Island Rises in Sea.

Seward, Alaska—A new island was added to the Aleutian chain at the same time that the towns of Unalaska and Dutch Harbor were shaken by an earthquake September 1. The island rose from deep water, at a point where a sounding by the Geodetic survey last year showed 70 fathoms. The island is in the form of a great rounded hill, very close to Perry Peak, the island that rose last year and was discovered by officers of the revenue cutter Perry. The revenue cutter Bear brought news of this discovery.

Chinamen Buy Revolvers.

Stockton, Cal.—The sudden run on the gun stores of this city by Chinamen, who are arming themselves in the belief that a tong war is certain, has resulted in almost every high-priced revolver being sold. The owners were surprised Saturday morning to have Chinamen call in twos and threes and purchase the best makes of pistols, paying from \$10 to \$20 each for what they believed to be reliable weapons.

Eight Injured by Airship.

Milwaukee—Eight persons, five women and three men, were more or less seriously injured here when a Wright aeroplane, driven by Arthur Hozey, swerved sidelong from its course and plunged into a crowd before the grand stand at the state fair. The aviator was uninjured. None of the injured will die.

Plague Has Grip on Italy.

Rome, Sept. 17.—During the last 24 hours in the department of Apulia, in Southeastern Italy, there were five deaths from cholera and nine new cases of the disease.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

YEAR OPENS SEPTEMBER 23.

Oregon Agricultural College Has Expended \$134,000 in Facilities.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—Twenty-one new members on the faculty roll, four new buildings on the campus, and much additional equipment for the laboratories and classrooms have been made necessary this year at the Oregon Agricultural college, which will register the students for the fall semester September 23.

Among the new men on the faculty, a notable addition is that of Dr. E. G. Peterson, of Cornell, to fill the chair of bacteriology, left vacant by the resignation of Professor E. F. Pernot. Another appointment of interest is that of Mrs. Anna Z. Crayne, a graduate of the University of Virginia, and of the St. Louis Medical college, as dean of women, to have charge of the social activities, discipline and health of the girl students of the college.

Dr. J. F. Morel, of the Universities of Belgium and Paris, will have charge of the new department of veterinary science, and G. R. Samson, of the United States department of agriculture, will be instructor in animal husbandry. H. S. Marks, also a Cornell man, will fill an instructorship in mechanical engineering, while J. F. Meister, a graduate of the same institution, will be instructor in electrical engineering.

BOULEVARD TO SEA IS PLAN.

Marshfield's Mayor Proposes to Ask Property Owners for Land.

Marshfield—Construction of a boulevard and park from Marshfield to the sea will be approved by the city council if the co-operation of the property owners concerned can be secured. The idea originated with Mayor Straw to secure a strip of land 350 feet wide from the west end of the city straight through the timber to Tarheel point, and to build down the center of the strip a fine roadway.

The land is owned mostly by the Southern Pacific, the Southern Oregon company and the Coos Bay Water company, and these owners will be asked to donate the right of way. The road would extend through beautiful timber.

Bears Work Havoc.

Crescent—Bears, driven by the forest fires from their usual feeding grounds, are attacking sheep in the reserves near here. One herder stated that within three weeks more than 200 head out of a band of 2,000 had been killed by bears, a loss of 10 per cent. In the dark woods where the sheep are bedded down for the night, the bears sally out of the underbrush and by swift attack work havoc with the band and escape before the herders are able to train their rifles upon the marauders. A change of feeding ground for the sheep apparently makes no difference, for the bears follow after and are on the job as soon as darkness falls. As a result, it is expected that the sheepmen will remove their charges from the forest reserves to the winter range much earlier this year than last.

Prune Dryer is Burned.

Roseburg—Igniting from a defective flue, the large prune dryer owned by Morris Webber and situated about six miles north of Roseburg, burned to the ground last Sunday evening. The dryer was filled to its capacity with fruit which was to have been shipped to Portland and Seattle markets. The building and drying equipment was valued at about \$4,000, while the loss of fruit will probably bring the total loss close to \$3,000.

