

WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

A general assault as begun upon Port Arthur.

King Peter, of Serbia, has been crowned.

Russia expects the ships at Port Arthur to sail forth soon.

The Japanese are pressing on to Mukden and a battle is imminent.

Russia charges Britain with breaking faith in concluding the treaty with Tibet.

General Corbin holds that army officers should not marry unless they have more than their pay and are free from debt.

Panama sides in with Minister Barrett and will demand all questions regarding the canal be settled by diplomacy.

That the new direct primary law of Oregon is so inconsistent as to be nugatory in its provisions relating to city elections prior to 1906 is the opinion of Salem officials who have given the law consideration. Salem, Portland, Astoria, Baker City, Pendleton, Eugene and The Dalles are the towns that come under the provisions of the new law, but it seems probable that the law cannot be followed out as it now stands.

The czar has decided to form a second Manchurian army.

Many of Port Arthur's guns are said to be worn out from incessant firing.

Flour on the steamers Arabia and Calchas, which was confiscated, will be released.

Russian reconnaissance near Mukden are causing heavy fighting with many casualties.

Russia has informed America that foodstuffs are exempt from the contraband clause.

Belgrade is filled with visitors to witness the coronation of King Peter, but little enthusiasm is displayed.

Russians attempted to take a fort at Port Arthur which they had recently lost, but were repulsed with heavy casualties.

The Sovereign Grand lodge of Odd-fellows is in session at San Francisco. A warm contest is promised for sovereign grand master.

The steamer Northland, bound from Portland to San Pedro, Cal., with a cargo of lumber, went ashore on the rocks near Monterey. The vessel will be saved.

The work of dismantling the Lena is in charge of an American gunner.

The Russian troops are changing their clothing for the winter campaign.

The fear is expressed by Russia that China is secretly negotiating with Japan.

The old Iroquois theater has been rebuilt and the building inspector has approved its license.

Russia insists that horses and other beasts of burden remain in the category of absolute contraband.

United States war ships are practicing shooting at night. The Russo-Japanese war has led to this.

The Canadian government offers a reward of \$5,000 for the capture of the Canadian Pacific train robbers.

The monitor Wyoming has been ordered to remain on Puget sound to enforce neutrality should the Koreans put into that port.

Major General Sumner, commanding the Southern division, recommends the abandonment of several military posts in Texas and Colorado which were regarded of the utmost importance in the old days of Indian warfare.

The transport Lena has gone to Mare Island and will be dismantled at once.

Field Marshal Oyama is reported to be concentrating his men for an advance on Mukden.

Japanese are rushing reinforcements to Port Arthur and have captured another fort.

The Union Pacific is carrying many colonists to the Northwest and particularly Oregon.

General Moore will relieve General MacArthur of the command of the department of California but not of the Pacific division.

A sweeping postal fraud order has been issued against the agents of the Preferred Mercantile company, which has a representative in Portland.

A final sortie of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur may be expected at any time. The commander of the fleet has strict instructions that if the fortress falls not on of the Russian ships must fall into the Japanese hands.

Crefield, the holy roller, has admitted his guilt and has been sent to the penitentiary for two years.

One of the Canadian Pacific train robbers is believed to have been captured near Bellingham, Wash.

The Breakers hotel, at Long Beach, Wash., has been totally destroyed by fire. Very little of the contents were saved owing to the rapidity with which the flames spread. The loss is placed at \$70,000.

SECOND DAY OF CONVENTION.

Irrigationists Elect Officers and Decide on Next Meeting.

Ontario, Or., Sept. 21.—The second day of the irrigation convention opened at the opera house yesterday morning with a large attendance of delegates. The night trains brought in a large contingent from the West, also a large visiting delegation from Boise and intermediate towns in Idaho. President Devers presided.

The first speaker of the day was Hon. Thomas G. Hailey, of Pendleton, member of the state commission to draft a state irrigation law to be submitted to the legislature this winter. Mr. Hailey explained that the commission had secured the services of a government irrigation attorney, who was an expert in the matter of irrigation law, and he had prepared the draft of a bill which would be taken up by the state commission soon. He explained that the United States government would have to be a party to all government aided irrigation schemes in this state, hence the necessity of having a bill passed which would meet the requirements of the government officials.

