

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader

King Manuel of Portugal is visiting in Paris.

Congressman Mann predicts a tariff war with Canada over the pulp and paper duty.

Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, is a nervous wreck, and has gone into retreat to recuperate.

It is estimated that government reclamation has added \$15,000,000 to the wealth of the West.

Private advices received in New York say that United States troops have landed in Nicaragua.

Washington officials deny the allegations of mismanagement in the Klamath irrigation project.

The Missouri Pacific railway is after coast business, having opened offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland.

It is believed that United States marines have already been ordered to Nicaragua, although it is denied at Washington.

The Chicago & Great Western Railway company is out of the hands of receivers, who took charge of it during the panic two years ago.

Directors of the Chicago & Northwestern have approved the issue of \$30,000,000 worth of new stock for the purpose of building extensions to the Pacific coast.

Prof. See, United States navy astronomer, in charge of the observatory at Mare island, says the alleged craters on the moon are simply spots where it has been struck by flying satellites, having every appearance of armor plate struck by heavy shot.

New York customs officials have been arrested for under-weighing fgs.

A baboon attacked and nearly killed his keeper in an animal show in Portland.

Federal inquiry into the burning of the steamer St. Croix fails to discover the cause.

The Philadelphia National League baseball club has been sold to a syndicate for \$350,000.

A New Yorker wrote 1505 words in 15 minutes on a typewriter from copy he had never seen before.

Chile will accept the arbitration of King Edward in the Alsop claim dispute with the United States.

Guards on the Sellwood ferry rescued two persons from a wrecked boat drifting down the Willamette.

Dr. Cook is suffering from nervous prostration, after preparing his records for inspection of Copenhagen university.

Steamer Argo was blown on the sands at the entrance to Tillamook bay, and three persons were lost and several others injured.

The government is unable to get any word from its minister at Managua, Nicaragua, and it is believed President Zelaya is intercepting dispatches.

Fierce storms are sweeping the Great Lakes.

Senator Borah will ask congress to investigate Ballinger-Pinchot feud.

Fire broke out anew in the St. Paul mine, and rescue work is suspended.

The government is preparing to send marines to Nicaragua on short notice.

Friends of Astor still continue to search for the missing yacht Nourmahal.

British Liberals believe that a fight to a finish on English lords has begun.

Standard Oil company will undertake the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A Chinese letter-writer has warned the mayor of Portland that a tong war is likely to begin at any time.

The government has ordered a rigid investigation into the St. Croix disaster. Many damage suits may follow.

Taft will prosecute the sugar trust to a finish in spite of the statute of limitations, under which they claim immunity.

Lack of American beef in Germany may cause a campaign for the readmission of American canned meats under a very low tariff.

Excessive rains have produced flood conditions throughout the Willamette and Columbia valleys, and much damage has resulted.

A Kansas hen laid an egg bearing the lettering "Drouth 1911."

Colonel Astor's yacht Nourmahal is reported safe at San Juan harbor.

Senator Borah says the forestry bureau usurps the functions of congress.

Football has, so far this year, claimed 30 dead and 216 injured, most of the latter being maimed for life.

St. Louis women took forcible possession of the streetcars of that city and cleaned them up.

Another day's search in the St. Paul mine revealed 47 dead bodies, but no indication of any more living.

Four hundred and fifty lords will assemble to vote on the final acceptance or rejection of the British budget.

Recent court decision against Standard oil is said to be only a theoretical defeat, and will result in no practical loss.

WHAT RECORDS TO KEEP.

Census Director Durand's Instructions Relative to the Farm Census.

Washington, Nov. 26.—An outline for the American farmers of the method of keeping a written record of their farm operations and equipment to insure an accurate farm census next year has been issued by United States Census Director E. Dana Durand. It was prepared by Professor Le Grand Powers, United States census chief statistician for agriculture. It states:

"The advantages of always having on hand for ready reference a detailed written statement of one's real and personal property are readily understood by everyone and will be most keenly appreciated when the census enumerator calls with his list of questions next April. The value of the census figures of farm wealth depends upon their accuracy, and accuracy can only be secured through the co-operation of the farmers themselves. In no way can the farmer extend more practical assistance to the census bureau, and in no way can he render himself a greater service than by getting out his pencil and note book on the evening of April the 14th next, and making up a statement of his farm property. The questions to be asked concerning farm property are as follows:

1. Total value of farm, with all buildings and improvements.
2. Value of buildings.
3. Value of all improvements and machinery, including tools, wagons, carriages, harnesses, etc., and all appliances and apparatus used in farming operations.

