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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.

Russia now wants a share in the Chinese railway loan.

The deficit of the German imperial government for 1908 is said to amount to $30,500,000.

Two colored men have been hanged by a mob at Malcolm, Ala., [for murdering the sheriff.

Explorer Cook says he has data to convince the most skeptical that he was actually at the North Pole.

Jap grape pickers in California have demanded an increase in wages and may be replaced by Hindus.

A small tempest was caused by an Itatlian warship stopping while the Atlantic fleet was at target practice.

A sword fish has been caught off the Catalina islands, Cal., which weighed 141 pounds and measured eight feet in length.

More explosives have been found in the bunkers of British war vessels and members of the admiralty are in a state of ferment.

The latest creation in the millinery line is to be known as the Cook hat, in honor of the explorer. It is two feet high covered with black fur, while a white aigrette representing the pole bristles from the top.

China is planning the improvement of her army.

Count Zeppelin will continue preparations to fly to the North Pole.

President Taft says he will probably visit Alaska next summer.

A serious epidemic is feared in the flood stricken districts of Mexico.

German scientists say the finding of the North Pole is of secondary importance.

The American Locomotive company says it is rushed with order for new equipment.

An Indiana man has just died at the age of 96. He leaves 38 children and had outlived four wives.

Lenmark believes Cook's story of the discovery of the North Pole and will give him a royal welcome.

Attorney General Wickersham says if the polar continent is worth holding this government will annex it.

Dispatches from Java say the volcano Smern is in active eruption, causing great havoc. There has also been an earthquake with hundreds of fatalities.

Revolutionary cocked hats are to be worn by women next season.

Wilbur Wright has suggested that cities appoint an inspector of balloons.

The loss of life in the Monterey, Mex., flood is now estimated at 3,000.

A tornado devastated Dialville, a small town in Texas. Several persons were injured.

Supplies are being sent to Monterey, Mex., and the general condition is much improved.

Mrs. Florence Vandervort, a millionaire widow of Los Angeles, has married a poor man.

No lives were lost in the Nevada cloudburst and the property damage is placed at $100,000.

Goverument scientists say Cook will have no trouble in proving that he actually reached the pole.

According to official reports the rice crop of China will be about 17 per cent above the average.

All Western roads have announced new schedules to the coast and each is trying to outdo the other.

The American warship squadron is in Chinese waters.

The international trades union council is in session in Paris.

A severe earthquake has been felt in the canal zone, but the big ditch was not hurt.

The steamer Ohio, wrecked off the Alaskan coast, is said to have hit an unchartered rock.

Hill says he has all the railroad connections he needs in the East and new work will be confined to the West.

The Cunard line steamers are to take a new route between Liverpool and New York which will shorten the time to five days.

A big Carey act project has been started in Colorado by which 250,000 acres of land will be reclaimed at a cost of $2,000,000.

Pittsburg coal miners object to the new explosive, a flameless powder.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging at Cobalt, Ontario. The hospitals are full and tents have been erected to care for the overflow.

The steamer Mauretania has established a new record, having crossed from New York to Queenstown in four days, 14 hours and 2 minutes.

Theg Federl court has held the state corporation tax law in Colorado constitutional.

MORE MEXICAN FLOODS.

Cloudburst Floods Rivers and Overflows Fertile Valleys.

Mexico City, Sept. 7.—A special dispatch received here from Morella says that floods yesterday ruined a large section of the Zamora district. A terrible cloudburst in the mountains caused rivers and streams to overflow and miles of fertile valleys are under water.

Further details have been received here of the flood that swept the town of Tula, in the state of Tamalpais, last Saturday. A wave between 45 and 50 feet high engulfed the lower half of the town. Two hundred houses and the San Juan bridge were carried away and many lives were lost. The storm raged for three days.

Terrible as are the conditions at Monterey, the correspondent declares they are just as bad at Tula and vicinity.

