

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Taft is visiting the principal towns of the Philippines.

Rumor again has it that Harriman is to be deposed as king of the railroads.

A man has just been arrested in England who threatened to kill King Edward.

Governor Vandaman, of Mississippi, says Bryan will be elected our next president.

There has been a marked slump in the consumption of liquors in Kansas this year.

Seattle has appealed to Governor Mead for funds with which to fight the bubonic plague.

Militia has been called out to quell disturbances growing out of the car strike at Yonkers, N. Y.

Letters of the late Queen Victoria covering 24 years of her life have just been published in book form.

The Pettibone trial for complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg has been postponed until November 18.

The North Bank railroad from Pasco to Vancouver, Wash., will be in operation by January 1, and the bridges across the Columbia and Willamette by the middle of the summer.

A few more small banks in New York have closed, but the big ones stand firm.

There have been 48 cases of bubonic plague at San Francisco which proved fatal.

An armed man held up a freight train near Los Angeles and robbed the train crew.

The Commercial Telegraphers' union has decided to ask terms of the telegraph companies.

The Vancouver, B. C., city council has appealed to the government to exclude all Asiatics.

The Japanese at Vancouver, B. C., are making exorbitant claims for damages sustained during the riots.

There are rumors that the Ute Indians on the Cheyenne river reservation are about ready for an outbreak.

Representative Burton is likely to remain chairman of the rivers and harbors committee during the next session of congress.

Thirty-three suits against the Southern Pacific have been filed at the request of the attorney general for violation of the 28-hour law.

Kansas City is working for the Republican national convention.

More than 20 persons were injured in a street car collision at Chicago.

The panic in the East occasioned by Wall street operations is about over.

A big prairie fire has swept the Sioux Indian reservation near Valentine, Neb.

It is said Roosevelt will try for Platt's seat in the senate if a president to his liking is elected.

There have been four deaths in Seattle in which the symptoms were very similar to bubonic plague.

Harriman may distribute the stocks of other roads held by the Union Pacific among the stockholders of the latter road.

The trans-Atlantic liner Lusitania has crossed from New York to Queens-town in 4 days, 22 hours and 46 minutes.

The Alton and Burlington roads intend to cut the passenger schedule from Chicago to Kansas City and Denver. Other roads are expected to follow suit.

United Railroads employees and the police clashed again in San Francisco with the result that a conductor was shot and an officer beaten and three arrests made.

Chicago clubs have started a war against tipping.

Ex-President Small is continuing his fight and may split the telegraphers' union.

In a speech at Nashville, Roosevelt declared he would not change his policy on account of Wall street.

The fight between Harriman and Fish for control of the Illinois Central may be settled out of court.

The threatened strike of Denver & Rio Grande telegraphers will not take place as the men have voted to remain at work.

The Moors set a trap for French troops but were surprised and routed.

Secretary Cortelyou says he will assist the New York banks hurt by the Wall street panic as all the institutions are sound.

President Butler, of Columbia University, in an address at Chicago, advocated changes in the Sherman law which would permit trusts but put the men at the head of them within reach of the law.

PACKAGES IN RURAL MAIL.

Postmaster General to Make Recommendations in Report.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29.—Postmaster General von L. Meyer, at a dinner at the Union League club last night, made an address in which he called attention to recommendations which he proposes making in his annual report for the consideration of the next congress. On the question of parcels post he said:

"I shall recommend the same rate, 12 cents a pound, and the same limit of weight for parcels, whether intended for points in this country or abroad, which means a reduction of four cents a pound and increase in the maximum weight to eleven pounds."

Taking up the rural parcels post question he said:

"I shall recommend a parcels post system on the rural delivery routes, a special rate to be charged on packages for delivery from the distributing offices of the rural route, or if mailed by a patron of any rural route for delivery to a patron on the same route or at the distributing office of said route. The rate would be five cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound, up to eleven pounds. This would be a great boon for the farmers."