4. Number and value of domestic animals, classified as follows:
Cattle: A. Born before January 1, 1909—Cows and heifers kept for milk. Cows and heifers not kept for milk. Steers and bulls kept for work. Steers and bulls not kept for work.

B. Born in 1909—Heifers. Steers and bulls.
C. Calves born in 1910.
Horses: All horses born before January 1, 1909. Colts born after January 1, 1909. Colts born after January 1, 1910.

Mules: All mules born before January 1, 1909. Mule colts born after January 1, 1909. Mule colts born after January 1, 1910.
Asses and burros (all ages).

Swine: Hogs born before January 1, 1910. Pigs born after January 1, 1910.
Sheep: Ewes born before January 1, 1910. Rams and wethers born before January 1, 1910. Lambs born after January 1, 1910.

Goats and Kids (all ages).
5. Number and value of poultry over 3 months old: Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, Guinea fowls, pigeons, etc.
6. Number and value of swarms of bees.

"The census will not ask the value of household goods, nor that of hay, grain or other farm crops on hand on April 15. These items should be included, however, by all desiring a complete inventory of their farm property.

"The value given to the farm should be, as nearly as can be judged, the amount that could be obtained for it if offered for sale under normal conditions. Current market prices should be carefully considered in estimating the value of live stock.

"Although the census merely requires a statement of total value of all implements and machinery, it is believed that a classification of these items under the following four heads will be found valuable:

1. Vehicles: This class comprises automobiles, wagons, carriages and sleighs, and equipment used in connection with them, as harnesses, blankets, whips, etc.
2. Heavy farm implements: Comprising all implements and machinery operated by any power other than hand power, as plows, harrows, rollers, reapers, mowers, hay loaders, feed grinders, etc., etc.

3. Hand machinery and tools, including carpenters' tools, hoes, shovels, scythes, forks, grindstones, fanning mills, etc.
4. Miscellaneous articles, including all such minor equipment as kettles, pails, barrels, baskets, ladders, ropes, chains, etc., not included in the first three classes.

"Many farmers greatly underestimate the total value of their possessions of this character when considering them in the aggregate, and it is only by preparing an itemized list, as suggested above, that an accurate estimate of their worth can be made. The value assigned this class of property in the inventory should be the estimated amount it would bring at public auction under favorable conditions.

"As in the case of the farm inventory, no special blanks are required for the record of farm products of 1909. An ordinary note book with leaves at least six inches wide will be found convenient. The following information will be called for:

A. Amount spent in 1909: A. Amount spent in cash for farm labor (exclusive of house work).
B. Estimated value of house rent and board furnished farm laborers in addition to cash wages paid.

Ex-Slave Dies, Aged 115. Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 26.—John C. Calhoun, colored, aged 115 years, died in Pensacola last night, and the death certificate as sworn to and filed in the office of the city clerk gives the date of the negro's birth as 1794. Calhoun, bearing the name of the American statesman, resided in Pensacola for 40 years, and until less than 14 years ago made his living by daily labor in the sawmill. In reminiscent moments the old negro would tell stories of the life of his master, John C. Calhoun, and refer to the great statesman with familiarity. He was born in slavery.

"Take Away Your Gunboat." Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29.—The steamer Bellerophon, from Asiatic ports, today brought news from Mexico that the French gunboat Argus was driven into a paddy field 600 yards from a river in which she took shelter from a violent storm last month, and that Chinese farmers have demanded \$7000 compensation for destruction of their rice crops by the gunboats' travels. The Chinese insist that the French sailors remove their gunboat from the rice fields.

Riches Left to Women. Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 24.—For the purpose of providing for destitute women who are entirely outside the pale of churches and religious organizations, Dr. Eady Stevenson, of this city, lately deceased, has left property valued at \$150,000, besides a small sum set aside quarterly for two relatives. The physician requests that his trustees, who include the mayor of Vancouver, use the fund available to care for the city's destitute.

Mob Shoots Down Negro. Meriden, Miss., Nov. 27.—Morgan Clambers, a negro, was taken from Town Marshal Broadway and Deputy Joe Camp at Meechan, 12 miles west of here, tonight by 200 masked men and his body riddled with bullets. The negro had earlier in the day beaten and robbed Martin Dressler, an aged citizen of Pointe, a small station two miles west of Meechan. Dressler identified his assailant, Marshal Broadway and Deputy Camp started with the negro for the jail. On the way they were confronted by the mob, which took the negro by force.

