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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.

Japan has adopted a vigorous policy against Korean insurgents.

The death toll of the recent Gulf storm has been increased to 41.

A train struck an automobile at Menominee, Mich., killing an entire family of three.

One man saved his life in the recent Galveston storm by using his cork legs to keep him afloat.

Spain is on the verge of a revolution because of English and clerical influence over the king.

A Seattle woman has secured a divorce because her husband has been too tired to work for 12 years.

Lightning struck a residence at American Forks, Utah, four times. One woman was killed and four other persons hurt.

During a balloon race at Newton, Ill., two of the big gas bags collided 2,000 feet in the air. One man's leg was badly crushed.

Raphael Manco, who served in the Crimean war, later served with "Chinese" General Gordon and then saw service in the Civil war, is dead. He had lived at Los Angeles for the past 25 years.

Premier Briand has formed a new French cabinet.

Roosevelt is being proposed for mayor of New York.

A big forest fire is raging in the mountains near San Bernardino, Cal.

A cloudburst in Colorado killed two persons and did much damage to property.

Premier Asquith says Britain should be warned against tariff by American and German experiences.

In an automobile race at Grand Rapids, Mich., 50 miles was made in 51 minutes and 22 seconds.

The serious condition of King Peter of Serbia is arousing anxiety. His death would cause no surprise.

A Vancouver, B. C., police magistrate fined himself \$5 and costs for exceeding the speed limit with his automobile.

A Los Angeles judge in denying a divorce in which the plaintiff's mother was involved said no house was big enough for a married couple and a mother-in-law.

The final count of dead in the Texas storm shows a loss of 25 lives. Communication has been established with all points and the property damage will be over \$1,000,000.

A Utah man has just committed suicide at the age of 80.

Bolivia and Peru have agreed to arbitrate the boundary dispute instead of fighting.

The Six Companies have forbid making San Francisco's Chinatown a show place for tourists.

The Italian press is greatly excited by reports that Italians in the Southern states are practically slaves.

Spanish troops have protested against going to Morocco. There have also been several riots among the people.

The Chicago health commission has decided that pasteurization of milk is ineffective and useless, if not dangerous.

A company is being organized to invest \$10,000,000 in steel vessels to ply on the Lakes-to-Gulf waterway, which the promoters consider assured.

The steamer Verdi has sailed from New York for Buenos Ayres with \$8,000,000 in gold, the heaviest single shipment ever made to a South American port.

Employees of the tanneries at Kenosha, Wis., have gone on strike for higher wages. Trouble is feared and state troops have been called out. Three men have been wounded.

The entire town of Brownell, Tex., has been destroyed by fire.

Colorado women will run a woman for congress two years hence.

Argentina has dismissed the Bolivian minister and Bolivia is preparing for war.

The Union Pacific has sold Santa Fe stock to avoid trouble with the government.

A bronze bust of James J. Hill has just been completed and will be sent to the Seattle fair.

Roosevelt has given up hunting for a few days in order to write a book.

The French cabinet has resigned after a bitter altercation with Delcasse.

Sixteen miners were killed by the explosion of fire damp in a Prussian mine and many others were taken out unconscious.

Sir Robert Hart has practically decided to retire from the position of director general of Chinese customs on account of ill health.

ROADBED CRUMBLES.

Train Goes Into River and Six People Killed and 36 Hurt.

Kansas City, July 27.—Six lives were lost and 36 persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, in the wreck of Wabash passenger train No. 4, when it plunged into the Missouri river 30 miles east of here.

The train left Kansas City at 9 o'clock Saturday night, and was due in St. Louis ten hours later. Of the eight cars that made up the train, five and the engine are now in the river with the water covering all of them except one end of the Des Moines sleeper.

A deadhead Pullman, a mailcar, a baggage car, a day coach and a sleeper followed the engine into the stream. The chair car and two Pullmans remained on the track.