Fruit Fair for Hood River.

Hood River—The new fruit fair building proposed by the Hood River apple growers is now assured. The growers of the valley asked the citizens of the city to aid the project in the sum of \$5,000, and in a few hours the entire amount was subscribed at the solicitation of a special committee. A large brick building will be erected at once and will be ready for the apple fair to be held in October.

Coburg Orchard is Sold.

Eugene—Benjamin F. Riddle, of Medford, bought 25 acres of the Arthur Roach apple orchard, paying \$350 per acre, or \$10,500 for the tract. This orchard is located near Coburg and is planted mainly with Baldwin and Jonathan apples. Mr. Riddle says that the same orchard, if near Medford, could not be bought for less than \$1,000 per acre.

Gravenstein Trees Yield \$47.

Hood River—Dr. W. R. Colley reports the largest yield of Gravenstein apples in the valley. He packed 251 boxes from eight 14-year old trees. It will be interesting to know that the fruit sold for \$1.50 per box, or at the rate of \$47.06 per tree. At this rate an acre containing 60 Gravenstein trees would bring in a gross return of between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Schools for Klamath.

Klamath Falls—Three school buildings being erected in Klamath county will be ready for occupancy by the time for opening the fall term, which is early in September. One of these is at Bly, one on Tule lake in the new Bohemian colony, and the other at Henley.

PENDLETON PLANS "ROUND UP"

Commercial Club to Send Excursion to Wild West Show.

Two sleepers carrying Portland railroad men will go out on the fast mail on the evening of September 30, bound for Pendleton, where the railroad representatives will witness the final day's festivities in the Pendleton "roundup."

The "roundup" is advertised by Pendleton to be "wild and woolly, fast and furious." Among the frontier sports and pastimes to be shown will be broncho busting, steer roping, relay and pony express races, wild horse races, packing contests, horseback tugs of war, steer riding, horseback pistol shooting, fancy riding and roping.

HOP CROP LARGE AND GOOD.

Scarcity of Labor May Prevent Some Being Harvested.

Eugene—The hop crop about Eugene this year is large and of fine quality, but the help is so scarce that it is doubtful if some of the growers will be able to harvest their crop. Hop picking is now in full blast in the most important yards, and on account of the dry weather the hops have developed to a large size with very few leaves, so that picking is easy. In the Robert Hayes yard 150 more pickers could be used to advantage, and unless some unforeseen circumstance relieves the situation some of the hops in this yard cannot be harvested.

Farmers Will Study Irrigation.

Weston—Promoters of the Pine Creek irrigation project have planned a public meeting for September 15 with a view to acquainting farmers with the benefits of irrigation. It is proposed under this project to conserve the flood waters of Pine creek with an immense dam, to be built about three miles above Weston, and to irrigate thousands of acres of rich land devoted to wheat raising. Plans and maps have been prepared.

Coos County May Get Sawmill.

Marshfield—It is reported that the Brookings Lumber & Box company, of California, may build a sawmill in Curry county either at Chetco or at Arch Rock. The company owns 25,000 acres of timber in Curry county.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices, export basis: Bluestem, 32c; club, 34c; red Russian, 32c; valley, 38c; 40-fold, 37c; Turkey red, 34c@39c.

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, new, \$15@16; grain hay, \$14@15.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33 ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23@24 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25@26; rolled barley, \$24.50@25.50.

Oats—White, \$27.50 per ton. Green Fruits—Apples, new, 50c@1.25 per box; plums, 40@75c; pears, 75c@1.25; peaches, boxes, 40@75c; lugs, \$1.10@1.25; grapes, 25c@31.25 per box; \$1.35 per lug; 20c per barrel; watermelons, \$1 per hundred; cantaloupes, 75c@1.50 per crate.