Roseburg Turkey Shipments. Roseburg—Turkey shipments from Roseburg: Harness and Johnson, 2,100; Kohlpaugen, 600; Fry & Co., 2,000; E. G. Young & Co., Oakland, 6,100. The highest price paid for birds was 22 1/2 cents.

Will Light Streets. Toledo—The city council has made arrangements for the lighting of the business streets, and 10 lamps are being placed by the electric company.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

START NEW TOWN.

Will Be Important Center on Deschutes Irrigation Project.

Twenty-seven acres of land in the center of the townsite of Hillman, Crook county, was transferred by the Crook County Investment Company to the Oregon Trunk line. The consideration mentioned in the deed was "\$1 and other valuable considerations."

Hillman is a townsite on the survey of the Oregon Trunk line and located between Madras and Bend, being about the center of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company's segregation. It was called Hillman because the founders wished to combine the names of Hill and Harriman, the two systems that are building into central Oregon.

"One of the conditions of the transfer of this property was that the Oregon Trunk line build a freight and passenger station on it and such switches and sidetracks as would be necessary," said E. B. Cooper, president of the investment company. "The property consists of 257 1/2 acres in section 16, township 1, range 13 east of Willamette Meridian. Hillman is to be on the lines of both the Oregon Trunk and the Deschutes railroad, and we hope to make it one of the most important of the central Oregon cities."

Will Try for Scholarship.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Bolton Hamble, '08, has declared his intention of entering the contest for the Rhodes scholarship from the university of Oregon. He will take the examination in Salem next spring if recommended by the faculty. In 1907 he passed the examination, but Wister Johnston, also of this college, was given the appointment. Hamble is a Eugene boy, and was prominent and popular in student affairs. He was an especially brilliant student. Since graduating he has been very successful, having been engaged in newspaper work, and is now superintendent of the Eugene Rock company.

Fisher Buys Merlin Farm.

Albany.—Fred D. Fisher, United States consul at Niu Chwang, China, who has been visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. T. Fisher, in this city, has left, accompanied by Mrs. Fisher, for Merlin, Josephine county. He has bought a fruit ranch near Merlin, and will remain there for a few weeks superintending improvements on the place. He expects to return to Albany, his native city, the latter part of next month. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher took the Manchurian larks which they brought with them from the Orient to Merlin, but will not liberate them until spring.

Increase in Union Schools.

Union.—The schools of Union have become so crowded this year that an additional teacher has been hired to teach an additional room, composed of pupils taken from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The new teacher, Mrs. D. A. Cameron, of Portland, assumes her new duties Monday. The school buildings are at present capable of seating all the scholars, but if the enrollment next year increases in proportion to that of this and last year, more room will be necessary. The enrollment this year is about 450. Fourteen teachers are now employed.

Florist Plans Big Hothouse.

Milton.—James Wait, last spring purchased a 53-acre tract of land near the Walla Walla river, and it is here that the enterprising florist is planning one of the most extensive hothouse plants in the northwest. A number of greenhouses are being built, all of which will be heated by steam and lighted by electricity. In addition to these, a handsome and modern residence is being erected on a piece of ground bordering the interurban track.

Fine Apples in Wallowa.

Wallowa.—That Wallowa county is destined to become one of the great apple producing sections within the next 15 years, is shown by an exhibit of fine apples in the window of the Wallowa Realty company. Among the samples exhibited are some Palapalet, Red Cheek, Jonathan, McIntosh's Red and McMahon's White, all of which are of excellent size and flavor.

Linn's Property Increases.

Albany.—County Assessor McKnight of Linn county has just completed the assessment roll of the county. The total for this year is \$25,333,855, while last year it was only \$21,283,885. The number of tillable acres in the county is 189,058, and of untillable 794,350, valued respectively at \$5,534,405 and \$9,965,190.

\$10,000 Paid for Ten-Acre Orchard.

Hood River.—C. A. Mosely, a Clinton, Iowa, man, has paid \$10,000 for ten acres of 4-year-old Spitzenberg orchard. The purchase is part of a 40-acre tract belonging to Judge A. E. Lake and S. Bolton, of The Dalles, and is situated three and a half miles from town, on the west side.

New Patterson Sawmill Starts.

Rainier.—The Patterson Mill company, whose sawmill burned down several months ago, renewed operations this week in its new, up-to-date plant. The new plant employs close to 50 men, double the old force. The capacity is between 65,000 and 75,000 feet per day.