The chief address of the morning was delivered by Judge J. H. Richards, of Boise, Idaho, on "The Home and Irrigation." Mr. Richards said that the noblest type of manhood and womanhood came from the home beautiful. Following this line of thought, Mr. Richards contended that the pursuit of agriculture and horticulture as a means of gaining a livelihood under proper conditions would produce the best class of citizens, both for the state and nation.

Dr. Withycombe, of the state agricultural college, delivered an interesting address on the educated farmer. Speaking of the government irrigation project for Malheur county, Mr. Withycombe said that it had come to his knowledge that some of the prominent citizens of this valley were sacrificing their personal interests in order to further the government irrigation plans. Following out this suggestion, the doctor spoke at some length on co-operation as a factor in irrigation.

At the afternoon session the committee on organization reported the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, E. M. Brannick, Portland; first vice president, S. A. Lowell, Pendleton; second vice president, F. W. Metcalf, Arcadia; secretary, A. King Wilson, Portland; treasurer, A. H. Devers, Portland.

Hon. J. N. Williamson was the chief speaker of the afternoon. Mr. Williamson had to deal with a delicate subject, and the opera house was crowded to its capacity when he delivered his address on "Disposition to Be Made of the Range Lands of the Arid and Semi-Arid Region." Mr. Williamson spoke with deliberation and positiveness. After dealing with the matter in all its phases, he said that in his opinion individual ownership was the best means of solving the problem, provided the present limit of ownership was removed, taking into consideration location, condition and value of land outside of the irrigated area, each individual to take what is necessary to support a family. It is a question of climatic conditions, altitude and water support; an arbitrary rule will not apply.

Ira Smith read an address prepared by Senator Mitchell, who was unable to be present. Addresses were delivered during the afternoon by Attorney General Crawford, President Brannick, A. King Wilson, E. H. Percy, government law clerk, and D. W. Ross, engineer in charge of the government reclamation service in Idaho.

Mr. Ross said that the irrigation projects now under consideration in Idaho and Oregon if carried out to completion would support a population of 300,000 people.

The convention voted to meet next year in Portland.

His Books in a Muddle.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The war department has asked assistance of the department of justice in trying to secure the arrest of Captain Ira Keithley, Philippine constabulary, who has disappeared from the Philippine exhibit in St. Louis, leaving a reported shortage of \$4,000 in the funds which had been entrusted to him with which to purchase supplies for the constabulary. Keithley had a good record up to this time, having enlisted in the regular army as a private in May, 1898, in Topeka, Kan.

More Ships for Baltic Fleet.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—The correspondent of the Lokal Azeier has telegraphed from Reval to his paper an interview with Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, in command of the Russian Baltic fleet, in which the admiral declares that he expects three additional ships before long, and with that augmented squadron, he will leave for the Far East. The correspondent dimly intimates that the arrival of this squadron need not be expected before spring.

Killing Frost at Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 22.—The first killing frost of the season visited this locality last night. The temperature was at the freezing point and ice was formed on all exposed water. Cut corn was killed and large quantity of flax. There is still some green wheat, but this will be good for nothing but fodder.

WORK STARTS

Irrigation Convention Meets at Ontario.

THIRD SESSION OF ASSOCIATION

About 200 Delegates in Attendance—Malheur County Has an Exceptionally Fine Fruit Exhibit.

Ontario, Or., Sept. 20.—The third annual irrigation convention met here yesterday afternoon, President Devers, of Portland, presiding. Rev. David Sepp pronounced the invocation, after which Mayor Lackey extended a most cordial and hearty welcome to the delegates. President Devers responded to the welcome.

The convention took a recess after President Devers' address until 8 P. M. The evening session was held in the Congregational church, which was crowded to its capacity, most all of the delegates having arrived on the delayed trains since the afternoon meeting.