For days flooded waters have been undermining the roadbed, which parallels the river. Three hours before the wreck a freight train of 45 loaded cars passed the spot safely. Three hours later No. 4 started across the same bit of track and 50 feet of the roadbed suddenly collapsed.

The train was running 14 miles an hour, and the forward cars telescoped, allowing the rear cars to stop gradually their occupants were hardly shaken.

MARK TWAIN AS PILOT.

Former Steamboat Man Will Convert President Down Mississippi.

St. Louis, Mo., July 27.—When President Taft takes his trip down the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans, Mark Twain, the humorist, will act as pilot on the boat carrying the country's chief executive.

The president's river itinerary has been completed and includes stops at Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville, in the Missouri; Cairo, Ill., Memphis, Tenn., and Vicksburg, Miss.

When a president of the United States takes a river trip, Mr. Clemens always has been invited by the committee in charge to pilot the boat. The usual invitation was extended to Mr. Clemens on this occasion, and his friends, who say he has a high personal regard for Mr. Taft, declare he will agree to pilot Mr. Taft safely down river.

Moors Gather in Force.

Madrid, July 27.—Official dispatches concerning the bombardment yesterday around Melilla state that this measure was taken to prevent the enemy from massing. The gunboat Martin Alonzo Pinzon assisted in the bombardment, after which she chased, but did not catch, two steamers suspected of carrying contraband arms. The bombardment was resumed today. The Moors are gathering in great force in the Rif region. It is estimated that they now number 20,000, and are preparing for a concentrated attack.

Trolley Wreck Is Fatal.

Los Angeles, July 27.—One person was killed and several were injured, some of them seriously, tonight, when a heavy trolley car on the Monrovia-Los Angeles division of the Pacific Electric line crashed into the rear end of a car on the Pasadena Short Line, on a curve near East Lake park. The Short Line car was partially telescoped. The two cars were running not more than 300 yards apart, according to the statements of passengers.

Bleriot Awakens English.

London, July 27.—The London morning newspapers publish editorials on Bleriot's feat. A new point brought out is its striking appeal to the imagination of Englishmen that Great Britain's insular strength is no longer unchallenged, that the aeroplane is not a toy, but a possible instrument of war fare which must be taken into account by soldiers and statesmen and that it was the one thing needed to wake up the English people to the importance of the science of aviation.

Big Four Crash Hurts 42.

Indianapolis, July 27.—Forty-two persons were injured today in the wreck of a southbound Big Four passenger train at Zionsville, Ind., and all but 76 passengers who were brought to hospitals in this city were able to continue to their destinations. The baggage car and the coaches behind it left the track while the train was running 50 miles an hour.

Nebraska Pays Notes.

Omaha, Neb., July 27.—It is evident that the people of Nebraska did not mind the recent panic, for during the year 1908 there were 17,990 farm mortgages paid off and cancelled, representing a value of \$126,377,791, and 16,658 new farm mortgages were recorded, representing a value of \$36,432,657, leaving a tidy balance of about \$90,000 to the credit of the property.

Speed Test Sets Record.

Philadelphia, July 27.—The battleship Michigan, which returned today from her trial trip, is reported to have broken all speed records for a vessel of the battleship type. The Michigan is said to have made a fraction over 19 knots an hour. Her speed requirement was 17 1/2 knots.

Three Lives Lost in Gulf.

Pensacola, Fla., July 27.—With her rigging damaged and her sails torn almost to shreds, the fishing schooner Minnie W. arrived today and reported the loss of three of her crew in the Gulf hurricane of last Wednesday, and the narrow escape of two others.

Blucher's Orderly Dies.

Quincy, Ill., July 27.—John Leonard Roeder, who died Saturday at the age of 108 years, was buried today. During the battle of Waterloo Roeder acted as orderly to General Blucher.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

ELECTRIC LINE ASSURED.

Articles of Incorporation of Farmers' Line Filed at Pendleton.