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FINE ORCHARD SOLD.

Buyer Is John R. Allen, Railroad Builder—Will Sell Small Tracts.

Medford—John R. Allen of New York city, owner of the Pacific & Eastern railroad that is being extended from this city over the Cascades, and projector of a trolley line to traverse the Rogue River valley, has purchased the celebrated Snowy Butte orchard at Central Point, from Fred H. Hopkins for \$168,000. The orchard is one of the most famous in the valley, and the pioneer commercial orchard of this section. It consists of 300 acres of choice varieties of apples and pears, 160 of which are in bearing, the remainder in young trees.

Mr. Allen will subdivide the orchard into five and ten acre tracts, which will be placed upon the market, reserving a portion for himself. On this tract is located the wonderful block of 16 1/2 acres of Winter Nellis pears, which produced a net yield of \$19,000, or \$15.83 per tree. The total crop this year will net over \$40,000.

Electric Line May Penetrate Curry.

Marshfield—Curry county, in addition to the railroad which has been started from Bandon to Port Orford, has prospects of still another road—an electric line—to extend from Grants Pass across the mountains to the coast at Port Orford. An engineer has been working through Curry county for some time. It is said that he represents eastern capitalists, who own large tracts of copper land in the central part of the county. The plan, so far as it is understood, is to run an electric line from Grants Pass into Curry at a point near Illabe. The route selected follows Elk creek to Silver Butte, on the coast wagon road. From here the road would branch down a few miles to Port Orford and up the coast to Bandon.

Rushing Railroad Work.

Madras.—The party of railroad engineers under Fremont Crane which has been at this place surveying permanent location and setting grade stakes for the Oregon Trunk line down Willow creek canyon, have completed their work in this vicinity and moved to the Deschutes canyon near Warm Springs, to continue their work in that vicinity. Porter Bros.' force of carpenters are still erecting construction camps for the crews soon to be at work near Madras. Commissary supplies are arriving daily and indications point to a tremendous amount of railroad business at this place within the next few weeks.

\$16,000 for 160 Acres.

Hood River.—Charles and E. O. Hall, local capitalists, recently purchased 160 acres of raw land a few miles south of Dee, in the upper valley, and formerly the property of Mr. Velguth. The Hall brothers paid \$16,000 for the tract. The new extension of the Mount Hood railroad has caused a large number of investors to rush into the hitherto isolated district. The upper Hood River valley has the very finest drain soil, and is of the choicest quality for apples.

School is Nearly Finished.

Salem.—The new buildings of the mute school, located in Highland addition to Salem, are fast nearing completion, and will be among the finest in the city. The last session of the legislature appropriated \$75,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of suitable buildings.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.09; club, 99c; red Russian, 96 1/2c; Valley, \$1; Turkey red, \$1.02; 40-flo, \$1.01@1.02.
Barley—Feed, \$28; brewing, \$28 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$33.50; cracked, \$34.50 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$30@30.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$15@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; alfalfa, \$16@16.50; clover, \$15; cheat, \$14@15.50; grain hay, \$15@16.
Butter—City creamery extra, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 32 1/2@36c per pound; store, 22 1/2@24c. (Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices).

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 42 1/2@45c per dozen; eastern, 32@38c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 14 1/2@15c; springs, 14@14 1/2c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 16c; geese, 10 1/2c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, 22 1/2@25c.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@3 box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; grapes, 75c@1.50 per crate, 12 1/2@15c per basket; Spanish Malaga, \$7 per barrel; quinces, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$9@9.50 per barrel; persimmons, \$1.50 per box.
Potatoes—Oregon, 60@70c per sack; sweet potatoes, 13c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c per dozen; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, 3/4@1c; cauliflower, 90c@1.25 per doz.; celery, \$3.50 per crate; eggplant, \$1.75 per box; horseradish, 9@10c per dozen; hot-house lettuce, \$1@1.25 per box; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c; squash, \$1@1.10; tomatoes, 75c@1.50; turnips, 75c@1.10 per sack; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; rutabagas, \$1.10 per sack; parsnips, \$1.25; onions, Oregon, \$1.25@1.50 per sack.
Cattle—Best steers, \$4.50@4.65; fair to good, \$4@4.25; medium and feeders, \$3.50@3.75; best cows, \$3.50@3.75; medium, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; bulls, \$2@2.50; stags, \$2.50@3.50; calves, light, \$5.25@5.50; heavy, \$4@4.75.
Hogs—Best, \$8@8.10; medium, \$7.50@7.85; stockers, \$4@4.75.
Sheep—Best wethers, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4; best ewes, \$3.75@4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; lambs, \$5@5.25.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.
Veal—Extras, 11@12 1/2c.
Hops—1909 crop, 18@22c; 1908 crop, nominal; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; Mohair, choice, 24c pound.