Regarding postal savings banks, the postmaster general said:

"As an evidence that it is not the desire of the government to compete with the private savings banks in obtaining deposits of the people, I shall advocate a rate of interest of 2 per cent per annum, or 1 per cent semi-annually and a limit of \$500, not more than \$250 to be deposited in any one year. My own belief is that far from its being a detriment to the established banks, it would be in the end an advantage. Now, in order to get this money back into the channels of trade, I purpose to ask congress for authority to place the savings in the National banks."

DEVELOPS A NEW GRAPE.

California Scientist Believes He Has Variety Surpassing the Tokay.

Stockton, Cal., Oct. 29.—An entirely new kind of grape is being developed at the government experimental station near Lodi, and Professor H. C. Hushman is of the opinion that it will result in a grape that will excel the famous Flame Tokay, which has given Lodi so much fame. The new variety is somewhat similar to the Tokay in texture and color, but is impervious to the rain, is much firmer and can be shipped longer distances without damage. It appears to be a cross between a Tokay and Farnera and is of an improved flavor. If properly developed it is expected to become a most profitable variety.

Professor Hushman is due to arrive in Lodi this week and he intends to set out about 30 varieties of grapes, five different kinds of each variety, for experimental purposes. Already 130 varieties of grapes are being grown at the station, and it is believed that the vineyard will receive great benefits from the experiments being made at the station. Additional apparatus is to be installed at the plant in the way of thermometers and records of temperatures will be made so as to make comparisons with grape growing points in France, Spain, Italy and South Africa.

IMPROVE MARE ISLAND.

Works of Extension Planned to Cost Several Million Dollars.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—Representative Joseph R. Knowland visited Mare Island navy yard today and had an extended conference with Commandant Phelps and Civil Engineer Rockwell. Plans and estimates were given Knowland for the improvements desired at Mare Island, which call for the expenditure of several million dollars to make this station the finest naval establishment in the world. The spur dikes, which were designed by H. H. Rousseau, now of the Panama Canal commission, and have proved such a success in deepening the channel to the yard, will be greatly extended at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. The stone quay wall, to which vessels under repair are tied, will also be extended about a mile southward toward the magazine. At present the quay wall is so crowded that many of the ships have to lie in midstream or at a point below the lighthouse.

Harriman an Optimist.

New York, Oct. 29.—"This is the time for the man with a little money to invest in good securities. The opportunity is fleeting and I doubt if it will ever knock at his door again." So said Edward H. Harriman last evening to a reporter who asked him to express an opinion on the financial situation and the outlook. "It would be selfish of me," said the financier, "to remain silent at this time, if any word from me would tend to aid in clearing up present conditions and in helping the anxious depositors."

Men Going Back to the Keys.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 29.—It was announced last night that a large majority of the telegraphers who have been on strike in Birmingham since August 11 will resume work today. They will go back to both the Western Union and Postal companies under practically the same conditions they were working under when called out. Local managers of the companies state that the men will be re-employed as individuals as they apply.

Increase Railway Rates.

Mexico City, Oct. 29.—It was authoritatively stated today that a general increase in the railway rates of the country would go into effect in the near future.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

MONEY IN CRANBERRY MARSH.

Coos Bay Farmers Add New Crop That Brings Profit.

Marshfield—The growing of cranberries is proving to be one of the most profitable farm crops for Coos county. Several ranch owners for a number of years past have raised the crop with profit, but it was not generally taken up until the past year. Now quite a number have cranberry marshes.

Land which is known as peat or vegetable bog is required for the raising of the crop, and nearby there must be an unlimited supply of fresh water, which can be placed under control. There are, however, many such tracts of land in the county, and cranberry growing promises to be one of the most important of the farming industries of the community.