The entire northeastern section of the state is said to have been laid waste. Railroad and telegraphic communication was delstroyed and the population of Tula, some 7,000 persons, was cut off from the rest of the nation for four days. It will be six or eight months before the highways can be restored. Thirty bodies have been recovered and many bodies of shepherds and mountaineers are being washed down into the valley below.

ROBBED MAILS WHOLESALE.

Man and Woman Caught in Chicago Head Big Gang.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—In the arrest of Allen Posner, 26 years old, and a young woman giving her name as Emily Snyder, 20 years old, who are in custody at the Harrison street police station, Postoffice Inspector Stuart believes he has part of a gang of mail thieves who have been operating in Chicago and other cities. Two men are being sought as accomplices of Posner and the Synder girl in the theft of letters and chashing of checks found in stolen mail. Posner and a man named Gray and another man whose name is being kept secret are said to be under indictment in New York for a $1,000 theft of jewelry. The Synder girl is said to have come to Chicago with Posner four months ago.

It is charged that the pair operated by stealing letters from residence mail boxes after delivery by letter carriers. Posner is declared to have admitted cashing a number of stolen checks. According to the postal authorities, Posner and his associates stole $1,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables which were brought to Chicago.

TUBERCULOSIS INCREASES.

Nathan Straus Says Plague is Gaining Against Fight.

Budapest, Sept. 7.—Nathan Straus, the New York philanthropist, who on Tuesday appealed to the Interntional Medical congress to stop the spreading of disease that results from the use of infected milk, today submitted detailed figures to that body to prove that tuberculosis, instead of being conquered, is on the increase.

He cited the official vital statistics of New York city, which was credited by Dr. Robert Koch with leading the whole world in the fight against tuberculosis. He showed that the increasing skill of the physicians in treating tuberculosis had reduced the death rate from this disease in proportion to the population from 2.42 per 1,000 in 1902 to 2.39 per 1,000 in 1907, and 2.29 in 1908, but he showed that the number of deaths from tuberculosis in proportion to the total number of deaths from all causes had increased from 13.04 per cent. in 1902 to 13.90 in 1908.

Cholera Loses Terrors.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Serum and vaccine for treatment of cholera has been discovered by Dr. Salambini, working under the direction of Professor Metchnikoff and Dr. Pierce Roux. Their serum has been tried in Russia in desperate cases and reduced the death rate, which was 50 per cent, to below 23 per cent. The vaccine is prepared by taking bacilli from the body of a cholera patient and making a culture thereof, which is injected subcutaneously into healthy persons. Local infection follows and immunity results.

Greek Princes Removed.

Athens, Sept. 7.—King George today will sign a decree placing Crown Prince Constantine and Prince Nicholas, at their own request, on the unattached list of the army and granting the other princes in the army two or three years' leave of absence to study abroad. Brigadier General Smolenski will replace Crown Prince Constantine as commander in chief and Colonel Cortbas will be appointed commander of the army corps at Athens.

Tornado Wipes Out Town.

Catanai, Sicily, Sept. 7.—The village of Scordoa was about wiped out today by a tornado. Five persons were killed and 50 injured. One hundred houses were completely demolished and many others unroofed. The tornado was accompanied by a torrential rain. The population took refuge in houses on the Quarter Santa Maria, where the statue of Santa Maria Maggiore fell, adding terror to the superstitious element.

Tennessee Stays Dry.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 7.—The legislative act prohibiting wholesale as well as retail sale of liquor in the state was upheld except as regards sales for shipment outside of the state, in an opinion handed down in Chancery court todaay by Chancellor T. M. McConnell.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

WATER RIGHTS ACTED ON.

State Board Takes Up Work Assigned by New State Law.

Salem—Applications for the determination of water rights on a number of Western and Southern Oregon streams have been made to the state water board, under the new water law passed at the last session.

