

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A big slide blocked the Southern Pacific near Redding, Cal.

A yacht of 27 tons gross is en route from Seattle to the Mexican coast.

Conferences are under way between the Philadelphia streetcar companies and the striking employees.

President Taft in a speech at Albany, N. Y., regretted he had no scapegoat to blame his mistakes on.

Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, has been ordered to bed by his physician, after the 59 days' session of the state legislature.

Investigations by the New York insurance commissioner shows that the use of cash accomplished some wonderful things.

By a preliminary vote the Western Federation of Miners has indicated its intention to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

Many alleged heirs have appeared to claim the body of Jacob Brackmann, a victim of the Wellington avalanche who was worth \$50,000.

An English physician says sentiment, which has abolished corporal punishment in schools, is responsible for universal increase of rowdiness.

It is believed by some of the authorities at Aberdeen, Wash., that Gohl, the accused multi-murderer, will prove to be the greatest murderer of the age.

Andrew Carnegie unknowingly took a seat at the head of the bellboys' bench in a Los Angeles hotel, and when the next call came in the boys all waited for him to answer it.

For the third time since March 7 and the fifth since February 21, Seattle packers announced an advance in the price of all pork products. The advance covers every item on the list. The latest increase amounts to a half cent on hams, a full cent on bacon, half cent on boiled hams and dry salt cured meats, 50 cents a barrel on barrel beef and pork, 25 cents per barrel on cooked and spiced goods, \$1 per barrel on beef tongues and a quarter on lard.

A frank writing from the East says he is walking to Oregon to kill Governor Benson.

A laborer at Salem, Ore., found a \$150 diamond ring in gravel dug from the Willamette river.

Negroes will purchase a steel steamer of 2,898 tons to ply between Los Angeles and Liberia.

Washington suffragists in Spokane give one cent each for signatures to their political equality petitions.

Ireland's home-going movement gives hope that the country may profit industrially by visits of her sons.

Chicago railroads have cleared away the congestion of freight caused by recent storms. Their loss is estimated at \$20,000,000.

Peary's proposed lecture tour in the South has been abandoned, owing to indifference and in some cases open hostility of the people.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks has returned to New York from his tour around the world. He says war never was more remote than at present.

In his St. Patrick's Day speech in Chicago, President Taft approves conservation of national resources, but gives Roosevelt the glory instead of Pinchot.

Women attending the Taft banquet in Chicago were obliged to leave their gorgeous spring hats in the cloakroom. Twenty special maids assisted in removing and caring for the headgear.

Professor Lowe of Pasadena, Cal., has begun construction of a new type of airship which he promises will furnish a more comfortable, safe and luxurious mode of travel than a Pullman sleeper.

The American plan of building much larger battleships than now exist was emphatically endorsed by Rear Admiral Bacon, of the English navy in a speech before the institute of naval architects in London.

Workmen repairing the roof of a church at Xenia, Ohio, engaged in an altercation and finally repaired to the basement with their friends, where a ring was marked off and the dispute was settled according to Marquis of Queensberry rules.

It is said Bryan will not again be a leader of Democratic party.

President Taft in a special message urges protection for Alaskan sealing industry.

Efforts to have Peary rewarded by congress were voted down by a large majority.

Standard Oil is scored by a government attorney as a menace to the business world.

San Diego has raised over a million dollars for her proposed Panama exposition fund.

Roosevelt takes ride on camel's back to see scene of great historic battle, accompanied by Sudanese cavalry.

CANNON SHORN OF POWERS.

Retains Speakership, but Removed from Committee on Rules.

Washington, March 21.—Joseph G. Cannon, of Danville, Ill., is still speaker of the house of representatives. But he has lost the ancient prestige and weapon of that office when the allied Republican insurgents and Democrats took from him not only the chairmanship of, but even membership in, the all-powerful committee on rules, the chief asset in his stock amid scenes of wildest disorder, for the like of which one must go back to the exciting days just prior to the Civil war—perhaps even those times might not duplicate it—the veteran speaker, almost 74 years old, stood erect and defiant, his head "bloody but unbowed."

At the end, when a big Texan Democrat accepted the speaker's daring challenge and introduced a resolution to fling him out of the speakership, the Republican regulars and insurgents, with few exceptions, rallied with almost unbroken party front and gave him a vote which almost offset the "reputation of Cannonism."

