

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

The War department will ask for a million dollars to build airships.

A woman is said to have led some of the rioters at Springfield, Illinois.

A fire in the East Buffalo stockyards burned between 15,000 and 2,000 sheep and calves.

Governor Deneen says the whole power of Illinois will be exerted to protect the negroes.

An Omaha judge denounced a woman for marrying an old man for his money and refused to give her a divorce.

The Alaska Pacific Steamship company will establish daily papers on its two passenger steamers between San Francisco and Puget sound.

Altogether there are 4,200 militiamen on duty at Springfield, Illinois, as a result of the race riots. This is all of the state troops except the colored members.

In the recent holdup of a Great Northern mail car near Spokane the clerks outwitted the robbers by dumping the registered letters into newspaper sacks.

Unveiling of a Roosevelt statue in a Texas town caused a riot, the people being divided in their views of the president. One person was fatally hurt and nine others injured.

The battleship fleet has sailed from Auckland to Sydney.

Japan is paying off her war debt in good sized installments.

The Canadian government is to mediate in the railroad strike.

Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, is dead. He was 68 years old.

Fire in the Buffalo, N. Y., stock yards, burned close to \$1,000,000 worth of property.

Contractors driving the big St. Paul tunnel in Montana are breaking all records for speed.

Two people were killed and six injured by the explosion of a balloon at London. A spectator attempted to light a cigar.

The bones of 21 persons have been found on an island in Lake of the Woods. They are believed to be the remains of a party of explorers massacred by Indians in 1736.

Rear Admiral Cogswell, retired, is dead. He was an officer on the Oregon when that vessel made its famous voyage around the horn to engage the Spanish fleet.

Train robbers held up a Northern Pacific train near Trust, nine miles west of Spokane. The mail car was uncoupled and run up the track. It is not known what the result of the haul was.

Turks and Armenians join in celebrating their liberty.

Taft, a new town near Missoula, Mont., has been destroyed by fire.

It is believed the effect of the Thaw bankruptcy proceedings will be liberty for Thaw.

A veterinary surgeon has just died in New York as the result of a bite by a horse.

A Los Angeles maniac killed his son and daughter, attempted to kill his wife and himself.

A wealthy Italian has been slain in New York. Nihilists are supposed to have done the work.

The government has started a fight in San Francisco against the bringing of young girls to this country for immoral purposes.

Some unknown person in San Francisco at intervals has been throwing ink on women's expensive wearing apparel, thus ruining it.

Japan is rejoicing over the new trademark treaty with the United States, giving it as proof of friendship between the two countries.

A modus vivendi has been arranged whereby the Newfoundland fisheries dispute between Great Britain and the United States will be settled by The Hague tribunal.

Senator La Follette is going to start a newspaper.

The Canadian Pacific is importing strikebreakers from Europe.

King Peter, of Serbia, is accused of conspiracy against Montenegro.

Forest fires have broken out again in Canada and more towns are threatened with destruction.

A severe hail and thunder storm has hurt the Kentucky tobacco crop.

Extravagant living since the war with Russia has caused corruption in the Japanese army.

King Edward and Emperor William met at Cronberg, Germany, and conferred on a naval program.

Two masked men near Chico, Cal., held up 16 men as they came along at different times and secured \$700.

MOUNTAIN IS MOVING.

Men Combat Landslide on Southern Pacific in Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 18.—For the past three days scores of section men in the employ of the Southern Pacific company on the Palisade division in Nevada have been at work trying to prevent the caving of the big tunnel of that company near Palisade. The tunnel is 300 feet or more in length and cost more than \$150,000 to complete. Last year the Western Pacific started a tunnel 50 feet to the south of the Southern Pacific. This was recently completed, and now it is known that the blasting has practically shaken the entire mountain, which is now slowly sliding into the Humboldt river. Big timbers in the Southern Pacific tunnel are being slowly crushed like so much matchwood, and unless a means of combatting the slide is determined upon it may necessitate the company abandoning the tunnel.

A thousand men and twice as many horses and mules were placed at work along the Western Pacific railroad in this state yesterday, and from now on the line will be rushed to completion. For nearly a year operations have been practically at a standstill in this state. The grade has been completed from Salt Lake to a point near Elko, while from this end the grading has reached a comparatively short distance. Work westward will continue now until completed. Trains will probably be running into Winnemucca early this fall.

NEEDS CASH FOR BIG NAVY.

Britain Will Raise Loan of \$500,000,000 for Ships.