The Rogue river rights will be adjudicated, if an application filed recently by A. B. Sayling and F. Y. Allen is granted, which in all probability will be done. This will be one of the largest projects of the kind in the state. Petitions are also in for the determination of the rights on Applegate creek, Little Butte creek, Althouse creek, Quines creek and Williams creek.

All applications except those for the Rogue river and Williams creek waters have been favorably acted upon by the board. The Little Butte probably will be the first one taken up.

H. L. Holgate, superintendent of district No. 1 under the water law, has resigned his position as cashier of a bank at Bonanza and will move to Klamath Falls, where he will devote all his time to the business of the state.

Remarkable Sunflower.

Pendleton—A sunflower bearing on the main stalk 70 buds and blossoms, and on a branch 45 buds, making a total of 115 flowers, which will be produced from the single seed, is growing in the yard of County Recorder Hendley, in Pendleton. While the flowers which have bloomed are not extraordinarily large they are of good size and Mr. Hendley is going to save the seed, hoping that he has produced a plant that will prove valuable.

Lebanon Plans School House.

Lebanon—The Lebanon school district has advertised for bids for the construction of a brick school house on the 10-acre grounds of the old Santiam academy. The building will be 72x18 feet, two stories high, with basement, and will be steam heated. The cost is estimated at $30,000. It will contain 14 class rooms, superintendent's room and a teachers' room for consultation. Work will commence within a month.

Oregon Caves in Reserve.

Salem—The governor's office is in receipt of a copy of a proclamation by President Taft setting aside the country embracing the Oregon caves in the Siskiyou national forest and reserving and withdrawing the same from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws. The proclamation is issued in accordance with an act of congress on the subject passed last winter.

Small Tracts for Fruit.

Monroe—Six hunderd acres of the finest orchard land in this section is being platted into small tracts by the orchard company and will be sold out as small homes for families. The orchard company will plant the entire tract to fruit trees, that a uniform system may be maintained and that certain fruits may be grown for convenient markets. The land will not be offered for sale before a year.

Rogue River Pear Crop.

Medford—It is estimated that 300 carloads of pears will be shipped from the Rogue River valley. Cars are now going forward at the rate of eight a day, which will increase in number daily. Nearly all estimates are being exceeded by the actual yield. Fruit is of better quality and greater quantity than previously supposed, and market conditions promise better prices.

Electric Line from Siuslaw.

Marshfield—N. B. Leonard, of Eugene, is trying to interest Coos bay people in the building of an electric line from the Siuslaw to this place. Leonard is an engineer and promoter for the electric line which is being built from Eugene to Florence and the plan is to extend it on to Coos bay, provided the people of this locality and those along the line can be interested.

Bad Forest Fires.

Riddle—Forest fires are raging in the heavy timber south of Riddle and reports are to the effect that the flames are spreading. All the wires leading into the district are down and it is impossible to secure details. Considerable excitement prevails here. People who have friends in range of the fire are apprehensive for their safety.

Polk County Farm Sold.

Falls City—James Bros. have purchased of Fred Noe for $7,000 his 280-acre farm, four miles from this place. The new owners will take possession September 1 and begin at once to improve and make this one of the most completely equipped farms in Polk county.

Fruit Man at Hood River.

Hood River—E. P. Loomis, of the commission firm of Loomis & Co., of New York City, is spending a few days in Hood River, where he is heavily interested in orchard lands. Mr. Loomis stated that fruit would bring record prices this year.

Wheat Averaged 51 Bushels.

Eugene—W. R. Hill thereshed 258 acres of wheat on his farm that averaged 51 bushels to the acre. Other fields in the same vicinity went far above expectations, but none as high as this one.

DITCH PLANS MADE.

Weston People Have Scheme to Irrigate 12,000 Acres.

Weston—A project is under way for the irrigation of 12,000 acres of productive farm land tributary to Weston. Leading Umatilla county capitalists are interested in the enterprise, which has been pronounced feasible in every way by the examining engineers. Outline maps are now being prepared by J. M. Ashworth, a local draughtsman.