Pendleton—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Farmers' Railway & Navigation company, which proposes to build and operate an electrical railroad system in Umatilla county. The first unit will be a road between the towns of Umatilla, on the Columbia, and Milton, in the heart of the fruit and grain belt of the east end of the county. The company behind the scheme is incorporated for \$250,000, and it is announced that surveyors are already in the field prepared to locate the right of way. The county court has also been asked for franchises over certain roads of the county. This organization is the result of electric road construction by the Farmers' unions of the county. A committee has been investigating the matter for several weeks. One of the men understood to be behind the development scheme is Dr. W. R. Campbell, one of the prominent wheat growers of the county, and state organizer for the Farmers' union. The incorporators of the scheme are: Charles A. Hill, R. O. Earnhart, A. A. Cole. The capital stock of the Farmers' Railroad & Navigation company is divided into 2,500 shares of \$100 each. In addition to the main line of electric road from the Columbia to the center of the wheat belt, articles of incorporation also permit branch lines, the maintenance of a fleet of steamers on the Columbia, and construction of telegraph and telephone lines. This railroad project will be in competition with one for which articles of incorporation were filed a week ago by Dr. C. J. Smith, A. R. Turner and Douglas Belts, and which proposes to construct a network of electric roads throughout Umatilla county, beginning at Pilot Rock and passing through the new irrigation districts.

Deschutes Land Ready to Open.

Salem—After a session lasting the greater part of two days, the desert land board has granted the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company authority to open up for settlement about 2,500 acres of irrigated lands in Eastern Oregon. Roscoe Howard, of the Deschutes corporation, talked to the board for two days, and finally convinced them the land was ready for the settler, though the board had before decided to hold up the tracts until a personal inspection could be made by the members of the desert land board in order to determine if the land was properly irrigated under the terms of the agreement with the irrigation company.

School Heads to Meet June 28.

Salem—The annual convention of county school superintendents has been called by J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, to meet in his office Monday, June 28. Among the topics to be considered are school supervision, how it may be made more effective; school libraries, how to use them; annual institutes, most important subject to emphasize for all institutes this year; school sanitation, what has been done, what should be done; school board convention, value of, how to conduct.

Honey Ready to Gather.

Ontario—W. H. Pennington, the honey grower of Ontario, has commenced extracting this week the honey stored in his 260 beehives. Mr. Pennington's honey is famed all over the Northwest, as he ships extensively of that commodity, and it is made of the finest alfalfa syrup, gathered in the immense fields surrounding Ontario last year. Mr. Pennington shipped more than three carloads from this place.

Summer School Crowded.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The enrollment in the summer school of the University of Oregon is more than twice that of any previous year. The registration includes teachers from all over the state, as well as a number of students who wish to lighten their work for the coming year. A number of special lectures have been engaged from outside the state. Dr. Stuart, of Leland Sand university, having charge of the department of English literature.

Dufur Is To Advertise.

Dufur—The officers of the Dufur Valley Development league are beginning an advertising campaign for home-seekers. A booklet, now in the hands of the printer, will consist of 40 pages, and will be profusely illustrated by photographs of the valley. This is the first of a series of booklets. There is as good strawberry and fruit land here as anywhere in the state, it is said, and this is to be advertised.

Clatskanie Sawmill Burns.

Clatskanie—The Kratz & Anderson shingle mill at Hazel Grove, one and a half miles from here, was burned to the ground while the manager and crew were attending the Clatskanie celebration. A spark from the sawdust pile, which was supposed to be safely out, is thought to have caused the damage. The mill was constructed only last winter and gave employment to a crew of ten men.

Lumber Company Complains.

Salem—The Bridal Veil Lumber company has complained to the state railroad commission that the rates on lumber on the Mount Hood railroad are too high. The Bridal Veil Lumber company also claims that the Oregon Lumber company is owned by the railroad and that this company gets a much lower rate than other shippers.

FINE WHEAT ON DRY LANDS.

