

# 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 said the Illinois Republican convention will endorse Taft and ignore Lorimer.

John F. Gilman was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army for the ensuing year.

Roosevelt predicts a complete rout of the "Old Guard" at the Republican state convention at Saratoga, N. Y.

During the recent forest fires in Washington a photograph was picked up by the wind and carried six miles.

An International Conciliation board has been organized in San Francisco and in future it will decide all labor differences.

John B. Ryan, a New York multimillionaire, offers to build at his own expense a fleet of 1,000 aeroplanes for war purposes.

The steamer Marama, en route from Australia to Vancouver, B. C., received messages by wireless from an Alaska station 2,500 miles distant.

The steamer Olson & Mahoney and the bark McLaurin collided off Point Arena, and the bark was badly damaged. The steamer towed her into port at San Francisco.

Testimony before the Interstate Commerce commission elicited the information that the Northwest extension of the Milwaukee road earned \$9,000,000 the first eighteen months.

The Electric Bond & Share corporation has absorbed the Hartford Irrigation & Power company of Washington, and now owns property of this kind in the Northwest amounting to \$35,000,000.

A cat perched in a tree waiting for birds at Des Moines, pounced upon a chanticleer hat worn by a woman who passed underneath. The woman's face was badly lacerated by the cat before he discovered his mistake.

Exporters are again buying wheat for shipment from Coast ports.

Statewide prohibition will be the slogan of the Idaho Republicans.

The Southern Pacific has advanced the rate on lumber to San Francisco.

Sever meat dealers at Lawrence, Mass., were indicted for giving short weight.

Representative Tawney was defeated for renomination at the Minnesota primaries.

The resignation of Senator Lorimer from the Hamilton club, of Chicago, has been accepted.

All of the 13 racing balloons which left Indianapolis Saturday afternoon have alighted safely.

On account of danger from hydrophobia, General Funston has ordered all cats removed from the post at Fort Leavenworth and all dogs kept securely tied.

Germany has discarded dirigible balloons for army use, on account of the many accidents that have befallen the Zeppelin airships. Aeroplanes will be used exclusively.

Stockholders of the O. R. & N. at their annual meeting at Salt Lake City October 12 will be asked to increase the capital stock by many millions, the money to be used in constructing a line across Oregon from east to west.

Taft and Roosevelt held a conference and Taft promised to aid in the New York campaign.

A Louisville pastor was forced to resign because he indulged in baseball and other athletic sports.

The attempt to cross the Alps in aeroplanes met with failure, though one machine rose 7,456 feet.

Evidence of manipulation of stocks by railroads to hide dividends was brought out at the rate hearing.

A Klamath Falls bricklayer collected \$7 due him for work, at the muzzle of a shotgun, and was immediately arrested.

The senate committee has begun its official investigation into the alleged bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer.

Two children were burned to death in their home at Douglas, Alaska, while their aunt, with whom they lived, was gone to the store.

Prince Tsai Hsun, head of the Chinese navy, arrived in San Francisco suffering severely from bronchitis and threatened with pneumonia.

American apples are bringing 8 to 12 cents a pound in England.

Chas. B. Heike, an ex-official of the sugar trust, was fined \$5,000 and given eight months in the penitentiary for his share in the sugar weighing frauds.

A member of the royal Holstein family of Denmark, and heir to many millions, was found working in the commissary department of a railroad company at Seattle.

The Spanish parliament is expected to fully endorse the policy of Premier Canalejas.

## GRAND ARMY CONSERVATIVE.

Postpones Action on Lee Statue—  
Would Increase Pensions.

Atlantic City, N. J.—After a warm debate of more than three hours, the national encampment Grand Army of the Republic, at its final session here, indefinitely postponed action on the controversy over the placing of the statue of Robert E. Lee in Statuary Hall. The vote was 133 to 102, a small total compared with the vote of 887 cast for commander-in-chief.