It is proposed to construct a large storage reservoir on Pine creek, three miles above Weston, at a point known as Rocky ford, where the stream flows over bedrock in a narrow channel. The dam will be 200 feet high, with a core of concrete and sloping walls of earth and rock, approaching at the base a thickness of about 1,000 feet. This will be sufficient to conserve enough water in the flood season to irrigate 18,000 acres during the summer, or 6,000 acres more than the land to be covered by the canals.

A power station will be constructed at the dam, it being the intention of the promoters to utilize the imprisoned water for power as well as irrigation. The possibilities of a summer resort at the large mountain lake to be formed above the dam are also discussed.

The main canal will extend northward along the east side of Pine creek for a distance of eight or nine miles. A branch canal will be constructed on the west side of the creek, extending along the ridge between Weston and Athena. Both towns will profit greatly by the enterprise if brought to completion. The estimated cost of the system is $250,000.

Much of the land under the proposed canals is already valued at $100 an acre. It raises 40 or 50 bushels of wheat an acre every two years, but lack of moisture at the proper time prevents its utilization for diversified farming. Values are expected to advance to $500 an acre or more when irrigation is in general practice.

Will Bore for Artesian Water.

Silver Lake—For the purpose of boring test wells for artesian water an association of farmers and business men has been formed here. G. F. Vick was elected president and F. M. Anderson secretary. An executive committee, consisting of A. R. Cyrus, George F. Vick and F. E. Anderson was named to collect subscription, select the place for boring the test well and to enter into a contract with some suitable person to bore the well.

Peaches Net $600 Per Acre.

Grants Pass—Seventy-two hundred dollars is not a bad income from only 12 acres of land, and goes to show what advantages can be realized by systematic methods in orchard culture. The crop from 12 acres of peach orchard was recently sold by E. W. Shattuck for $600 per acre, on the trees. Oregon as a whole offers better inducements for scientific orchard methods than any other state in the union at present.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 94c; club, 85c; red Russian, 83½c; valley, 88c; fife, 85c; Turkey red, 85c; forty-fold, 87½c.

Barley—Feed, $26.50 per ton; brewing, $27.50.

Corn—Whole, $35; cracked, $36 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, $12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $17@18; mixed, $15.50@18.50; alfalfa, $13.50; clover, $11@13; cheat, $13@14.50.

Grain bags, 6¼c each.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 34c; fancy outside creamery, 30@34c; per pound; store, 21@22c. Butter fat prices average ½c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 30@31c.

Poultry—Hens, 16½c; springs, 17c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, $1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11½c per pound.

Veal—Extra, 9½@10c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, $1@2.25 per box; pears, $1.25@2; peaches, 40c@$1 per crate; cantaloupes, $1.25@1.75; plums, 25@75c per box; watermelons, 1@1¾c per pound; grapes, 50c@$1.75 per crate; casabas, $1.50@2 per dozen.

Potatoes—$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound.

Onions—$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1¼c; cauliflower, 75c@$1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@$1; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12@15c; parsley, 35c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 5@10c; radishes, 15c per dozen; spinach, 5c per pound; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 50@75c per box.

Hops—1909 contracts, 21c; 1908 crop, 14@15c; 1907 crop, 11c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle — Steers, top, $4.50@4.60; fair to good, $4@4.25; common, $3.75@4; cows, top, $3.40@3.65; 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;.

Sheep — Top wethers, 4; fair to good, $3.50@3.75; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, best, $4; fair to good, $3.50@3.75; spring lambs, $5@5.25.

Hogs—Best, $8.50; fair to good, $8@8.25; stockers, $6@7; Chinia fats, $7.50@8.

SUGGESTIONS FROM FARMERS.

Census Director Durand Invites Their Practical Co-operation.