London, Aug. 18.—The British government, according to the Daily Telegraph, contemplates raising a large loan in view of the growing naval competition abroad. It is stated that financiers of the highest standing have undertaken to get \$500,000,000 on nominal terms to meet the necessities of the fleet for the next few years without disorganizing the annual budgets or casting a heavy burden upon the present generation.

If such a plan is attempted, it will be because it is possible to forecast the future requirements of the navy until a general shipbuilding program has been crystallized and the setting aside of this fund would be a declaration, translated into terms of cash, of the country's intention to maintain a two-power standard at all costs.

TROOPS PURSUE REBELS.

Thousand Chinese Pillage Town and Flee to Mountains.

Hongkong, Aug. 18.—The soldiers stationed at Konghau, near Wuchow, who rebelled last Tuesday and killed their commander because a comrade had been arrested for gambling, have joined the Yaus, a warlike tribe of aborigines, living in the southwest portion of the province of Kwangtung. Their home is in a region of inaccessible mountains and they have never been subjected to governmental control.

Admiral Li has arrived here in his flagship, accompanied by gunboats, torpedo boats and launches. Troops have also been summoned and the country is in a turmoil. The mutineers are 1,000 in number. After murdering their commander, they pillaged the village, securing \$100,000 in money and withdrew to the Talking mountains.

Waste Coin on Novels.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—Twelve and a half million dollars are thrown away every year in Germany by the poorer class in the purchase of "pernicious penny dreadfuls," according to a statement just published by the Durer Union, which is engaged in a campaign against the growing tendency in Germany to read trashy literature. The secretary of the union vows for the astounding declaration that 40,000 established booksellers and 30,000 peddlers are engaged in selling sensational serials and books of a low order.

May Talk 700 Miles.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The naval lieutenants, Colin, Joance and Mercer, the inventors of an apparatus which recent tests have shown to be superior to any existing, achieved remarkable success yesterday, communicating with the wireless station at Raz de Seine, department of Finistere, a distance of about 310 miles. The officers are confident that they can make great improvements in the apparatus, enabling conversation up to 600 or 700 miles.

Employes Will Assist.

St. Paul, Aug. 18.—Three hundred railroad employes met in this city today to organize an association to fight legislation hostile to the railroad interests. The men are of the opinion that by standing by the railroads in their fight they will be benefitting themselves. It is the intention to support only those candidates in the coming election who are favorable to the railroads and their employes.

Crimes Puzzle Police.

Boston, Aug. 18.—Boston and Eastern Massachusetts are undergoing a "crime wave." Half a dozen murder mysteries are still unsolved by the police. The undeniable reign of crime is credited to the fact that many foreigners are out of work and are attempting to adopt the methods of European banditti.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

PRUNE GROWERS SMILE.

Douglas County Promised Immense Crop This Season.

Roseburg-Tilson & Co. have purchased a fine equipment for their large prune packing plant in this city, and have begun work to enlarge and remodel the plant to handle Douglas county's large prune crop this year. A new 30 horsepower boiler is now being placed for the steam plant, and several new pieces of machinery for grading and packing will be installed. Nearly 200 cars of evaporated prunes will be shipped out of the county from various points, a large portion of which will be handled by local firms. In addition to the new machinery the building will be enlarged to almost twice its present size.

H. L. Giles & Co., of Salem, have purchased the Douglas County prune packing house of Receiver T. R. Sheridan, and will thoroughly overhaul and make additions to the equipment. These two large packing houses are kept running for from three to four months every fall. Besides these two plants, there is another packing house at Myrtle Creek that handles from 20 to 50 carloads every season. There will also be about 30 carloads of apples shipped from Douglas county this year. The Douglas County Fruit-growers' association will handle about half of this crop of apples.

THE STATE FAIR.

Thousands of Dollars Being Spent to Make It Successful.

Salem—For the state fair in 1907 the Southern Pacific railroad handled 215 carloads of stock and exhibits. This year, while the fair is yet more than six weeks away, 219 cars have been ordered for hauling exhibits and stock. Many favorable conditions are working together harmoniously for a great fair at Salem next month.

Several thousand dollars have been expended in enlarging the permanent exhibit building. The grand stand has been enlarged so that it will accommodate one-third more people. Men have been at work on the grounds for some weeks preparing them for the fair. The shrubbery and grass is being cared for and skeletons for decoration purposes are being erected. All preparations are starting early.

A feature that will greatly assist to make the state fair this year of more worth and value will be the co-operation of the Portland Country club, which is offering attractive purses for the livestock exhibitions and races.