The encampment rejected the proposition recommending that congress be asked to grant each Union veteran a pension of \$1 a day for life, but endorsed the McCumber bill now pending relating to widows' pensions.

It was recommended that the pensions for veterans 66 years old be increased from \$12 to \$16 a month; 70 years old from \$15 to \$20, and 75 years of age from \$20 to \$25 a month.

The question of the Grand Army's attitude on the Lee statue matter was one of the most important the encampment has to deal with in years. The conservative element controlled the encampment and won the day on the argument that the bitterness engendered in the Civil war was disappearing and that sectional hatred should not be revived; that action adverse to the Lee statue would do more harm than good, especially to the Grand Army of the Republic, and last, but not least, that the state of Virginia, under the act of congress in 1864, had the right to place in Statuary Hall the image of any man from that state whose memory it chose to perpetuate.

## SIXTEEN DEAD IN WRECK.

Rock Island Train Runs into Wash-  
out in Kansas.

Denver—Fifteen persons lost their lives and 11 others sustained more or less severe injuries in the wreck, two miles east of Clayton, Kan., of west-bound Rock Island passenger train No. 27, which was due in Denver at 8:25 Saturday morning from Kansas City.

The wreck was the result of a cloud-burst which carried out 1,000 feet of a fill at what is normally almost a dry bed, turning the latter into a torrent many yards wide and 20 feet deep.

The train was proceeding on a straight stretch of track. Evidently the first intimation that the engineer had of any danger came when he realized that the forward portion of the train was running in water which had spread out over the tracks near the fill. Reversing the engine, the speed of the train was checked, but not enough to prevent the engine, baggage car and smoker going over into the depression.

The rear end of the smoker remained tilted on the earth bank and the chair car ripped its way into the smoker, smashing it to pieces and killing or injuring many of the passengers.

As near as can be learned here all of the passengers killed were occupants of the smoker.

## AEROPLANE CROSSES ALPS BUT PRIZE IS LOST.

Domodossola, Italy—The great feat of crossing the snow-capped Alpine barrier between Switzerland and Italy in a heavier-than-air machine was accomplished by Georges Chavez, the young Peruvian aviator.

The plucky hero of the exploit, however, lies in the Domodossola hospital, badly injured as the result of an accident that happened just as he had completed the most arduous and nerve-racking portion of the task. Both his legs are broken, his left thigh is fractured and his body is badly contused, but physicians are of the opinion that these hurts will not prove fatal.

The accident happened as Chavez was trying to make a landing here. The Alps had been crossed successfully and the aviator was descending with the power of his machine shut off. When about 30 feet above the ground a sudden gust of wind seemed to catch the monoplane, which turned over and fell. When the crowds that had been watching the descent ran up, they found Chavez lying bleeding and unconscious beneath the twisted wreckage. Willing hands lifted the aviator from the ground and bore him to the hospital.

## "Black Hand" Indicated.

Spokane—Murder, bearing the marks of a Black Hand mystery, was committed near Fourteenth and Wall streets at 8:55 Saturday morning. Following the sound of three revolver shots the body of an unknown, well-dressed Austrian was found lying face downwards in a clump of trees. The slayer had disappeared, but the prints of his hobnailed shoes were traced for more than a block. No papers could be found on the body bearing the man's name, but the discovery of \$4 precludes the idea of robbery.

## Must Dig for Water.

Denver—That every drop of surface water capable of being turned to irrigation is already appropriated is the opinion of practically all experts who read papers at a conference on irrigation here. The conference was arranged by the department of agriculture. Supplies from other sources than running streams must be looked to for future use, the experts say, and in the meantime new reclamation projects should be held in abeyance.

## 'Quake Felt in Arizona.

Phoenix, Arizona—Private dispatches from Winslow, Arizona, report a severe earthquake in that section of Arizona. No details were given. Message from Williams says the shock was felt there, but no one was hurt, nor was there any damage.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## NEW O. A. C. POULTRY CONTEST

Joins Eugene Y. M. C. A. in Organ-  
izing Work for Children.