W. D. McFarlan, who is the pioneer cranberry man of the Pacific coast, has followed the business in Coos county for many years. He has a six-acre marsh which has never failed to yield a large crop. He has never made less than \$200 an acre clear profit, some seasons the net amount has been greater. Excepting at harvest time, when help is needed in picking, one man can attend to a marsh of 15 or 20 acres and have time for other farm work, as the crop is flooded during the winter and needs no attention. The yield on the Coos county cranberry marshes this year is particularly good.

Polk's Prune Crop.

Dallas—From information given by prune growers in Polk county it is estimated that the prune crop this year will aggregate 1,675,000 pounds, or a gain of \$25,000 pounds over the crop of 1906. Most of the growers have disposed of their output at 5 cents a pound, which makes the total amount received for this year's prune crop reach the handsome aggregate of \$837,500. The larger portion of the prune crop of Polk county is grown and dried in the immediate vicinity of Dallas, the town being surrounded on all sides by orchards, large and small.

Must Extend Original Taxroll.

Salem—The Oregon Supreme court has handed down a decision in the case of Waterhouse vs. Clatsop county, affirming the decree entered by Judge McBride, in favor of plaintiff. County Clerk Clinton proposed to deliver to the sheriff a copy of the assessment roll for 1907, and this suit was brought to enjoin that action. The lower court held that under the act of the legislature of 1907, the taxes for 1907 should be extended on the original roll and not on a copy.

Portrait of First President.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The announcement has been made that the university will soon be presented with a portrait of President Johnson, the first president. The Alumni association and Rev. Herbert Johnson, son of President Johnson, will make the gift, which will be valued at \$500. R. LeBar Goodwin, of New York City, has been engaged to make the portrait. Mr. Goodwin is a portrait painter of considerable renown.

Big Timber Deal in Clatsop.

Astoria—A deal has been filed for record here whereby J. L. Washburn, of St. Louis, sells a tract of 4,715 acres of timber land located on Upper Young's river, about six miles from Olney, to the Youngs' River company, a Minnesota corporation. The consideration named is \$50,000. The tract is heavily timbered and the price is understood to have been considerably in excess of the amount named.

Umatilla Dams Kill Salmon.

Pendleton—One hundred and fifty residents of Pendleton have signed a petition to the state game warden protesting against the dams in the Umatilla river and the dam of the Maxwell Land & Irrigation company in particular, as fatal to the salmon which are said to be dying by the thousands through a failure to provide proper fish ladders and means of passage.

Good Water for University.

University of Oregon, Eugene—Eugene has just voted to issue \$300,000 in water bonds for the purpose of securing a supply of absolutely pure mountain water. A stream in the forest reserve will be tapped and the water brought thirty-five miles by a gravity system. This will insure to the students of the University of Oregon pure water without the necessity of boiling it.

Selling Cattle by Thousands.

Lakeview—The last drive of cattle to the railroad has commenced. When it is finished there will have been several thousand head of cattle shipped from Lake county, bringing into the county approximately \$250,000. The unusually high prices paid for beef cattle this year has caused an increase in the number sold.

Mothers' Congress Delegate Wanted.

Salem—A letter has been received at the governor's office asking him to appoint a delegate to represent the state at the Mothers' congress to be held at Washington, D. C., next March. President Roosevelt is named as one of the directors of the congress.

Bort Will Paint Asylum.

Salem—The contract for painting the interior walls of the state insane asylum has been awarded to Charles Bort, of Salem, at \$3,388. The contract for supplying the paint was at the same time awarded to Fisher, Thorsen & Co., of Portland.

O. R. & N. REPORTS.

Net Income of Road Nearly Six Millions—Accidents of September.

Salem—The O. R. & N. has filed its report. It shows the following: Total cost of construction and equipment to June 30, 1907, \$54,523,984.2; cost per mile, \$621,295.92; gross earnings from operation the past year, \$12,942,815.49; operating expenses, \$6,969,821.56; income from operation, \$5,972,815.93; income from other sources, \$1,204,362.13; total income, \$7,177,178.06; deduction, rents, taxes, interest, etc., \$1,883,572.04; net income, \$5,293,606.02; dividend 4 per cent on preferred stock, \$440,000; surplus for the year, \$535,378.20; total surplus entry general balance sheet, \$28,930,400.03.