Summer Normal Draws Teachers

Brownsville—Many teachers, lecturers and ministers from this section are taking advantage of the summer normal school conducted by the Albany college. The attendance is very large. Hereafter this will probably be one of the drawing cards for Albany college. Teachers are in attendance from Marion, Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Linn and other nearby counties. Lane county especially is proving its loyalty toward the church college by a good attendance. For the summer school the college has secured the services of some of the best educators in the United States.

Blow Out Beecher Rock.

Eugene—In the improvements which the County court has authorized for the Eugene-Mapleton wagon road, the most noteworthy is the order to blow out Beecher rock, and Commissioner Price will soon take up this big task. Beecher rock, which overhangs the Siuslaw road, will be remembered by every one who has made the trip to Mapleton as the most dangerous point on the trip. The rock, which is a mammoth one weighing thousands of tons, will be blown to pieces and a better and safer road cut out in the side of the mountain.

Enlarge College Campus.

Salem—State Superintendent Aekerman has returned from Corvallis, and states that options have been secured on land in the vicinity of the Agricultural college that will add about 15 acres to the campus of the Oregon Agricultural college. It is expected that at the meeting of the board of regents at Portland on August 13 orders will be given to buy the land on which options have been secured.

Big Demand for Harney Ranches.

Drewsey—William Dunlap of this place recently purchased the Howard ranch, which is located about one half mile west of here. The ranch is a 160 acre tract seeded down in alfalfa. The consideration was \$3,400. Mr. Dunlap sold his stock ranch at Juntura, Or., about two miles west of Drewsey, to Ed Stallard, of Juntura, for \$3,000. The ranch is a 160 acre tract. Several valuable ranches have changed hands in this section this year.

Names Waterways Men.

Salem—J. N. Teal and Peter Loggie, of Marshfield, have been appointed by the governor to represent Oregon at the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Waterway convention at Chicago October 7.

Rebuild Albany Iron Works.

Albany—The Albany Iron works, recently destroyed at a loss of about \$25,000, with insurance of \$9,500, will be immediately rebuilt.

BUILD BIG SMELTER.

Eastern Capitalists Will Do This if County Builds Bridges.

Salem—The County Commissioners' court at their last meeting heard the petition of Mining Engineer Gadsden, representing Eastern capitalists, for the appropriation of \$2,000 for the building of five bridges across the Santiam river, to make the Gold Creek copper mines accessible. In return for this investment, Mr. Gadsden guarantees the erection of a smelter with a capacity of 100 tons per day.

It is expected that the opening up of these mines and the building of the smelter will result in the location of a refinery in this city. The Gold Creek mines are located on the head waters of the Santiam in the extreme Eastern part of Marion county.

A number of leading citizens appeared before the court and argued in favor of the \$2,000 appropriation.

Enlarge Salem Hatchery.

University of Oregon, Eugene—According to reports received here, the state salmon hatchery up the McKenzie river will not be abandoned, but extended, and arrangements will be made this fall so that trout as well as salmon can be hatched. The citizens of Eugene will provide the money for the importation of trout eggs from the East. It was rumored some time ago that the hatchery would be abandoned, but it is evident from a letter of the state fish commissioner that great improvements will be made in the establishment.

Oregon Two Days Without Executive.

Salem—For two days last week Oregon was without even an acting chief executive. Governor Chamberlain went to Seattle to inspect the progress being made on the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon exposition. Secretary of State Frank Benson has also been absent for some time; therefore the state was without any person to exercise the functions of chief executive. While in Washington the governor also stopped at American lake.

Realizes Good Prices on Horses.

Drewsey—I. M. Davis, one of the principal business men of this place, is home after an absence of several weeks in Pendleton and other railroad points. Mr. Davis took a number of horses over the mountains. He says they stood the trip remarkably well. He realized from \$100 to \$150 for single drivers.

Bible University Begins Next Month.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The Eugene Bible university, the leading ministerial school of the Christian church west of the Rocky mountains, will open September 22. About 100 students are expected to enroll. The faculty consists of seven instructors, headed by President E. C. Sanderson.

Record by Land Board.

Salem—Loans amounting to \$40,500 were made by the land board at its monthly meeting held last week. This is the largest sum that has been loaned out by the land board in a great many years. The loans were uniform at 6 per cent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; forty-fold, 95c; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 93c; valley, 89c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$25.00; brewing, \$26.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Fruits—Cherries, 30¢ per pound; peaches, 65¢ per box; prunes, \$1.25 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.50 per box; plums, 40¢ per box; grapes, \$1.25 per crate; apricots, \$1; blackberries, \$1.10 per crate.