Washington, Sept. 6.—The farmers of the United States are naturally very much interested in the census of agriculture and farms that will be taken April 15, 1910, as one of the subjects to be covered by the thirteenth decennial census. Many are showing their interest by writing to the census bureau for the purpose of making comments upon census information regarding agriculture as presented in the past. The director of the census welcomes all such suggestions and gives them careful consideration, as he is anxious to have the results of the coming census correspond as nearly as may be to the desires of the people most interested.

In addition to studying carefully these suggestions, the dirctor has on his own initiative requested certain professors of economics and agriculture of the more important universities of the country, and other persons who have specialized in agricultural matters, to come to Washnigton for a short time for the purpose of studying carefully and criticising plans now under way. Especially is it desired to obtain their opinion relative to the questions to be asked and their form, as the results to be obtained will so largely depend upon the character of the schedule and the manner in which the questions are propounded. These suggestions, coming from outside experts, are proving to be of great value, and it is believed that in consequence of this preliminary study more valuable and accurate data will be obtained than could otherwise be secured. After these special students and experts have made their preliminary studies, formal conferences are held in the office, in which the whole matter of the character of the shedules and the best methods of securing the information are thoroughly gone over.

The department is also seeking to secure the advice and co-operation, as far as possible, of the officers and experts of the department of agriculture, of the state agricultural colleges, farmers' societies and like organizations.

SANTA FE STIRS UP RIVALS.

Officials Call Hasty Conferences on Schedules.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—The manager of the Santa Fe road has made a definite proposition to the Postoffice department to put on a new mail and express train between Kansas City and Los Angeles that will reduce the present running time by ten hours This will require a trip of over 1,800 miles to be made in 50 hours, or at the rate of over 37 miles an hour, including stops.

When it became definitely known today that the Santa Fe had agreed to take ten hours off the latest schedule between Kansas City and Los Angeles, consternation reigned in the official ranks of the Western roads. Conferences were held on all sides, agents of competing lines were dispatched to Washington with instructions to learn at all cost the position the government is likely to take in the matter, and orders were hastily issued by the Rock Island and Southern Pacific for time-card meetings.

NATURAL BRIDGE FOUND.

Rock Span 274 Feet Long Discovered in Utah.

Salt Lake, Utah, Sept. 6.—With a span of 274 feet and more than 300 feet high, a natural bridge, said to be the largest known, has been discovered by members of the Utah Archaeological society, who have returned from an expedition along the Colorado river, in Northern Arizona and Southern Utah.

The bridge is located four miles north of the Arizona line in the state of Utah, six miles east of the Colorado river. On its top were found imbeded several fossils of remarkable size, indicating the presence in earlier times of giant animal life.

The party brought back photographs as well as a collection of rare pottery and baskets used by the cliff dwellers centuries ago.

Decisive Battle Is Expected.

Pera, Sept. 6.—The culmination of the border affrays between Turkish troops and the Montenegrins occurreed near Cusink, a city in Turikish territory, where a pitched battle was fought, according to advices received here today. There were heavy losses on both sides and a number of casualties reported. Among those injured were five Turkish women. The Montenegrins fired upon the Turks, according to the dispatches. Armed forces are now facing each other on the frontier, and a decisive battle is expected.

Open Road to Promotion.

Omaha, Sept. 6.—D. C. Buell and G. W. Sievers, appointed at the instance of E. H. Harriman to conduct a technical school for instruction of Union Pacific railway employes, opened the institution today. More than 100 applicants were on hand, ranging from section hands to draughtsmen in the engineering department. The school is designed to fit employes of the road for better positions and is open to them without expense.

Many Lost in Java Flood.

Batavia, Java, Sept. 6.—It is estimated that 600 natives have perished in the floods in Southeastern Java. The damage to property and crops has been enormous.

COOK'S RETURN TO BE TRIUMPH

Arctic Club Prepares Great National Tribute to Explorer.