TAFT O. K.S BALLINGER.

Secretary of Interior Files Strong and Comprehensive Report.

Washington, Nov. 30.—If congress carries out all the recommendations made by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in his annual report to the President, practical and fair-minded advocates of conservation of natural resources will have nothing to ask beyond a strict enforcement of the law. The secretary's report, made public today, has been read and approved by President Taft, and therefore may be regarded as voicing his own views and opinions upon the various subjects dealt with, and to that extent is an indication of the recommendations which the President himself will submit to congress when it convenes next Monday.

Secretary Ballinger's report is in no degree sensational. It is a plain, forceful recital of conditions as they exist. In it the many weaknesses of the public land laws are pointed out, and practical remedies are suggested. The report gives evidence of great study of the various problems discussed, and indicates the minuteness with which the new secretary of the interior has gone into the details of the work of his department.

From first to last the report is free from comment on bureaus not under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the interior. There is no reference to friction with the forest service, but at places, reading between the lines, can be found indications of the secretary's desire that congress shall absolutely define the powers of the secretary of the interior, so that in future there will be no excuse whatever for officials of another department undertaking to dictate questions of policy and administration to his branch of the government service.

Because of the prominence given to the question of water powers through newspapers and magazines of late, Secretary Ballinger's views on that subject perhaps overshadow all other features of his report. In discussing power sites the secretary presents a complete plan of legislation, which is offered as a suggestion for the guidance of congress, and not with the idea that his recommendations will be followed explicitly. Rather, the plan is presented as a basis for discussion, and incidentally it may be said it is the first definite plan of power-site legislation yet presented by any government official.

LAST STAND NEAR.

Nicaragua Insurgents Ready for Death Struggle With Zelaya.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Nicaraguan insurgents are now engaged in what is expected to be the final grapple with the Zelayan forces, according to unofficial advices tonight reaching Salvador.

The advices indicate that fighting is in progress at Rama and Greytown, and that a general assault on Managua, the capital, will follow. Arms and ammunition landed early this week from the Norwegian steamer Urstein are believed to be in the hands of the insurgents, and prompt use of them by Estrada's forces is expected.

Senator Castrillo pointed out tonight that it would require less than three days to transport the munitions of war from Bluefields, where the Urstein landed them, to Rama, and that as soon as his compatriots were supplied, immediate conflict with the government troops was contemplated.

French General Assassinated.

Paris, Nov. 30.—A man believed to be insane, and having an imaginary grievance against the war department, shot and seriously wounded General Verand today on the steps of the Hotel Continental. The man was arrested later it was learned that he had mistaken General Verand for General Brun, minister of war. The assailant, who is an Algerian, was overpowered with difficulty, and was found to be a walking arsenal of revolvers and daggers. General Verand received bullets in the neck and forehead, and his condition is considered serious.

Tribute to Johnson Paid.

New York, Nov. 30.—Tribute to the memory of John A. Johnson, late democratic governor of Minnesota, was paid by President Taft, by Governor Hughes of this state, by Charles A. Towne, ex-United States senator from Minnesota, and others at a memorial meeting held today at the Broadway tabernacle here, under the auspices of the American and Scandinavian society. Mr. Taft's tribute came in the form of a letter eulogizing the late governor.

Gunboat Princeton Leaves.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 30.—The gunboat Princeton, Commander C. H. Hayes, sailed from the Puget sound navy-yard this morning for Nicaragua, where she will join the gunboat Vicksburg, which is now at Corinto. The Princeton, which has been undergoing repairs at the navy-yard, will stop at San Francisco to take on ammunition and stores. Commander Hayes expects to reach Nicaragua within three weeks.

Lumber Jumps Skyward.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 30.—Rough lumber advanced \$1 per 1000 all over northwestern Canada Saturday. Mills are calling in traveling salesmen because of the rush of orders. Export mills in British Columbia report a largely increased business in the United States, this being one cause for the advance. Another advance will take place before spring.

Cotton Crop Total Out.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 30.—The Times Democrat, in presenting its correspondents' final report on the cotton crop of 1909, states that the consensus of opinion points to a total of 10,625,000 bales.