Potatoes—90¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 5¢ per pound.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crated, 1/2¢ per pound additional; casabas, \$2.50 per dozen.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5¢ per pound; cabbage, 2¢ per dozen; corn, 25¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; eggplant, 10¢ per pound; lettuce, head, 15¢ per dozen; parsley, 15¢ per dozen; peas, 6¢ per pound; peppers, 8¢ per dozen; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; spinach, 2¢ per pound; tomatoes, 50¢ per crate; celery, 90¢ per dozen; artichokes, 75¢ per dozen.

Butter—Extras, 27¢ per pound; fancy, 25¢; choice, 20¢; store, 18¢.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 25¢ per dozen; firsts, 23¢ per dozen; seconds, 21¢ per dozen; thirds, 19¢ per dozen; Eastern, 23¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11¢ per pound; fancy hens, 12¢ per pound; roosters, 8¢ per pound; spring, 14¢; ducks, old, 8¢ per spring, 10¢ per 11¢; geese, old, 8¢; goslings, 10¢ per 11¢; turkeys, old, 18¢ per 19¢; young, 20¢.

Veal—Extra, 8¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢ per pound; heavy, 5¢.

Pork—Fancy, 7¢ per pound; ordinary, 6¢; large, 5¢.

Mutton—Fancy, 8¢ per pound. Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2¢ per 50 pounds; old, 2¢ per 50 pounds; contracts, 9¢ per 100.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10¢ per 160 lbs per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15¢ per 150 lbs; mohair, choice, 18¢ per 180 lbs.

TROOPS SCATTER MOB.

Police of Springfield Also Foil Attempt to Cut Wires.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 17.—Two deaths from injuries received in previous mob fights, the attempted cutting of the fire alarm wires, the exoneration of Private J. B. Klein, company A, First Illinois Infantry, by a court of inquiry for the killing of Earl Nelson at Kankakee Saturday, and the pursuit of a mob by guardsmen were the chief developments in the race war in Springfield yesterday.

The attempt to cut the telephone and fire alarm wires leading to the city hall was not successful. A policeman saw three men on top of an outbuilding trying to reach the lines overhead. He turned in an alarm to the headquarters of General Wells, commanding a provisional brigade, and the latter dispatched a wagonload of soldiers to the scene. They arrived before the trio had done any damage. The would-be wirecutters fled, leaving their nippers behind.

A genuine scare was caused at the headquarters in the arsenal last night after a squad had been sent to disperse a crowd at Allen and Spring streets. Five minutes later a report reached Lieutenant Colonel Eddy that shots had been fired in the threatened district. He immediately sent a full platoon to the place to reinforce the squad. When the additional soldiers appeared the crowd broke and ran. The soldiers pursued them for several blocks and the district, which is near the scene of Saturday night's lynching, was in an uproar for a few minutes.

The arsenal was crowded last night with negro refugees from Springfield and surrounding towns. About 200 men, women and children sought shelter in the building and slept on the floor or in chairs.

Alarms were more numerous last evening than on former nights. In no single case, however, up to a late hour, was there any circumstance which compelled the use of force. A fire early in the evening at East Mason and Fourth streets brought out the largest crowd, but it was composed mostly of curiosity seekers and was handled easily. Three barns were destroyed by the fire, which is supposed to have been started by mischievous boys.

Governor Deneen explained last night that the disposition of troops at the capitol was not because of any apprehension of danger to that edifice, but because the grounds offered excellent camping facilities and were a strategic point from which Colonel Sanborn could control the situation west of Seventh street.

The state's attorney of Kankakee county called on the governor in the afternoon in an effort to have arrested the soldier who stabbed Earl Nelson with a bayonet in the First Regiment train at Kankakee last night. The governor referred him to the military authorities.

HE CLAIMS VICTORY.

Castro Crows Over Holland, Although No Blood Shed.

Willemstad, Aug. 17.—It seems that the authorities refused to permit the Dutch cruiser Gelderland to enter the port of La Guayra, and this act was regarded at the capital in the light of a defeat for The Netherlands men-of-war. It was celebrated with a reception by President Castro, at which there was music and dancing, and, when the president made his way through the streets of the city, he was given an ovation.

An official of the customs house at La Guayra, who had communication with the Gelderland has been dismissed.

The Netherlands vessel went into La Guayra August 1 and, when she returned here, her commander said that all communication with the port had been refused. The port authorities declined to accept an official communication to the German minister, who is in charge of the interests of the Netherlands in Curacao.

The population of Curacao has petitioned the governor of the colony to declare free the importation and exportation of arms and ammunition.

Revolt Against Castro.