Honors Will Be Bestowed in Other Countries—Taft Will Be Asked to Honor Man Who Hoisted Flag Over Polar Continent—Constitu- Will Follow Flag.

New York, Sept. 4.—Preparations already are on foot to make the homecoming of Dr. Frederick A. Cook an event of national, and possibly international importance. If plans outlined today by members of the Arctic club are carried out, the welcome Dr. Cook will receive in New York will be an ovation in which city, state and nation will take part, while prominent explorers—Cook's former rivals—from all parts of the globe, will gather to pay personal tribute to his achievements.

Members of the Arctic club hopse President Tatt may be present. "Such an honor would be no more than fitting," one declared, "in view of the fact that the explorer has placed the Stars and Stripes on the apex of the world and added perhaps 60,000 square miles to the nation's territory."

Among the explorers who are expected to take a prominent part are the Duke d'Abruzzi, Dr. Nansen, Captain Ronald Amundsen, General A. W. Greeley, Rear Admiral George Melville, Anthony Fiala and Captain Joseph E. Bernier.

Captain Bradley S. Osborne, secretary of the Arctic club, says the explorer is not expected here for several weeks.

"He is due in Copenhagen in three days," said Captain Osborne, "and if he came straight home would arrive in New York about the middle of September, but his friends believe that he may make several stops on the way. For one thing the geographers and scientists of Copenhagen will tender him a welcome. He may go to Christiana to meet Captain Amundsen discoverer of the Northwest passage; it is likely that he will visit Belgium where he has been decorated for his services to science and it is scarcely conceivable that the British geographical societies would allow him to pass them on his way home without an invitation to London."

WORRY HARRIMAN LINES.

Santa Fe Will Put Fast Train on Run to Coast.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—The management of the Santa Fe railroad has about decided to put into operation a new fast mail and express train to run between Kansas City and Los Angeles, with a view to capturing the bulk of the Southern California mail.

This adds another speed war to that recently declared by the Hill roads in the mail, express and passenger traffic to the Pacific coast, affecting a different teritory between the East and California.

The entire Southern California mail is involved in the move, and this is said to bring about $1,250,000 annual revenue to the railroads. The Santa Fe and Rock Island, in connection with the Southern Pacific, now have this business about equally divided.

The bulk of this mail comes from the St. Louis gateway by the Missouri Pacific. The reweighing period for all the territory west of the Missouri river and west of St. Paul begins next February and on this account every road in that territory is urging the disposition of the mails for the yearly period following the 10 days' weighing by the government. Formerly the Santa Fe carried the bulk of the Southern California mail, but several years ago the Missouri Pacific put on a fast train which captured the mail out of St. Louis and the Rock Island put on its Golden State Limited, which left Kansas City just after the arrival of the Eastern mails. At that time the Santa Fe was not in a position to change its schedule to wait for the mails.

Russians to Be Imported.

Honolulu Sept. 4.—The territoria board of immigration has decided to attempt the solution of the labor problem in the Hawaiian group by the importation of Russian families from Manchuria. L. C. Atkinson, agent of the board, sailed for Harbin today on the liner Siberia and is expected to make arrangements for the immigration of 50 such families to Hawaii. If the experiment proves successful, it is probable that many more Russian families will be induced to settle in the islands.

Canada Won't Retaliate.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—While it is true that there is resentment in this country over the new provisions of the Payne tariff affecting the pulp and paper industry, it is felt both at Ottawa and Quebec that nothing can be gained by imposing export duties. The government it is announced will not take any retaliatory action in this direction, and any legislation it may enact will be directed rather to a final settlement than to aggravating the difficulties.

Hammond Is Buying Mine.

Mexico City, Sept. 4.—A deposit of $200,000 has been made in a bank here by John Hays Hammond to bind an option on the Santa Gertrude mine in the Pachuca district of Hidalgo. The proposed purchase price is $9,000,000, Mexican money.