Ontario Farmers Get Excellent Results From Experiments.

Ontario—Wheat on the dry farms near Ontario is in excellent condition this year and is expected to make a record crop. While Malheur county farmers do not give much attention to wheatgrowing as a general crop, nearly every farmer has a small field, and the few years dry farming has come more and more into favor on the benches, where wheat is one of the good crops. This year the wheat is full, healthy and clean. Most of it will average, it is estimated, from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre, and the grain stands four to five feet high. On fields which have been cultivated for the first time this year it is not quite so thick as on older fields, but the entire average is good. There will be more wheat harvested near Ontario this year than ever before.

Dufur Harvest Begins.

Dufur.—Harvest is now in full blast here and the yield both in quality and quantity is much better than was expected. Until a week or so ago there had been no rain here since the middle of February. The yield of both wheat and barley will be better than an average crop. The good yield is attributed to the fact that there have been no hot winds to dry the ground and the weather has been remarkably cool and pleasant all spring and summer.

Cherries for Chicago Market.

Union—The first large consignment of cherries will go forward from Cove this week when the Cove Mercantile company will ship a straight car of Bings to the Chicago market. The entire car will consist of fancy packed 10-pound boxes, and it is figured the cherries will bring \$1.50 per box at auction in Chicago, at which price the shippers will realize \$1 per box.

Salary Increase in Union.

Salem—Average salary paid male teachers in Union county the past year was \$72 against \$70 the year before, according to the annual report of Superintendent E. E. Bragg filed in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The salary of female teachers has increased during the same time from \$30 to \$53.75.

Editor Gets No-Work Job.

Salem—Colonel E. Hofer will hold his job as a member of the board of regents of normal schools for six years more, notwithstanding the fact that the board's active labor are at an end, Governor Benson having reappointed the Salem newspaper man to the position he has held for several years past.

Pupils Decrease in Wheeler.

Salem—According to the report of County School Superintendent H. J. Simmons, both the attendance and school population of Wheeler county are on the decrease. The attendance last year in Wheeler county was 651, this year it was 626. The population a year ago was 888, this year 875.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, nominal; club, \$1.15; valley, \$1.15. New crop—bluestem, \$1.05; club, \$1; Russian, 98c; valley, 97c.
Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$42 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@23; mixed, \$16@20; alfalfa, \$14.
Grain bags—5 1/2¢ each.
Fruits—Cherries, 5¢@11¢ per pound; gooseberries, 6¢; peaches, 75¢@1.25 per box; apricots, \$1.25@1.50; currants, 8¢ per pound; loganberries, \$1.25@1.50 crate; raspberries, \$1@1.15; black caps, \$1.50; watermelons, 80¢@1.00 hundred; blackberries, 9¢@10¢ per pound.
Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2¢@2 1/2¢ per pound.
Vegetables—Beans, 6¢; cabbage, 1 1/2¢@1 3/4¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$1 per dozen; lettuce, head, 25¢; onions, 12 1/2¢@15¢; peas, 5¢@7¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢ per dozen.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 29¢; fancy outside creamery, 27¢@28¢; store, 20¢. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2¢ per pound under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 27¢@28¢ per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 14¢@14 1/2¢; springs, 18 1/2¢@19¢; roosters, 9¢@10¢; ducks, young, 11¢@12¢; geese, young, 9¢@10¢; turkeys, 18¢; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.
Pork—Fancy, 10¢@11¢ per pound.
Veal—Extras, 9¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢@8¢; heavy, 7¢.
Hops—1909 contracts, 15¢@16¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 11¢@12¢; 1907 crop, 7¢; 1906 crop, 4¢.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound; valley, 23¢@25¢; mohair, choice, 24¢@25¢.
Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, 4¢@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.
Hogs—Best, \$8.25@8.50 fair to good, \$7.75@8; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.
Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 3/4 less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.35.

NORTHWEST APPLES BEST.

Bring Higher Price Than Those From Any Other State.