Corvallis—The poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural college, under Prof. James Dryden, is organizing a poultry raising contest for the boys and girls of Eugene, in co-operation with the Young Men's [Christian association] here. Some 50 entries have been made. The college offers \$200 in cash prizes.

At the college ten acres of land are given over entirely to the poultry husbandry department, which has now about 2,000 chickens. There are 20 colony brooder coops and 14 colony laying houses, beside the incubator house, containing 16 incubators of six different makes, and the brooder house. The work of the department is largely that of proving the laying qualities of the principal varieties, including Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns, and crosses of these two breeds.

In a recent letter from St. Petersburg, Russia, Prof. Dryden was assured by one of the government lecturers on poultry raising there that the O. A. C. poultry bulletins have been of great value in her work, teaching her, she said, "just what to say, and how to say, many things in a few words." The bulletins are published for general distribution in the state, and may be had upon request.

## ROAD COSTS \$100,000 PER MILE

O. R. & N. Cutoff From Pendleton  
to Yoakum Nearing Completion.

Pendleton—One of the most expensive bits of road building the O. R. & N. Co. has ever undertaken is now in progress between this city and Yoakum and will be completed within the next two or three months. The work covers but 12½ miles of construction but will cost approximately \$1,200,000.

The improvements in progress involve a complete change of the main line of the O. R. & N. Co. between Pendleton and Yoakum; none of the old line will be used. The work shortens the present line 1.7 miles; eliminates 1361 degrees of curvature; reduces the maximum degree of curves from 10 degrees to 4 degrees, and reduces the grade from eight-tenths of 1 per cent, uncompensated, to six-tenths of 1 per cent, compensated.

On the new line there will be one 600-foot tunnel, cutting out the horseshoe bend; a high fill and a steel bridge of two 150-foot spans with concrete piers and abutments, through the reservoir of the Furnish-Coe Irrigation company.

## SALMON RUN LIGHT.

Catch of Fall Fish on Columbia  
River is Very Poor.

Astoria—Reports from all the streams, both along the Oregon and Washington coasts, are to the effect that good runs of fish are coming in and the packing plants are doing exceptionally well. The gasoline schooner Gerald C, which arrived Saturday from Nestucca, brought 871 cases and ten tierces of salmon for Eimore & Co. The catch of fall salmon on the Columbia river is very light at the present time, and some of the gillnetters who have been fishing with large mesh nets have taken them out of the water. Now that the weather conditions are changing, however, a good run of silversides is looked for.

## Salt Salmon Prices Rise.

Astoria—Judging from the present market conditions the Alaska salmon packers who have not yet sold their packs of salt salmon will make unusually large profits this season. Last year Alaska salt salmon was selling for \$6 a barrel, but it is now quoted at \$9, with a strong demand and the indications are that the price will advance to \$10. It is understood that the Alaska Fishermen's Packing company, of this city, has fully 3,000 barrels of this salmon, which it has not yet disposed of.

## Stock Stalls Secured.

The Dalles—The management of the district fair, which will be held in this city October 4 to 8, has secured stall room in the east end of town for the stock exhibit. In former years this exhibit has been held at the grounds of the Driving Park association, about a mile out, making it inconvenient both for exhibitors and those wishing to view the stock. With the change which has been made, there will be many more exhibits entered.

## German Families Coming.

Medford—H. A. Vogel has purchased the C. W. McClendon farm in Sams valley, 20 miles from Medford, for \$50,000. The farm contains 604 acres of land. Mr. Vogel intends to subdivide the property and improve each division to suit the tastes of German families from Iowa, his home state, who are planning to move to Oregon in search of a milder climate.

## Train Service Alleged Poor.

Salem—Complaint has been filed by the Upper Hood River Valley Progressive association with the State Railroad commission alleging that service on the Mount Hood Hood railway is inadequate and that on some occasions a distance of 23 miles between Hood River and Parkdale is made in six hours.