Vegetables—Beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2c; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 90c; corn, 12@15c; cucumbers, 25@40c per box; eggplant, 6c per pound; garlic, 8@10c; green onions, 15c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; squash, 40c per crate; tomatoes, 30@60c per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.25 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound. Onions—New, \$1.50 per sack.

Eggs—Oregon current receipts 31@32c; candled 32@34c.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 36c; prints 37@37½c; butter fat 36c; country store 24@25c.

Poultry—Hens 17c; springs 17c; ducks white 16½@17c; geese 10@11c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22½@25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13c per pound. Veal—Good average, 11@12c per pound. Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25@5.50; fair to medium, \$4.25@4.75; choice spayed heifers, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice beef cows, \$4.25@4.65; medium to good beef cows, \$3.75@4.25; common beef cows, \$2@3.75; bulls, \$3.75@4; stags, good to choice, \$4@4.25; calves, light, \$6.75@7; heavy, \$3.75@5.

Hogs—Top, \$10@10.75; fair to medium, \$9.50@10.

Sheep—Best Mt. Adams wethers, \$4@4.25; best valley wethers, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best valley ewes, \$3@3.50; choice Mt. Adams, \$5.25@5.50; choice valley, \$5@5.25.

Hops—1910 crop, nominal; 1909, 10@11c; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13@17c per pound; valley, 17@19c; mohair, choice, 32@33c.

Cascara bark—4½@4¾c. Hides—Salted hides, 7@7½c per pound; salted calf, 13c; salted kip, 8c; salted stags, 6c; green hides, 1c less; dry hides, 16½@17c; dry calf, 17@18c; dry stags, 11@12c.

Pelts—Dry, 10½c; salted, butchers' take-off, 40@75c; spring lambs, 26@46c.

INSURGENCY WINS.

Poindexter Carries Washington by Big Majorities.

Seattle, Sept. 14.—Insurgency swept the state of Washington yesterday like a tidal wave. Poindexter is believed to have carried nearly every county in the state, with the possible exception of Pierce.

Late returns indicate that Warburton, insurgent, has carried the Second congressional district by a good plurality over McCredie, incumbent.

Humphrey has been defeated in the First district, and William La Follette, of Pullman, a cousin of Senator La Follette and an insurgent, has been elected to succeed Poindexter.

The vote of King county, with 47,000 voters registered, was probably only 30,000, and Poindexter's plurality in the county is estimated at 6,000. Poindexter carried Judge Burke's own precinct.

Incomplete returns from 30 polling places in Pierce county and Tacoma give Burke 41, Poindexter 1,376 and Ashton 1,336. At this rate Pierce county will give Ashton a small majority.

Twenty-six precincts, city and county, in Pierce county, give McCredie 339, Claypool 338 and Warburton 1,333.

Poindexter's plurality in Whatcom county is estimated at 2,000. Poindexter's plurality in Clallam county is estimated at 300.

At Poindexter's headquarters, his lead is estimated as high as 30,000.

STORM DAMAGES COTTON.

Crop on 250,000 Acres in Texas is Ruined by Wind and Hail.

Galveston, Tex.—A severe wind hail and rain storm which swept over four or five counties did untold damage to crops, especially to the cotton crop, which was either stripped from the fields by the wind or ruined by hail of a size unprecedented in Burleson, Brazos, Houston, Grimes and Walker counties.

From reports just received it is estimated that the cotton crop was ruined on about 250,000 acres, which includes a few thousand acres of other crops.

In Burleson county, along the hillsides, thousands of acres of unpicked cotton were beaten down by the hail and later washed into the swelling streams by the heavy rains.

GOLD THEIVES WATCHED

Detectives Suspect Alaskans and Wait for Them to Dig Up Ingots.

Seattle—It is settled in the minds of detectives that the \$57,000 robbery of gold bullion in transit from Fairbanks to Seattle was committed on the Yukon river steamer Tanana, and the men who are supposed to have stolen the precious ingots are under surveillance.