This is what happened: By a vote of 191 to 155, the Republican insurgents voting solidly with the Democrats, the house adopted the resolution of Representative Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, requiring a reorganization of the rules committee, increasing its membership from five to seven, and declaring the speaker ineligible to membership therein.

By the curiously identical vote of 191 to 155—but with a decidedly different personnel of alignment—the house defeated a resolution of Representative Burleson, of Texas, declaring the speakership vacant and ordering the immediate election of a successor to Mr. Cannon.

The Norris resolution was as follows: "There shall be a committee on rules, elected by the house, (hitherto the committee of five, like all other house committees, has been appointed by the speaker), consisting of ten members, six of whom shall be members of the majority party. The speaker shall not be a member of the committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman from its own members. Resolved further, that within ten days after the adoption of this resolution there shall be an election of this committee, and immediately upon its election the present committee on rules shall be dissolved."

Representative Burleson's resolution follows: "Resolved, that the office of speaker of the house of representatives is hereby declared to be vacant, and the house of representatives shall proceed to the election of a speaker."

"BOGUS" PICTURE IS REAL.

Artist, 72, Identifies 'Alleged "Fake" Canvas as Genuine.

New York, March 21.—F. Hopkinson Smith, painter and author, was the chief witness today in the suit brought by William T. Evans against William Clausen, an art dealer, to recover \$35,000 for two pictures Evans bought from Clausen as genuine "Homer Martins," and which experts have pronounced bogus. Homer Martin was one of the early American landscape painters.

Mr. Smith said he is 72 years old, and some of his pictures had been hung in the Paris saloon. He is very positive in his testimony and pronounced the pictures involved in the Evans suit as unquestionably genuine.

"The way the color here is shoved ahead of the brush," he continued, taking the painting "Normandie Bride" in hand, "is characteristic of Homer Martin. Again in this picture, he has let the paint dry 10 or 20 hours in places and gone over it again, dragging the brush along the surface. No man living could imitate that."

Mr. Smith said he had known Martin intimately and that he had seen him paint the very picture in question from a sketch.

Steeple Jack Falls to Death.

Chicago, March 21.—James Wilson, known as a daring steeplejack, fell 70 feet from a smokestack which he was painting at Twenty-fifth and LaSalle. He died shortly after he had been taken to a hospital. Wilson intended this job to be his last before starting for Oklahoma, where he was to paint some smokestacks. Wilson created a sensation some years ago when he essayed to shin up the Flatiron building in New York. But he had not ascended more than eight stories when the police ordered him to come down.

Taft Objects to Critics.

Albany, N. Y., March 21.—At the banquet of the University club here tonight President Taft in a brief speech took occasion to refer to the contrast in the attitude in certain quarters toward his administration, casting a gentle aspersion on the opinions that have been expressed derogatory to his conduct. President Taft, Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, and Governor Hughes, of New York, formed a notable trio at the banquet.

Big Strike Threatened.

New York, March 21.—A general strike of all building trades and employes in this city will be called on March 28, according to the announcement tonight at Charles Wamp, secretary of the Steamfitters' local union, unless a settlement of the steamfitters' strike is effected. The vote to strike was taken tonight.

Don't fail to write for beautiful booklet containing 75 splendid photographs of the world's most celebrated musicians, free. See Sherman, Clay & Co.'s ad.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

2,000 ACRES TO FRUIT.

Minneapolis Capitalists Buy Land in Waldo Hills; Newell to Manage.

Salem—A deal was closed recently by which the A. C. Bohrstedt company of Minneapolis has acquired nearly 2,000 acres of fruit land east of Salem, in what is known as the Waldo Hills. Under the caption of the Waldo Hills Orchard company, with a capitalization of \$325,000, the land has been taken up quietly by a group of local and Eastern men and is to be set out with apples and cherries exclusively, and the latest horticultural methods applied to the tract.

W. K. Newell of Gaston, president of the state board of horticulture, will manage the company for the Bohrstedt interests. Early in the fall of 1909, Bohrstedt, with the board of directors of his company, together with Newell and some of the company's field men, made a trip of investigation in and around Salem, with the result that the big purchase consummated was brought about.