After singing "America" Governor Chamberlain was introduced as the first speaker of the evening. The governor congratulated the people of Malheur county on the magnificent fruit exhibit. He said he had visited St. Louis and viewed the horticultural exhibits from all the states, Oregon included, and he could state, speaking from personal knowledge on the subject, that the exhibit made by the people of Malheur for this convention was finer in every respect than that of any state or territory at St. Louis. The governor said he had wired President Myers, of the state commission, to come over and secure and send this exhibit to St. Louis at once.

The governor then spoke at some length in regard to the irrigation project inaugurated under the Carey act. Contracts have been signed and lands segregated to the extent of 120,500 acres and applications are pending for 267,950 acres more, enough to provide homes for 30,000 people.

H. B. Gates, of Hillsboro, member of the state irrigation commission, spoke of the proposed irrigation laws the commission is preparing and congratulated the people of Malheur on being the first in Oregon to secure government aid for irrigation.

Judge Lowell, of Pendleton, said he wanted to live to see the day when the line of demarcation between East and West Oregon would be wiped away by the heartbeat of a united people, and in closing he gave the convention the sentiment: "Oregon for Oregon."

E. M. Brannick, of Portland, spoke in the interest of the Lewis and Clark fair and urged the people to work for and aid the fair in every way possible.

The evening was enlivened by several songs by Rev. Dr. Sepp.

President Devers, at the request of the local committee, appointed F. W. Sheffield, Dr. Withycombe and Professor F. W. Young to act as judges of the horticultural and agricultural exhibits. The exhibits of fruits made by the fruit growers of Malheur county has proved to be the most attractive as well as the most astonishing feature of the convention. Nothing to equal it, says Governor Chamberlain, President Devers, Judge Lowell and others, has ever been seen in Oregon. All visitors from other portions of the state join in this opinion. There are about 200 delegates in attendance.

Forest Fires Spreading.

Anaconda, Mont., Sept. 21.—The forest fires west of the city have progressed so far that there is now danger that the buildings at Mountain View park may be destroyed. The advance of the flames is being watched closely by a force of men employed by the railroad company. Should the danger be great, a general alarm will be sounded and a bucket brigade organized. There is plenty of water at the park if it can be properly directed. Along Warm Springs canyon fully a dozen prospectors' cabins have been burned.

Sailors Cannot Return Home.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Admiral Goodrich, commanding the Pacific station, has telegraphed the navy department that he has forwarded by mail a full report of the agreement he entered into with Captain Berlinsky, of the Russian vessel Lena, for the parole of the officers and crew of that ship. This provides for their freedom of the city of San Francisco, but they may not go beyond the boundaries of the city during the present war.

Train Is Ditched.

Junction City, Kan., Sept. 21.—The Pullman section of the eastbound Atlanta express on the Union Pacific was wrecked six miles east of here shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon by the rails spreading. The train was traveling about 40 miles an hour. Three Pullman cars left the track and the one at the rear rolled over a 15-foot embankment, turning over three times. There were 32 persons in this car. Six of them were seriously injured, and the rest received slight but painful injuries.

Reserves Japan Is Calling Out.

London, Sept. 21.—The Morning Post asserts that the report that Japan is calling out reserves refers to the men not yet summoned to the depots, and whose period of service in the reserves has not expired. The paper explains that a Japanese soldier is not exempt from service until he passes his 41st birthday.

MERCY IS FORGOTTEN.

Frightful Scenes Enacted About Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Sept. 21.—According to Lieutenant Prince Radzivil, of the Russian army, who reached here last night from Port Arthur, bearing dispatches from General Stoessel, the commander-in-chief of the Russian stronghold, to General Kuropatkin, the temper of the belligerents at Port Arthur has reached an absolutely merciless stage. Prince Radzivil served with the British in the Boer War, and he says that until he became aware of the state of affairs at Port Arthur he had no idea that war could be so horrible.

It was set forth in these dispatches some weeks ago that serious suspicions were entertained by both belligerents that the other was misusing the Red Cross. The suspicions have been increased by the commission of various acts by the soldiers of both armies until now even flags of truce or surrender are not respected by either side.