Panama, Aug. 17.—Numerous members of the Venezuelan colony here express gratification over the turn of revolutionary affairs in their country. Two special commissioners from the revolutionary forces at Los Andes arrived here yesterday and brought to their countrymen the news that the revolutionary movement in Venezuela is very strong. General Roland, ex-president of the state of Guayana, and military chief in the recent Matos rebellion, the commissioners say, is being joined by enemies of Castro.

Bloody Yaquis Raiding Again.

Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 17.—Meager reports have been received here of a Yaqui raid in Mexico in which four men were killed. A raiding band attacked the ranch of Jesus Mejia and killed the owner and his three daughters. A young son was carried away. Other outrages are also reported. A strong force was summoned and is now in pursuit of the Indians. Most of the trouble is in the Montezuma district, near Nazozari.

Bars Up Against Curacao.

Willemstad, Aug. 17.—Letters from Venezuela say that all cargoes and passengers coming from Curacao will be refused at Venezuelan ports, but vessels from the island will be admitted without consular despatch.

RIOT RULES IN ILLINOIS

Negroes Are Killed in Sanguinary Race War in Springfield.

Number of Whites Hurt—Mob Burns Blacks' Homes and Clubs Them As They Come Forth—Lynch One Colored Man Suspected of Shooting at Whites.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—Springfield is in the hands of a mob of enraged citizens who began last night to wreak vengeance on negro residents for an assault committed yesterday by George Richardson, a negro, on Mrs. Earl Hallam, a white woman. At 1 o'clock this morning the whole east end of town burst into flames, the torch having been applied to several negro houses by some of the more desperate mob members.

A mob of white men at 2:45 o'clock this morning lynched a negro who was supposed to be sneaking under cars on the Illinois Central tracks and shooting at the whites.

The Decatur company of the Illinois National guard arrived at 2:30 o'clock this morning and went to the "bad lands," where 20 huts occupied by negroes have been burned and where the fire is still raging.

Two men are already dead and probably two score others are injured, mostly negroes. The rabble is sweeping through the streets attacking every negro met. All the local militia are on duty, and half a dozen companies from other cities are rushing here on special trains. Still other companies are ordered to hold themselves in reserve. The fire department is helpless to combat the fire in the negro quarter on account of the threatening attitude of the mob toward the firemen.

Eugene Chafin, Prohibition candidate for president, in protecting a negro from death, was struck on the head with a brick and put out of commission temporarily. The negro he saved drew a knife and badly cut several men in the fight.

Richardson and another negro wanted for murder were stealthily taken from Springfield jail last evening and rushed to Bloomington, whence they were later taken to Peoria. It is thought that with the arrival of the out of town troops the streets will be cleared and order restored.

Negroes in two instances have turned up with considerable effect upon their assailants. In one mixup a trooper attempted to separate the combatants and was nearly overwhelmed by those in pursuit of several negroes.

Most of the members of Troop B, of Taylorville, are on guard around the jail. The rioters who had gathered in front of the jail after the incarceration of Richardson were enraged by the ruse practiced by the sheriff in removing him.

Finding that the negroes were gone, the mob amused itself for a time by looting negro resorts in East Washington street. The amusement of the rioters was tragedy for the negroes, many of whom were roughly handled and beaten with pieces of their own furniture.

A white man and his son, whose names were not ascertained by the police, were shot, supposedly by negroes. This encounter further enraged the members of the mob and they began a general search for negroes wherever they could be found.

Dozen Probably Killed.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15, 2:45 a. m.—The mob is still burning houses in the negro quarter and the police believe that at least a dozen people have been killed. No outside troops have yet arrived.

Bloomington Firemen Called.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 15.—At 3 a. m. the Bloomington fire department was notified to be in readiness to go to Springfield to assist in fighting the fire.

Give Jewels to Heathen.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 15.—Unprecedented enthusiasm for foreign missions was displayed at the morning session of the convention of Christian churches of Southern California and Arizona. When the call came for contributions to aid Rev. Royal Dye and his wife to prosecute their mission work in the Congo, men and women vied with each other in giving money and sacrificing their jewels. Gold watches and chains, gold bracelets, rings and diamonds were cast into the basket.

Rebuke to Spiritualists.

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Coroner Jerome today decided not to hold for court Mrs. Fannie Soult and Miss Florence Beckman, who were found praying near the partly decomposed body of Dr. L. Emerson Weather yesterday. The coroner issued a certificate of death from Bright's disease. He severely reprimanded the women for their spiritualistic vagaries and warned them against the practice of attempting to restore the dead to life.

Cholera Gaining Ground.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—A death from cholera has been reported from town in Tula province, close to the estate of Count Tolstol. At Tzaritzin, where the epidemic has been most severe, 225 cases and 150 deaths have been registered since the outbreak.