The Bohrstedt company has recently planted out about 1,000 acres of fruit land near Creswell, in Lane county, so they are not entirely strangers to Oregon. Mr. Newell also has been superintending the work in Lane county for the Minneapolis capitalists. E. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector for Marion county, will be in direct charge of the orchard work for the agricultural corporation. C. A. Radell, who has been managing the Portland office of the Bohrstedt people, will move his headquarters to Salem.

The intention of the company is to set out immediately and in the coming winter 140 acres. During the winters of 1911 and 1912, 600 acres more will be set out, and the balance to follow as rapidly as possible.

1,400 Acre Ranch Sold.

Grants Pass—The sale of 1,400 acres just east of this city, of which 650 acres are in cultivation, and under irrigation, to Eastern investors, has just been recorded. Most of the soil is red land especially adapted to fruit raising. The price was \$100,000. Among the city sales was one to Dr. W. H. Flanagan, who acquires a business block for \$24,000. Real estate men declare that more property in the Rogue River valley will change hands this year than ever before. Many good orchards just coming into bearing command excellent prices.

Prosperous Year at Incubator Plant.

Eugene—Eugene's incubator plant has had a remarkable spring business, which is just closing. The plant turns out 30 machines a day, practically throughout the year, but the sales usually occur during the months of January and February. The factory building is 55x60 feet in dimensions and two stories high with basement. Every floor is filled with machinery of the latest pattern for the manufacture of the McClanahan incubators.

New Road to Prineville.

Redmond—The proposed wagon road from Redmond to Prineville has been located. The new route will shorten the distance between Prineville and Redmond to about 19 miles with easy grades. Besides clearing the sagebrush and trees and picking out some rock, the only work needed will be the building of two bridges about 20 feet long and turnpiking about a mile of scab rock.

Commercial Club for Canby.

Oregon City—Canby, our flourishing neighboring town, does not flourish to be left behind in the march of progress, and a meeting has been held there by the public spirited citizens for the purpose of organizing a commercial club to help in exploiting the many resources of that section. Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial club, will have an active part in the organization.

North Albany to get Station.

Albany—Residents of North Albany are jubilant over the announcement that the C. & E. railroad company will erect a station and make stops there with all passenger trains. The passenger fare to and from Albany will be 10 cents each way. A side track and freight station will also be put in, thus dispensing with the trouble of having to haul freight by wagon from Albany.

Telephone Lines for Deschutes.

Redmond—To construct a number of telephone lines throughout the Deschutes valley is the purpose of the Deschutes Co-operative Telephone association, incorporated here. The company takes over the business of the Redmond Telephone company, with 70 members. Construction of new lines will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

Big Profit on Farm.

Central Point—A. Bails has sold 20 acres to S. Anderson, of Medford, the price being \$9,000. Mr. Bails bought a tract two years ago for \$10,000, and after selling a portion of it for \$6,000, sold the remainder at a price which gives him a nice profit on the investment.

Bank at Hubbard.

Hubbard—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the secretary of state's office for the State bank of Hubbard. The incorporators are S. W. Weaver, G. M. Fry, J. L. Calvert, George N. Beck, George W. Knight and C. H. Trullinger. The capital stock is \$10,000.

GROWERS ORGANIZE UNION.

Clackamas Farmers Prepare to Market Own Crops Direct.

Oregon City—A fruit growers' union has been organized here. All interested in the raising of good fruit in this county are eligible for membership. Among the prominent fruit growers of the county who were present and made addresses on fruit culture were George Lazelle and W. S. Stafford, Mount Pleasant; E. S. Coe and A. M. Vinyard, Canby; A. J. Lewis, C. W. Swallow and M. Kuppenbender of Maple Lane; Marshall Lazelle, Mount Pleasant, and George DeBok, Willmette;

Mr. Coe, in speaking of fruit growing in his part of the county said that John Newton, a new arrival in Clackamas county, who has purchased land in Canby, is now engaged in planting 75,000 strawberry plants that were brought from Three Rivers, Mich. Mr. Newton was one of the extensive berry growers of Michigan before coming to Oregon.

It is the intention of the Fruit Growers' union in the near future to lease a building on Main street, where large supplies of fresh fruit will be sold at reasonable prices. This business will be carried on by the union.