## MEDFORD PEARS COSTLY.

Eastern Shippers Bring Good Prices  
for Carloads.

Medford—One hundred and forty-one cars of Bartlett and other early pears have been shipped from Medford to date. The average price received has ranged from \$2.40 a box to \$3.60, which is the price that John G. Gore received for a car load of Bartlett's in Chicago.

This price beat by 27 cents the returns that the Burrell orchard received at New York earlier in the season for a car, which for a time held the blue ribbon as to banner prices of the year. Of the cars that were shipped from Medford the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association shipped 73, the Burrell orchard 47, John G. Gore 11, Hill Crest 18, Bear Creek 7, Hall 2 and Allen 2.

John G. Gore's prices averaged \$2.70 a box; those of the Burrell orchard \$2.55 each, those shipped by the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association \$2.50 each, and the Bear Creek orchard \$2.68 per box.

It cost growers from 70 cents to \$1 to ship and market and about 50 cents to produce a box of pears. The prices this year were lower than last year because the crop was two weeks earlier in ripening and thus was thrown into the market before the California season was over. Comice, Howells and d'Anjou pears are now being shipped. The Bose and Winter Nellis are yet to be picked.

## University Opens.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The State University opened its doors to incoming students Sept. 20, and from all indications it is entering upon the most prosperous year within its history. The first of the registration days was set aside for the first-year students and a total of 287 filed their registration certificates. Practically all of these are freshmen and an unusually large proportion of them are from Portland and Multnomah county.

Students will continue to register throughout the week, as many are late returning.

A. R. Tiffany, registrar, predicts that the registration this year will reach 800, which will eclipse all previous records. Several additions have been made to the university faculty. Professor Arthur Collier, of Harvard, who has been connected for many years with the United States geological survey, has been chosen to fill the chair of geology, which has been vacant since the death of Dr. Thomas Condon.

## Large Amount Received.

Salem—According to figures just given out, receipts during the five days of the State fair last week were \$27,500. This includes paid admissions, money for concessions and incidentals. This figure does not furnish an adequate idea of the total amount of money received, however, as there were large sums taken in from various sources prior to the opening of the fair. It is estimated that the total attendance for the week was 42,500.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 90 @91½¢; club, 83@84¢; red Russian, 81¢; valley, 88¢; 40-fold, 85@86¢; Turkey red, 82@88.

Barley—Feed, \$22 per ton; brewing, \$28.

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

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

Oats—White, \$27@27.50 per ton. Green Fruits—Apples, new, 50¢ @1.50 per box; plums, 40@75¢; pears, 75¢@1.25; peaches, boxes, 50@75¢; grapes, 50¢@1.25 per box; lugs, \$1.35 @1.40; 20¢ per basket; cranberries, \$8.50 per barrel; watermelons, \$1 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$1@2 per crate; casabas, \$3.50 per dozen.

Vegetables—Beans, 3@5¢ per pound; cabbage, 2¢; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 90¢; corn, 12@15¢; cucumbers, 25@40¢ per box; eggplant, 6¢ per pound; garlic, 8@10¢; green onions, 15¢ per dozen; peppers, 6¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢@20¢ per dozen; squash, 40¢ per crate; tomatoes, 25¢ @50 per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.25 hundred. Onions—New, \$1.50 per sack.

Poultry—Hens, 17@17½¢; springs, 17@17½¢; ducks, white, 17@17½¢; geese, 11@12¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, 22@25¢; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 36¢ per pound; prints, 37@37½¢; outside creamery, 35@36¢; butter fat, 36¢; country store butter, 24@25¢.

Eggs—Oregon, candled, 34@35¢. Pork—Fancy, 13¢ per pound.

Veal—Good, average, 11@12¢ per pound.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25@5.75; fair to medium, \$4.25@4.75; choice spayed heifers, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice beef cows, \$4.25 @4.75; 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, \$10.50@10.75; fair to medium, \$10@10.25.