Consul General Robert P. Skinner, writing from Hamburg, Germany, details facts relating to the apple industry of this country as reflected in the prices received there, and shows that Oregon and Washington apples bring more than those from any other states, the scale being in comparison with the California product as follows:

State	Per 1-bushel case
Oregon, Washington	\$2.61@3.57
California	1.60@2.61

As to the possibilities of the extension of the apple trade with Germany, the report shows that in 1908 Germany imported 164,421 tons of apples, of which the United States supplied only 10,502 tons; in 1907 Germany imported 181,457 tons, the United States sending 9,229 tons.

Germany enforces rigidly inspection for the San Jose scale, and this pest has been found on a number of shipments from the Pacific coast. Mr. Skinner says, however, that as a rule American apples reach Germany in good condition. He urges that care be exercised by all apple shippers to free their orchards from scale and all other pests, and then exercise constant supervision of their employees to insure that the fruit shall be packed so as to make it pleasing to the eye as well as protect it against bruising while being transported.

Hamburg is the great apple receiving port. There, writes the consul, honest and impartial rules of sale are observed and the seller always receives what is his due, the market regulations and government inspection having been developed in a manner to make it certain that always there shall be no crooked work or unjust rejection of shipments.

German fruit buyers have for years been sending their representatives to America to look over orchards and packing houses, and keep informed on the conditions of the industry in all important localities where considerable quantities of fruit are produced. These agents often go without making known their identity, and thus obtain information which might otherwise be harder to secure.

The report of Consul General Skinner agrees with previous reports which have been sent to the government from abroad—that Pacific coast apples now lead this country in all European markets. It likewise emphasizes the necessity of maintaining the present high standard, in order that the high prices now obtained may be maintained and the apple industry reap the large profit which has been made in the past years.

CROP A RECORD BREAKER.

Prospects in Pacific Northwest Never Better Than Now.

According to information received during the past week the Pacific Northwest will produce almost four times as many cars of potatoes as a year ago.

This increase is startling, even though the comparison with the production of a year ago is not exactly a correct showing, for the 1908 crop was just about half of what was produced the previous season.

During the present season the acreage of potatoes in the Pacific Northwest, but more especially in Oregon, shows the greatest increase for one year ever noted here. While a large per cent of this increase was in the Willamette valley, most of the additional acreage was planted in Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Washington and Idaho likewise have a very heavy potato acreage increase and the production there will be much greater than during any previous year. Western Washington had a greater acreage of potatoes than a year ago, but the difference in favor of this season is not great so far as the additional planting is concerned.

Potato crop prospects could scarcely be improved over what they are in Oregon, Washington and Idaho this season, and the same is stated to be the case in California. In Eastern Oregon, where some of the poorest showings were made in grain production this season, the crop of potatoes never looked better.

In the Willamette valley, potatoes will show better quality this year than ever before and the sizes will be just that which gained for this section the reputation of growing the very best potatoes in the entire United States.

In seasons previous to the present one, the potato acreage and production of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho had little, if anything, to do with prices at Portland or San Francisco, but this season each of these sections will be a strong factor in the market and unless all signs fail prices will reach a lower figure than for some seasons.

Potato prices have been so high along the Pacific coast in recent years that the trade can scarcely come to think that lower prices will again be in effect. With such a heavy increase in acreage and a production so much greater per acre than normal, the supplies will be fully as great as any demand would justify, and that being the case, present out of line values will go out of effect.

Train Falls Into River.

Kansas City, Mo., July 26.—At least two persons are known to be dead, one trainman is missing and between 25 and 30 are injured as a result of a wreck of Wabash passenger train No. 4, 30 miles east of here tonight. The train fell into the Missouri river, where the track had been weakened by a landslide. The engine, baggage car, mailcar, smoker and a dead-head sleeper, plunged into the water and were completely submerged.

WAR OF RAILWAYS ON IN DESCHUTES

Construction Work Begins on Rival to Harriman Road.