Survey New Road to Seaside.

Seaside—A force of Hill engineers and surveyors is engaged running a survey from Hammond, eight miles from Astoria to the Astoria & Columbia River railway to Seaside and then up the Necanicum river. Within the past week the lines have been run to Seaside and now the engineers are working about two miles above Seaside. Despite the emphatic denials of members of the crew that they are connected with any railroad, the engineer in charge of the work is a prominent Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway engineer.

The survey skirts the beach from Hammond to Gearhart, from which point it follows the county road to Seaside, continuing to the bank of the Necanicum. This survey evidently is being made with the idea of heading off the Astoria, Seattle & Tillamook railway, on which it has been announced \$50,000 will be spent in the next three months.

That in the event of the electric road being pushed to a conclusion, as has been promised, the Astoria & Columbia River railroad scenic line seems probable, for whereas at present the road runs from one to two miles from the beach, the route of the electric runs less than a half mile from the shore. The Hill survey is between this route and the ocean. In Seaside three months ago C. N. Flower, traveling freight and passenger agent, said that the road would shortly be moved to the beach.

Clear Ground for Federal Building.

Pendleton—That Pendleton's Federal building will soon be under way, occupants of buildings on the government plot have been notified to vacate and have their buildings off the ground by May 1. This indicates that actual construction is to be started by that date. The most important buildings to be moved are a large rooming house and a two story residence. There are also some other small buildings on the property.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, \$1.10@1.11; club, \$1.03@1.04; red Russian, \$1.01; valley, \$1.04; 40-fold, \$1.06.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$28.50@29 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 ton.

Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22@23; alfalfa, \$17@18; California alfalfa, \$16@17; clover, \$15@16; grain hay, \$16@18.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1.25@3 box; pears, \$1.50@1.75 box; cranberries, \$3@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 50¢@60¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 8¢ pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, nominal; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—City creamery extras, 39¢; fancy outside creamery, 35¢@39¢ per pound; store, 20¢@23¢. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 22¢@23¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream twins, 21¢ per pound; young Americas, 22¢@23¢.

Pork—Fancy, 13¢@14¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12¢@13¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 19¢; broilers, 25¢@27¢; ducks, 18¢@20¢; geese, 12¢@13¢; turkeys, live, 22¢@25¢; dressed, 25¢@29¢; squabs, \$8 per dozen.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5@6.25; fair to good steers, \$5@5.50; strictly good cows, \$5@5.25; fair to good cows, \$4@4.75; light calves, \$6@6.50; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.60@4.25; stags, \$3@4.50.

Hogs—Top, \$11@11.15; fair to good, \$9.50@10.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$6@6.50; fair to good wethers, \$5.50@5.75; good ewes, \$6; lambs, \$7.75.

Hops—1909 crop, 15¢@18¢, according to quality; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 16 cents nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@20¢ per pound; valley, 22¢@24¢; mohair, choice, 25¢.

Casaca bark—4¢@5¢ per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, 16¢@17¢ pound; dry kip, 18¢@17¢; dry calfskin, 14¢@15¢; salted hides, 7¢@8¢; salted calfskin, 14¢ pound; green, 1¢ less.

LAST WORD SAID IN BIG TRIAL.

Lawyers Finish Arguments on Corporation Tax Law in U. S. Court.

Washington, March 19.—The last word, by the lawyers, on the constitutionality of the corporation tax was spoken this afternoon, and the Supreme court of the United States took under consideration the 15 cases in which the question arose.

The day was consumed largely by the presentation of the government's defense of the law by Solicitor-General Bowers, John J. Johnson, of Philadelphia, closed the attack on the tax, just before court adjourned.

One of the biggest side fights in connection with the great contest was laid bare when Mr. Bowers insisted that "the net income from all sources," mentioned in the law as the basis of measuring the tax, included all the property of a corporation.

William D. Guthrie and his associates, Victor Morawetz and Howard Vansinger, counsel for the Home Life Insurance company, insisted the law did not mean to include the income derived directly from Federal, state or municipal securities or from real or personal property not used or employed in business. They advanced this doctrine on the theory that, if the tax were not levied on such property, the law would become clearly constitutional.