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 lambs, \$5.25@5.50; choice valley lambs, \$5@5.25.

## WOMEN IN HARD STRUGGLE.

England's Chain-Makers Striving to  
Better Conditions.

Birmingham, England—Just how hard the struggle is sometimes between capital and labor, is shown by the strike of the women chainmakers of Cradley Heath, England's most crying industrial scandal.

When the Trades Boards act was passed last year to fix the rate of pay for such sweated trades as this, the employers got the women to contract out; that is, to sign away any benefits under the act, by presenting to them documents they did not understand. So still there are 500 women, mothers most of them, slaving at the hardest labor of forging chains, for not more than a dollar a week, made up of six 14-hour days.

It is an eye-opener to visit this accursed district, where women toil harder than men. Now they are struggling to gain five cents an hour, an increase of 150 per cent. It will bring them about \$2.65 a week if they win.

Sickly children are seen in numbers round these home forges, and even the mere tots are pressed into the labor. Many of the women are not trade unionists, because they have never been able to afford even four cents a week as subscription to the union. Their fight for existence is one of the worst that has ever stained modern industrialism.

## BRYAN BOLTS HIS TICKET.

Refuses Support to Democrats on  
Account of Option Law.

Lincoln, Neb.—In a statement in which he declares that the crusade which he feels impelled to wage against the liquor interests of the state and nation overshadows a personal and political friendship of 20 years, William J. Bryan announced he had bolted the head of the Democratic state ticket in Nebraska and would not support James C. Dahlgren for governor.

Mr. Bryan says he regrets that he is compelled to take the stand he does—his first departure from political regularity—but says he feels it his duty to do so because of the position taken by the Democratic nominee on the liquor question.

The statement, which in a way is apologetic in tone, does not indicate that Mr. Bryan will support the candidate of any other party, but announces that he is a pronounced advocate of county option and the early saloon closing law, both of which he insists are menaced by Mr. Dahlgren's candidacy.

## "DOLLAR A DAY FOR LIFE."

Grand Army Men Begin New Pension  
Campaign.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Veterans attending the national encampment of the G. A. R. were formally welcomed to Atlantic City at a monster meeting on the Million Dollar pier.

The big event is the parade Wednesday. Vice President Sherman will review the veterans, with Commander in Chief Van Sant and Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired.

One thing noticed at the various meetings was the definite shape the movement for increasing the pensions of veterans is taking. The cry was "A Dollar a Day for Life." The national encampment is expected to take up the matter.

The National Association of Naval Veterans believes it has a solution of the matter of placing a statue of General Robert E. Lee in the capitol at Washington. The association at its convention adopted resolutions in which it did not oppose the placing of Lee's statue in the capitol provided it appeared in civilian attire. The naval veterans elected William G. McEwen, Philadelphia, commodore.

## Fur Catch Unusually Big.

Edmonton, Alberta—Edward Hagle, one of the largest independent fur dealers in the North country, who has passed half a lifetime at the business, is authority for the statement that the fur catch of the past winter, which is now beginning to arrive from the North, will net the trappers more than \$250,000. Mink and marten have been more plentiful this year, he says, but foxes and beaver were very scarce, silver foxes especially so. This year only 15 foxes were taken in the Mackenzie river district.

## False Light Causes Wreck.

Vancouver, B. C.—Mistaking a light on shore for a light on a landing float, the small steamer Belcarra, Captain J. E. Fulton, owned by the Sechelt Steamship company, dashed on the rocks at Dempsey's camp, Agamemnon channel, Jarvis inlet, early Saturday morning and is now a total loss in 65 fathoms of water. The crew and a dozen passengers got off in safety, but all hope of saving the vessel was abandoned.

## Japan Buying Cotton Again.

Seattle—The steamship Minnesota, sailing for Japan, took in her cargo 550 bales of cotton, the first big shipment in two years. This consignment is looked upon as the beginning of heavy shipments, the trade having been heavy before the business depression from which Japan is emerging.