The following is a summary of the results of accidents within the state for the month of September prepared by the railroad commission from the reports of the various lines: Collisions of passenger trains, 1; freight trains, estimated damage to property of the railroad companies, \$5,150; killed passengers, none, trainmen, none, other employees, 5, other persons, 2; injured passengers, none, trainmen, 2, other employees, 6, other persons, 5. Total, 7 killed and 13 injured.

Hill Buys in Astoria.

Astoria—The announcement recently made at the annual meeting of the Union Pacific at Salt Lake that the company had purchased water frontage and terminals here is now supplemented by authentic information that the Hill interests have not been idle. A. B. Hammond, who owns large tracts of water frontage between Warrenton and Fort Stevens, has stated as a positive fact that the Hill interests purchased 2,200 acres in that vicinity at the time President Hill visited in the vicinity. The property includes 1,800 acres owned by the Flavel Land company, as well as the personal holdings of Hammond. The purchase price is said to be \$800,000.

Big Lumber Company Admitted.

Salem—The Miami Lumber company of San Francisco has filed papers with the secretary of state for permission to do business in this state. This is a \$500,000 concern. The Oregon agent is W. L. Ducey, of Hobsonville, Tillamook county. The Loose Card book company, to have its place of business at Portland, was also incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are T. W. Thomas, C. H. Thomas and W. B. Palmer.

Record Price in Barley.

Weston—A record price of \$25 per ton has just been paid for barley at Weston, where a great deal of this cereal is grown, and where the acreage is annually increasing. This was paid by S. A. Barnes, of the Pacific Coast Elevator company, who purchased 18,000 bushels from five Weston growers who formed a pool.

New Asylum Superintendent.

Salem—In accordance with an understanding, which has existed for some time, the board of trustees of the state insane asylum have elected Dr. R. E. L. Steiner to succeed Dr. J. F. Calbreath as superintendent of that institution.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 89c; valley, 87c; red, 85c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$29.50.  
Barley—Feed, \$28.50 per ton; brewing, \$30; rolled, \$30@31.  
Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.  
Hay—Valley, timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23; clover, \$13; cheat, \$13; grain hay, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$13@14.  
Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@81 per crate; watermelons, 1c per pound; pears, \$1@1.75 per box; grapes, 75c@1.75 per crate; casaba, \$2.25 per dozen; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; huckleberries, 7@8c per pound; cranberries, \$10@10.50 per barrel.  
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 25c@81 per dozen; celery, 50c@1 per dozen; corn, 85c@91 per sack; cucumbers, \$1 per sack; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 25@50c per box.  
Onions—\$2.00@2.25 per sack.  
Potatoes—Delivered Portland, 80c@81 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound.  
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8@8 1/2c; 125 to 150, 7 1/2c; 150 to 200, 6@7c.  
Pork—Block, 75 to 100 pounds, 8@8 1/2c; packers, 7 1/2@8c.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 12 1/2@15c per pound; mixed chickens, 12@12 1/2c; spring chickens, 12@12 1/2c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, o'd, 16c; young, 18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.  
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 27 1/2@30c per dozen.  
Hops—1907, 7 1/2@10c per pound; olds, 4@5c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

HIS MEMORY REFRESHED.

Gallagher Confirms Confession and Says Ruef Expected Immunity.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—When the Ford bribery trial was resumed yesterday the cross examination of ex-supervisor James L. Gallagher was continued by Earl Rogers, for the defense, who laid stress on the meetings of the witness with Rudolph Spreckels at the Presidio when the promises of immunity were alleged to have been made. Gallagher said he understood that Ruef also could have immunity if he would testify. Mr. Heney protested at attempts of Mr. Rogers to confuse the witness by testing his memory, but Judge Lawler allowed the examination to proceed.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Heney, while re-directly examining Gallagher, called to the counsel table Miss Ella Coldot, the grand jury's stenographer, and from her procured the shorthand notes of Gallagher's confession to Messrs. Spreckels, Heney and Langdon, made in the latter's apartments, and in consideration of which the witness gained his immunity contract. Gallagher identified his signature to these notes.