Prince Radzivil declares that the men of both armies are absolutely venomous in their antagonism. Lieutenant-General Stoessel has addressed his garrison, saying that the present mood of the Japanese indicates clearly the necessity of resisting them to the last drop of Russian blood, because if the Japanese soldiers entered the fortress it undoubtedly would be impossible for their officers to control them and prevent a massacre. For this reason Lieutenant-General Stoessel is making no objection to civilians leaving Port Arthur.

When the 300 women who are engaged in Port Arthur in hospital work were advised to leave, they replied they would rather face the possibility of massacre than desert their posts.

In consequence of the fact that flags of truce are ignored, numbers of the Japanese dead which have been lying on the slopes of the hills of the northeast defenses for weeks past are still unburied, and the stench in Port Arthur from decomposing bodies when the wind is in the right direction is almost unbearable.

The Russian soldiers, who are in some cases posted within 500 paces from heaps of decaying dead, have constantly to wear their handkerchiefs soaked in camphor, as otherwise they would be unable to remain at their posts.

AIRSHIPS ARE FEW.

No Successful Flight Has Yet Been Made at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Sept. 21.—As the closed season for airship flights in the grand prize matches at the World's Fair approaches the question of extending the time and otherwise modifying the rules governing the contest is being considered by the aeronautic committee.

The time limit set by the rules, before which the contestants for the grand prize were to have begun their trial flights, is September 30. As this is only 11 days away and none of the contestants as yet has made a successful flight and no definite dates have been set for future trial flights, the question of extending the time for the contests rather than have them go by default is receiving the serious consideration of the exposition authorities.

At present there are only three aeronauts in the city who have entered the match for the grand prize. They are: T. C. Benbow, of Montana; Captain Baldwin, of San Francisco, and Francis Contour, a French aeronaut, who arrived in St. Louis Saturday. Of the three, Benbow is the only one who has made a trial flight. At the time he essayed officially his airship was not free of the ground, being held captive by a rope from the ground, and he, of course, did not qualify.

Captain Baldwin is the only one of the three who is known positively to have qualified for an entry in the contest for the grand prize.

Trophies of Japanese Victory.

Tokio, Sept. 21.—Marquis Oyama, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in the field, reports that the armies under Generals Kuroki and Nodzu made no prisoners in the fighting before Liaoyang. General Kuroki captured 40 horses, 800 rifles, 300 rounds of artillery and 600,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, telegraph apparatus and various miscellaneous implements. General Nodzu captured 37,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, three heliographs, telephones, tools, and large quantities of foodstuffs and timber. General Oku captured enough timber to construct railroad depots.

Ice Shut Out Relief Force.

Tromsø, Norway, Sept. 21.—U. S. Champ, secretary to William Zeigler, and who is in charge of the relief expedition sent to search for the Arctic exploration steamer America, arrived on board the steamer Triton. The Triton reached latitude 79:10 north. Mr. Champ in a statement given out here says: "I regret to report my failure to reach Franz Josef Land. The ice conditions were insurmountable and the approaching winter and the heavy frost compelled us to abandon further effort to get north."

Cut Off Opened to Traffic.

Salt Lake, Sept. 21.—Without ceremonies of any kind the great Ogden-Lucan cut-off of the Harriman system, running across the north end of Great Salt Lake, was today opened for passenger traffic. It has been in use for some time for part of the overland freight traffic, but today it was made an actual part of the overland system and henceforth all trains will be run over the tracks of the cut-off, which stretches for miles in an absolutely straight line over piling and fillings through the water of Salt Lake.

Asuncion Is Cut Off.

Buenos Ayres, Sept. 21.—According to dispatches received here, the revolutionists of Paraguay are concentrating their land forces at towns parallel with the railway and have cut off supplies and communication with Asuncion.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

WEALTH FOR POLK.

Growers and Packers of Hops Get Large Returns.

Independence.—In some of the smaller hop yards, picking is done, but in the larger yards, harvest will not be over until some time during this week. A few pickers, homeward bound, have passed through town, but the bulk of them are yet to start from the hop fields.