But the gold is buried in the earth, the detectives say, and even if they arrested the real criminals, they could not convict them and they might not recover the gold. So they purpose to starve the thieves out; to watch them until they dig up the gold and try to sell it. Any man who tries to sell Tanana gold at any market in Alaska or the United States will be held for examination. Reports of a second express gold robbery are false.

\$57,500 DISAPPEARS

Gold Bullion From Alaska Vanishes By Lead Bars.

Seattle—Gold bullion valued at \$57,500, part of a shipment of \$100,000 from the Washington-Alaska Express, Fairbanks, Alaska, to the Seattle-Horton national bank of Seattle, the steamship Humboldt, was stolen in transit and lead substituted in a strong box that had contained the bullion.

The gold when it left Fairbanks on a Yukon river steamer for Dawson, White Horse was contained in two wooden boxes and was in care of Alaska-Pacific Express company. The boxes were opened by the Customs officers at Dawson; the bars were found to be as stated by the express company's papers.

The boxes were opened again at United States assay office in Seattle and one contained pigs of lead instead of gold. The seals of the boxes were evident that the robbery had been committed by removing one end of the box. The gold was insured against loss by the express company.

Prose Post is Found Dead.

Philadelphia—Believed to have committed suicide at least a week ago, relief from the pangs of a mental disorder, John Scanlon, known under his pen name of "Prose Post," was found dead in his room at 913 Arch street. The cause of death was due to a search made by a woman who had not heard from him for a period than usual. In addition to being an artist and illustrator, Scanlon, wrote poetry in prose in a unique style which was published in several of the leading magazines.

Actor Flies Over Water.

London—Robert Loraine, who recently failed by 300 yards in his attempt to fly across the Irish sea, announced that he will make another try during the coming week. Loraine's failure was due to defective soldering in his petrol tank. Although he shipped sufficient petrol for the trip, the tank developed a leak, which continued during the last three miles of the trip, and Loraine was compelled to give up.

Walsh Estate Not Great.

Denver—The estate of the late Thomas F. Walsh, which had been appraised as high as \$100,000,000, was worth only \$6,500,000, according to the inventory filed by Judge S. A. Osborn, representing the estate. Of this valuation, \$3,000,000 is Colorado property.

Socialists Are Arrested.

Salt Lake City—Six members of the Socialist Labor party were arrested here, one after another, while trying to hold a street meeting at the corner of Second South and State streets, in defiance of the orders of the chief of police.

TAFT WOULD LOCATE LEAD

Systematic Effort Will Be Made to Cut Down Expenses

President to Find Out Truth of Rich's Statement That \$300,000,000 Can Be Saved

Beverly, Mass.—A formal effort will be put to work shortly in the departments of the government to locate the "leak" which is believed to be costing the government \$300,000,000 that Senator Aldrich could save the government by cutting it on business lines can be saved.

If it is possible to conduct an earnest search on the lines of a well-known insurance establishment, the president wants to know it. If not, why not? Every department is to be searched through minutely. The waste to be noted, lost motion located, corrections marked and a rational system made the watchword.

At a meeting of the cabinet, which has been called for September 24, which will be succeeded by a series of such meetings from day to day next week, the matter of economy was one of the subjects discussed. The president is looking to the development of some practical plan whereby which he has in view may be accomplished.

After the manner in which he has about selecting a stocks and bonds commission, the president is proceeding carefully in the organization of a corps of experts that will endeavor to get the best results with the \$300,000 appropriated by the last congress. He already has had experience in saving economy in the executive departments of the government.

He lopped off \$10,000,000 from navy estimates last year, without jarring the standards of the navy, the army establishment underwent similar cut. He has enforced economy in other departments, and is now urging upon members of his cabinet the necessity for holding down expenditures.

So far as is possible, it is his intention to get some capable and efficient men in each of the departments to make a comprehensive plan for reform is not meant that this man shall spy. But from his experience in the department it is believed he will be able to point out where the duplications, waste or other needless methods.

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