The prosecution called ex-supervisor John J. Furey, now a saloon keeper. The offer of his testimony marked the commencement of introduction of "evidence of similar offenses," the court overruling the objection by the defense to this class of testimony. Furey told the story of his acceptance of a bribe of \$4,000 from Abe Ruef through Gallagher for his vote in favor of the United Railroads trolley franchises.

IMPORTANT WATERWAY OPEN.

First Link of Deep Water Channel from Lakes to Gulf.

Stelling, Ill., Oct. 25.—A distinct and important step in the movement to secure a deep waterway from Lake Michigan to the gulf of Mexico was taken yesterday with the opening of navigation of the Illinois and Mississippi canal, which has been completed after 30 years of work. The importance of the event was evidenced by the attendance of Governor Deneen and many other notables at the opening ceremonies. The work of constructing the canal, which was formerly known as the Hennepin canal, was commenced many years ago. In 1890 congress appropriated money to carry on the work and altogether the appropriations have amounted to about \$8,000,000.

The main line of the canal, 75 miles long, extends from the Illinois river, near Hennepin, to the Mississippi river, three miles below Rock Island. The navigable feeder, about 30 miles long, extends from Rock river at this point to the main line near Sheffield and is of the same general dimensions as the main line.

The canal is 52 feet wide at the bottom, 80 feet at the water line, and has a minimum depth of seven feet. There are 32 locks on the main line and one on the feeder. Water is to be forced down the canal by a great dam, one-fourth of a mile long, located at this point. At one end of the dam are 21 sluiceways, which will be used for electrical power development.

DEATH IN EARTHQUAKE.

Five Hundred Perish in Italian Tremor at Calabria.

Rome, Oct. 25.—Horrible loss of life resulted from the earthquake shocks that occurred throughout Calabria yesterday. At first it was thought few persons had perished, but later reports add to the mortality list.

At 6 o'clock this evening about 200 bodies had been taken from the earthquake ruins. It is now estimated that the deaths will surpass 500, but it is impossible to get accurate information on the subject, as many villages are still cut off by the floods and the destruction of roads and telegraph lines, and no word from them can be had.

The earthquake shocks continue, but they are slight. The people are still in a condition of apprehension, which is increased by each tremor. In spite of the torrential rain that is falling, they absolutely refuse to remain under cover.

Talk on Trust Problem.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—The second day of the convention of the National Civic federation was devoted to the consideration of "The Corporation, Its Construction and Regulation." Prominent speakers who addressed the convention set forth the benefits to be derived from combination when properly regulated. The opinion of several who spoke favored national control as opposed to state regulation. National regulation was heartily supported by Isaac N. Seligman, of New York. Seth Low, of New York, also favored that plan.

Plan to Remove Governor.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Nearly the entire delegation from Nome to the number of 50 arrived yesterday and will go to the Republican convention at Juneau next month endorsing home rule for Alaska and for the immediate removal of Governor Hoggatt. With the Fairbanks delegation headed by Judge Wickham and delegations from Juneau, Skagway, Seward and Valdez opposed to the present governor it looks bad for Hoggatt.

Five Drowned in Alaska.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Five men were drowned at Katala, Alaska, Sunday, October 13, according to information brought to this city yesterday by the steamer Saratoga. The dead are: J. Higgins, Seattle; H. Hendrickson, Port Blakeley; Edwin Olson, Arthur Williams and Tony de Pasquale.

JUSTLY PROUD OF HER WORK

Great Progress Made in Rebuilding of San Francisco.