Growers in this district have uniformly paid 50 cents a box and there will have been paid out to pickers in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Including the money for other necessary help, wood, sulphur, burlap, baling, etc., the amount paid out will exceed this sum. One yard, the Horst Bros., will pay out \$30,000 for picking alone. The McLaughlin yard will pay out a like sum for picking, and a number of growers will pay from \$2500 to \$5000 to pickers.

No sales are being made. Ralph Williams, of Dallas, has made some small purchases at 27 cents.

The growers in this district are left in better circumstances than they have been for many years. During the period of low prices, many were reduced to the verge of insolvency, and it took the profits of last year and the year before to pay off the hard times indebtedness. This year they started in independent and the profits for this year's crop represents money that the grower may use as he pleases.

No Permit for Sheep.

Enterprise.—Hubbard Flechinger, a sheepman of Asotin county, who was arraigned in the justice court on the charge of running sheep into this state without a permit from the stock inspector of this county, was fined \$60. Deputy District Attorney S. Z. Henderson prosecuted the case, and Hon. J. A. Burleigh, ex-judge, was for Union and Walla Walla counties, was for the defense. The sheepmen of Asotin county have been running their sheep into this county for several years, and there are reported to be six other sheepmen from that section who have their sheep in the northern part of the county at the present time, and who will in all probability have to answer to the same charge as Flechinger. The case tried will be appealed to the circuit court.

Fire in Cascade Reserve.

Albany.—Parties returning from the Breitenbush Hot Springs report destructive forest fires burning in the mountains along the North Santiam river. One of these fires is in the magnificent timber of the Cascade forest reserve and is doing considerable damage. It started about 16 miles northeast of Detroit, and is burning in a northern direction.

This fire is in the heart of the Cascade forest reserve, and quite a distance from the course of travel or camping places of pleasure-seekers. It is presumed to have been started by the Indians in an effort to destroy the feed on the reserve and thus keep out the sheep, great herds of which are annually driven over the Indian hunting grounds in the reserve.

Salem Can Use Bar Gravel.

Salem.—Judge Galloway has rendered a decision in the Minto gravel bar case in which he perpetually enjoined the defendants from interfering with the employees of the City of Salem while they are taking gravel from the northeast corner of Minto Island, for use on the streets of Salem. The decision is of great importance to the City of Salem as the Minto alleged that the city had only a revocable license which had been rescinded.

Trail Creek Road Rebuilt.

La Grande.—The Trail Creek-Imnaha road, which runs through some parts of Walla Walla county to the Imnaha mining district, was almost totally destroyed by one of the cloud-bursts which were frequent in Eastern Oregon early in July, in which some people in that section nearly lost their lives. It has been under repair since that time, and is now almost completed. It has cost Walla Walla county \$717.60 for labor and supplies.

To Purchase 20-Stamp Mill.

Medford.—Dr. J. F. Reddy, of Spokane, who recently bonded the Opp quartz mine, located near Jacksonville, has left for San Francisco to purchase a 20-stamp mill and other machinery. J. W. Opp left Thursday morning to join Dr. Reddy. A large force of men has begun work clearing ground for the erection of the buildings. Work will be pushed and it is expected everything will be in running order within 60 days.

Suit on Hop Contract.

Salem.—T. A. Livesley & Co., have brought suit in the Circuit Court to enjoin John Johnson, of Woodburn, from disposing of a certain crop of hops, 20,000 pounds, for which plaintiff has a contract. This contract was made over a year ago, and covered the crop mentioned for five years at 14 cents a pound. A suit was brought that contract last year, and resulted in favor of the plaintiff, but is still pending in the courts.

Fine Weather for Harvesting.

Enterprise.—Old settlers of this county say that this section of the country is experiencing the longest dry spell in its history, there having been no rainfall for over a month. Luckily, the crops were all well matured before the dry weather began, consequently it has also been one of the best years for harvesting ever known.

Apples Plentiful.

Milton.—Apples are plentiful and of all varieties. The outlook for prices is not flattering. Shippers expect to commence shipping as soon as the prune season is over.

BEET HARVEST IS ON.

Heavy Yield of Fine Quality in Fields at La Grande.