Grading Equipment Rushed to The Dalles by Porter Brothers, Builders of North Bank Road—Hill May Be Behind Central Oregon Line—Surely Is Not Harriman.

The Dalles, Or., July 24.—Railroad grading equipment, consigned to Porter Bros., contractors, was unloaded here today, and preparations have been made to begin in the morning transferring the material to Sherar's bridge, on the Deschutes river.

Work on a railroad through the Deschutes canyon into Central Oregon will begin immediately, and this road will not be Harriman's, according to the contractors.

This is regarded here as the first move in a Titanic struggle between Harriman and Hill for control of the Deschutes grade into Interior Oregon.

Johnson Porter, member of the firm of Porter Bros., contractors, is in the city and superintending the unloading of the grading equipment. Mr. Porter will not admit that his company is working for Mr. Hill, but insists he is not in the employ of Mr. Harriman.

Mr. Porter is the contractor militant who built the North Bank for Mr. Hill in the face of Harriman's active and sometimes forcible opposition.

In this city the supposition is that Porter Bros. are the construction agents of Mr. Hill.

CHICAGO GRAFT EXPOSED.

Indicted Detective Collected \$9,000 A Month for Protection.

Chicago, July 24.—Stories of graft, astounding in extent and detail and revealing conditions beyond belief, were told to the grand jury today and were followed by the immediate indictment of Detective Sergeant Jeremiah Griffin, of the Desplaines street police station, known as Inspector Edward McCann's "man Friday."

He is charged with demanding and accepting bribes from dive keepers, gamblers, cocaine sellers and disreputable women of the West Side levee.

There are 25 counts in the true bill voted against the sergeant, each setting forth a separate offense. Upward of \$9,000 a month was collected by him from dwellers of the under world, according to the indictment, and more than \$150,000 in all is said to have been delivered to the Desplaines street police executive.

The more startling phase of the investigation lies in the fact that the trail has been rapidly followed to the city hall, and it is now said that Mayor Busse's confidence in some of his most trusted advisers has been sadly betrayed.

Similar conditions are said to exist in half a dozen other police precincts.

JAPAN GROWS RESTIVE.

Wants Equal Tariff Rates With Other Nations.

Washington, July 24.—Japan undoubtedly is becoming restive under trade conditions imposed in her treaty with the United States. This restlessness was made evident when she proposed to this government that negotiations for a new treaty be begun at once, notwithstanding the fact that the present treaty does not expire for two years. Our trade interests in Japan, however, are not suffering and for this and other reasons this government did not see its way clear to discuss the questions involved before the expiration of our treaty in 1911.

Under the most favored nation clause of the treaty, Japan extends to the United States all the conventional rates which it has granted to Great Britain, Germany and France. On the other hand, none of the reduced rates authorized in section 3 of the Dingley act, which were granted by the United States to certain foreign countries, are extended to Japan.

Uniform Laws Proposed.

Bellingham, July 24.—A special from New Westminster says: Professor David Starr Jordan and Professor Edward E. Prince, respectively American and Canadian members of the joint fisheries commission, are now engaged in examining Fraser fisheries. Professor Jordan said in an interview that when the regulations of the commission are submitted they will provide for a uniform closed season in Canada and the United States waters. The extent of the closed season he would not state.

Briand Is French Premier.

Paris, July 24.—M. Aristide Briand, a Socialist deputy, minister of justice and worship, was appointed premier today. M. Briand announced that he would make few, if any, changes in the cabinet as organized by Premier Clemenceau who resigned two days ago, after being defeated in a heated argument with M. Delcasse in the chamber of deputies. Former Premier Clemenceau announced today that he would start next Saturday for Austria.

Big Body of Radium Found.

Lisbon, July 24.—An extensive vein of radium has been discovered in Guarda, which contains 800 pounds of radium to every ton of ore. The mine has been acquired by an English syndicate.