## Cleveland Has 560,663.

Washington—The population of Cleveland, O., is 560,663, an increase of 178,895, or 46.9 per cent, as compared with 381,768 in 1900. The population of Joliet, Ill., is 34,670, an increase of 5,317, or 18.1 per cent, as compared with 29,353 in 1900.

# ADDED TRAFFIC ADDED EXPENSE

Figures Show Railroad  
Are Not Too High.

Labor is Blamed for Increase  
of Operation—Regulation  
not Change Conditions.

Chicago—William Ellis, commerce attorney for the railroad, presented a formidable set of figures in the freight rate hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission.

Mr. Ellis had columns of figures, the bulk of which almost staggered representatives of the shipping industry, showing that for the past 10 years the cost of conducting transportation had steadily increased in a proportion out of line with the increase in revenue. In other words, the people had steadily risen in cost of living, while the volume of traffic was decreasing, as it should, with a decrease in the volume of traffic.

"There is a gradual growing operation that is getting worse year, and is worse the more a railroad does," he said.

To illustrate this cost, Mr. Ellis as his unit of service 1,000 freight moved one mile. The cost of moving this in 1901 was \$2.30. The same movement in 1910 had cost \$2.96, which meant an increase more than \$4,000,000 to the railroad. Showing how the cost was affected, the witness presented figures giving the increase in the cost of a shipper on many articles if the commodity rates should be permitted to go into effect.

Mr. Ellis took the valuation of several railroad commissions as property of the St. Paul within states and declared that the worth, according to that valuation, of the property thus valued was more than \$286,000,000. The net return since 1906 had been 1 per cent.

The remarkable financial record of the Chicago & Northwestern during the last ten years was pointed out by attorneys for the state. The witness for the road was H. Gardner, vice president in charge of operations and maintenance of road.

His testimony elicited on examination by Attorney Frank L. the commission, was, in short, a company thought itself justified in raising freight charges, in spite of fact that in ten years it had had to its stockholders in direct loss and in unappropriated surplus more than the amount of the capital invested.

## SUBURBAN CARS CRASH FORTY-ONE ARE KILLED.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Forty-one people were killed and seven were injured in a head-on collision between two traction cars on the Fort Wayne Bluffton division of the Fort Wayne & Wabash Valley line.

The wreck occurred one and one-half miles north of Kingsland, at a sharp curve. The cars in collision were northbound local, crowded to capacity, which left Bluffton at 11:35 a. m. and a southbound extra car from Wayne. They met while late running at high speed.

The motormen of the two cars had no time to set the brakes when they sighted each other. The heavily loaded northbound car was crushed and bodies of the dead and injured strewn on either side of the tracks, the wreckage. The screams of the injured men and women following crash of the cars brought the neighboring farmers to the scene.

## Cancer Bequest Tied Up.

New York—The right of the college to property worth approximately \$1,000,000 bequeathed to a cancer research fund by George Crocker, the California lionaire, who died in this city on October 4, 1904, was attacked in court. Crocker's stepchildren, who to the Supreme court for an injunction to prevent the executors of the estate's will from selling the property, losing it, pending the determination of an action brought to establish right to the property.

## Catch Fish by the Ton.

Los Angeles—The greatest catch of tail, halibut and mackerel in the history of Southern California, creating excitement at Redondo and San Pedro, Long Beach and San Diego, and attracted several foreign anglers from the city. Fully 100 fish, aggregating about 100,000 weight, were caught off the coast Thursday, and the sport continued night under electric light, more being taken.

## Back Dividends Are Paid.

New York—The Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on its first preferred stock, and back dividends of 1½ per cent on the same shares, payable as follows: Three and one-half per cent with the regular dividend of 1½ per cent on January 15, 1905; 16; 8 per cent on January 15, 1906; 16 per cent on April 15 next.