Mr. Bowers argued that corporations cannot hold property that was not devoted to corporate business, either actively or passively. He cited the decision of the Supreme court, holding the United States could levy an internal revenue tax on the dispensary of South Carolina, as showing that the United States may tax utility corporations.

Mr. Guthrie, counsel for the Home Life Insurance company, followed Mr. Bowers, arguing that Federal, state and municipal bonds and property not actively engaged in business are not subject to the tax. He also spoke for the constitutionality of the law as applied purely to a corporation's property actively used in business.

In beginning his argument, Mr. Johnson said the argument of the solicitor general was one he would have been willing to listen to had it not been on the other side. As to Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Johnson said he was a "wolf in sheep's clothing," whom he did not want on his side. What made the law so obnoxious, Mr. Johnson explained, was the publicity feature, whereby it was proposed to "embalm" the returns as a public record. "However," he added, "the act must cut off a little higher up."

FIREMEN ARE ANXIOUS; MAY STRIKE YET

Chicago, March 19.—After two days of almost continuous argument, the mediation between the representatives of 27,000 firemen and the general managers of 47 Western railroads, was still inconclusive at a late hour tonight. It was stated the hearing would probably continue tomorrow.

That the firemen are anxious for a prompt decision was made known by W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, who said the plan to call a strike next Monday morning had not been abandoned. It was learned the railroads are still determined to stand firm on their refusal to submit to arbitration railroad rules governing discipline.

Both Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Labor Commissioner Neill were confident their intervention would result in a decision as to what questions shall be arbitrated.

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Cruisers Ready to Sail.

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Japan America's Friend.

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LAFEAN BILL DEAD

Main Issue Changed from Boxes to Question of Grades.

Entire Product of East Becomes Second Grade, and All Support Is Withdrawn.

Washington, March 22.—Congress, at this session at least, will not pass the Lafean bill to regulate the shipment of apples in interstate commerce. The bill in an amended form may possibly pass the house, but the subject is so vastly important to the apple industry of the whole United States that it cannot receive that consideration to which it is entitled, and for that reason its final enactment seems out of the question so far as the present session is concerned.

There is much more to the measure than was presumed when the bill was introduced, and the recent hearings before the house committee disclosed that the bill had many phases and two sides to every phase.

At the opening of the hearings the friends of the measure dwelt upon the importance of changing the size of boxes now in use in the Pacific Northwest, so as to compel the apple growers of those states to adopt a box not now in use anywhere—a box not at all adapted to the apples that have made Oregon and Washington famous. But before the hearing closed, the size of apple boxes was found to be a comparatively unimportant feature of the bill, and the standardization of grades became paramount provision, both in the eyes of Eastern and Western apple growers and dealers.

It was found, upon examination, that the bill provided for three standard grades of apples, and required making on each package of the grade contained therein. Grade A, the best, under the Lafean bill would be apples measuring two and one-half inches in diameter; grade B apples two and a quarter inches in diameter, and grade C apples two inches in diameter. There was allowance for a variation of only half an inch in the three grades. This standardization met the unqualified approval of the New York, New England and Pennsylvania apple growers and dealers in those and other Eastern states.

But it met with decided opposition from the growers of the Pacific Northwest.

DOUBLE WRECK ON O. R. & N.

Two Dead; Two Engines and Five Box Cars Demolished.

Pendleton, March 22.—Two men are dead, two engines demolished, and five loaded box-cars, with their contents, are piled in confused mass, as a result of a double wreck, the first in the history of the O. R. & N., which occurred eight miles east of Pendleton at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning. The dead are Edward Hoppe, La Grande, Or., and Engineer S. L. Risk, La Grande, Or.

Engine No. 215, in charge of Engineer Risk and Fireman Hoppe, was running "light"—without a train—from Meacham to Umatilla, after having helped extra freight No. 385 up the mountain from La Grande. In rounding a nine-degree curve at a point where the track skirts the Umatilla river on one side and runs under a high bluff on the other, the engine left the track and plunged into the bluff.

As both the engine and the tender were clear of the rails, the block signal registered a "clear track" to the oncoming freight, 20 minutes behind the engine. The crew of the latter did not know of their danger until they dashed around the sharp curve and were almost upon the wreck.

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