La Grande.—The digging of the new crop of beets for the sugar factory located near this city, has commenced, and will be pushed. The season has been a very favorable one for beet growers, and the yield will be much greater than in any previous year. A number of fields, it is estimated, will produce over 12 tons to the acre, and some as high as 15 tons per acre, all of excellent quality.

Extensive improvements are being made in the factory, and much new machinery is being added. A large tank for storing syrup is being built, as the present one is inadequate to hold the syrup left over from the season's run.

Plowing has begun on the 1200 acre farm lately purchased by the sugar company, near Union, a large portion of which will be planted in sugar beets for the next year's crop.

Athena Growers Sell Wheat.

Athena.—Little wheat is stored at this place to be held by owners. The most is sold outright to wholesale buyers. Fully 75 per cent of the season's crop has been disposed of. Only a small per cent has been moved, but the W. & C. R. company is running trains out nearly every day now and the O. R. & N. company hauls out many cars daily. Farmers do not desire to hold their grain at the present high prices. The heaviest purchasers are the Preston-Parton Milling Company, the Pacific States Warehouse Company and the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, all of whom have received immense amounts. Hauling will be completed this week, as now but few loads straggled in, coming from isolated farms.

Railroad to Be Extended.

Cottage Grove.—G. B. Hengen, of New York, business manager of the Oregon & Southeastern Railroad Company, has been here several days, looking over the affairs of the two companies. He announced that construction will commence on the extension of the railroad soon. The road is now 16 miles long, and a force will be kept at work until the line is completed to the reserve line, a distance of four miles. A part of the road is to be completed this winter. Relative to the Oregon Securities Company, he said it would probably be 60 days before the large mill plant would be put in operation. They have 220 feet of cross-cut in hard rock to run yet before they strike the Champion lead. The water is very low, and they are only to run one shift a day.

Prune Season About Over.

Milton.—The prune season will soon be over at this place. The Milton Fruitgrowers' union will finish packing and shipping this week, and the Walla Walla Produce Company will finish in about a week. The Milton Fruitgrowers' Union and the Shields' Fruit Company have shipped 20 cars and the Walla Walla Produce Company has shipped the same amount, but expects to ship more before the season closes. The price to the growers has been 75 cents per hundred, and all seem well pleased over their returns. The payroll has been quite large, as the shippers have employed men, women and children nearly all the summer. They pay 3 cents per crate for packing, and some workers pack as high as 80 crates in a day.

Surveying Power Sites.

Eugene.—W. J. Wilsey, manager of the Willamette Valley Electric railroad company, announces that surveyors are now in the field surveying sites for power plants. Four sites have been selected, any one of which would prove satisfactory. As soon as the surveys on the sites are completed a big corps of surveyors will be put on the various routes of the proposed system, in order to have everything in readiness for construction work early in the spring.

One Half of Crop Disposed Of.

Pendleton.—Only about one-half of Umatilla county's 5,000,000 bushel wheat crop has been disposed of to date. Of late the market has been well up, but growers are loth to sell. Only one-fourth of the crop disposed of has been shipped out. Dealers are anxiously awaiting the time when all that has been purchased can be moved. Hauling continues as rapidly as the dusty roads permit, and a large part of the crop is in the warehouses.

Baker County Fair Dates.

Baker City.—The directors of the Baker County Fair and Speed Association have placed the date for holding the fair from October 11 to 15. There will be \$2000 hung up in purses, besides the \$1500 state money to be distributed in premiums on agricultural exhibits. A contract has been let for building the pavilion and grandstand.

Sells 4,000 Ewes.

Baker City.—Lee Bros., prominent sheep men of this place, have sold 4000 head of choice yearling ewes to a Wyoming buyer at \$2.25 per head. The sheep are at present on the range near Cornucopia, but will be delivered in this city for shipment.

Wheat Market.

Portland—Walla Walla, 78c; bluestem, 83c; valley, 85c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 82½c; club, 80c. Albany—78c. Salem—80c. Colfax—Club, 71c; bluestem, 76c. Pendleton—Club, 70c; bluestem, 78c. La Grande—Club, 65c; bluestem, 70c.