Forest of Scyscrapers Stand Where All Was Ruins Eighteen Months Ago—New Buildings Now Under Process of Construction to Cost \$100,000,000.

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—It is 18 months ago that San Francisco was swept by fire and earthquake. Since then she has been afflicted with industrial strife, civic corruption and bubonic plague. It is no opportune moment to take stock. It does not require an optimist to write the rosy story of the revival. The facts and the figures tell their own story and they are here for everyone to see. Great buildings with their rigid frames lacing across the sky, commercial avenues crowded with pedestrians and a vast industrial army tell a tale that even the casual observer must note.

The San Francisco may be in truth pardoned if he shows a disposition to place his thumbs in his vest and boast of what he has done. But he hasn't much time for boasting. The terrible pace begun when the first frame structure was started has not abated. The point has been reached where results are beginning to show, and with this has come a new zest for the vast work.

Since the fire buildings have been begun to cost \$100,000,000—five times as much as in any similar period of time before the fire. They range all the way from the small structure to skyscrapers 14 or 15 stories high. It is as though a building were begun every day to cost \$180,000. There is no sign of a decrease, although it is expected that there will be a natural falling off over the winter months. The remarkable feature of the matter, however, is the stability of the savings accounts. Predictions were freely made that San Francisco could be built only upon the savings of its citizens. Although \$100,000,000 in buildings are under way or completed, the savings accounts in the local banks have shown but a small decrease and still stand at the comfortable figure of \$157,000,000.

It has been pointed out that it required two years for Baltimore to erect buildings to cost \$50,000,000 after its fire, but San Francisco has done four times as well in six months less time. Baltimore's achievement was commented upon at the time as marvelous.

Burlington is Afer Coal.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 26.—A special to the Record from Bridger says that Chief Engineer Ensign, the superintendent of right of way of the Burlington, and George Crosby have arrived there and make the positive announcement that the Burlington has accepted the survey of a proposed route from Frannie, Wyo., to Fromberg, Mont., and that construction work will begin at once. This will give the Burlington access to the rich coal fields of Southern Montana, as well as tapping a splendid agricultural and horticultural section. The road will follow the Clark's Fork river.

Grafters Tell Stories.

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—Ex-Supervisors P. McGuing, James Kelly and E. J. Walsh yesterday morning testified at the Tiry L. Ford bribery trial. Each retold the story of his bribery in the interest of the United Railroads trolley franchise. Their cross examination elicited nothing of importance. Ex-Supervisors Charles Boxton, Fred P. Nichols and C. J. Harrington also testified before the noon recess, their evidence being substantially the same as was given at the former trial of Ford. A few discrepancies, however, were developed on cross examination.

Cleaning Oriental Quarter.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 26.—Dr. A. S. Oliver, appointed special medical inspector of the city on the bubonic plague preventative work, started out with a force of eight sub-inspectors to clean up the Oriental district yesterday. More men will be added to the force if the demand arises. The leading Japanese and Chinese met the board of health and gave every assurance of their support to the work of the board. Notices in Chinese and Japanese will be circulated explaining the measures necessary in the Oriental quarter.

Call Strike Off at Butte.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 26.—The Anaconda Telegraphers' union, with which Butte is affiliated, today decided to call the strike off and return to work tomorrow. There are 16 operators in Butte and Anaconda including the Associated Press operators, who have asked for reinstatement. The Western Union opened its office in Great Falls today and, according to reports received here tonight, Billings will open up tomorrow.

Strikers Go Back to Work.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Twenty-six striking Western Union telegraph operators reported back for work yesterday and were employed in the Western division. Of these 10 were employed at Helena, Mont., where the strike was called off.

Emperor is Nearly Well.

Vienna, Oct. 26.—The physicians in attendance upon Emperor Francis Joseph yesterday decided not to issue any further bulletins, as they consider that his convalescence is progressing satisfactorily.