

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.

Premier Asquith dreads to involve the king in the Irish controversy.

Eleven sections of fine fruit land in Eastern Oregon will soon be opened to entry.

Attacks of the ship subsidy lobby are resented warmly by members of the house committee.

The incident between Roosevelt and the vatican at Rome may cause the removal of the papal secretary, Merry de Val.

Dr. Hollis B. Friesell, of the Rockefeller Sanitary commission, says hookworm infection is spread largely by Southern people going barefooted.

A duel between ex-Premier Count Witte and General Kuropatkin, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the war with Japan, has been averted through an explanation by the former.

Smugglers of Chinese and opium have been driven out of Southern California and are believed to have transferred their operations to Northwest coast cities.

Miss Anna Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, attracted much attention at Pasadena by going for a three-hour cross-country horseback ride arrayed in a "pants suit" riding habit.

D. C. Jacklin, a Salt Lake millionaire, has bought E. H. Harriman's Pelican Lodge property on Klamath lake, Oregon. He will carry out the plans of Harriman for making a summer resort of the place.

After being whirled down Hat creek in a small skiff, G. Magerstadt was carried over Hat creek falls, in California, and dashed into the foaming waters 60 feet below. The boat was dashed to pieces on the rocks and Magerstadt managed to grab a boulder, from which he was soon rescued.

Where and when the Pittsburg graft probe ends is "contingent," to quote District Attorney Blakely, on developments. Mr. Blakely has spread his net and is waiting for more men to "come in and confess," as a result of the intimations contained in the grand jury presentment.

Harry Thaw's mother, though aged and worn, still continues her fight for her wayward son.

Chicago police will exercise strict censorship over bathing costumes worn at lake beaches this season.

Rural carriers at Walla Walla are quitting because of the small pay, and no one seems to want the places.

New York saloons sell wood alcohol, and four persons who drank it died, while several others are totally blind.

Two men raced on horseback 100 miles for the opportunity of filing a contest on an Eastern Washington homestead.

A 14-year-old school boy in Pittsburg, despondent at his playmates' jibes because he was slow in his studies, hung himself.

Two brothers in partnership in the real estate brokerage business in St. Louis, committed suicide because of business reverses.

Miss Nellie Anshouser, one of the family of millionaire St. Louis brewers, is fighting a dentist bill which amounts to \$25 an hour.

The managers of the Northwestern and Western railroads are jubilant over the spring movement of colonists into all the territory west of the Rocky mountains from the Canadian border to the Mexican line. Although official figures have not been prepared regarding the movement of people seeking homes in a new country, it is confidently stated that the number will exceed that of last year, when all records were broken.

The report that Hetty Green is seriously ill is denied absolutely by her son.

Stock in all copper mines throughout the lake region has suffered a great decline.

Nine persons were killed and twelve badly injured, three of them fatally, in a panic at a Mexican bullfight.

A bill is before congress to extend the franking privilege to Roosevelt, and also to widows of ex-presidents.

Dr. E. E. Barnard, of Yerkes observatory, says Halley's comet is wearing itself out whirling through space.

James A. Patten, wheat king, lost \$1,500,000 in cotton, and losses of himself and associates may reach \$5,000,000.

Bank robbers at McKees Rocks, Pa., killed one bank clerk, mortally wounded another and escaped with \$400 in coin.

Roosevelt has declined to attend a Methodist reception in Rome, alleging the Methodist church there was trying to make capital out of his trouble with the vatican.

Two hundred taxicab drivers in Chicago are on strike, and the remaining 300 are expected to join them.

SMUGGLERS MOVING NORTH.

Men Who Bring Chinese and Opium Are Hard Pressed.

Los Angeles, April 11.—Driven from Los Angeles by the activity of Federal sleuths, aided by the local authorities, the band of opium and Chinese smugglers that has been operating along the Pacific coast and the Mexican border has transferred its scene of operations to the Northern ports in Washington and Oregon. According to Deputy United States Marshal Durlin, who has had a large part in the two years' warfare on this particular breed of law-breakers, the headquarters of the band has been transferred to Seattle, with branches at Portland, Tacoma and Spokane. At [the latter place arrangements are made for disposing of the contraband Chinese and opium that is successfully brought in by Pacific liners and across the Canadian border.

"Chick" Wallace, the leader of the band, is now in the northern cities arranging for the disposition of the smuggled Orientals and drug. He is the brains of the band, and is the only prominent one of the original gang that has escaped arrest by the Federal authorities. Three of his confederates, including Larmon Gonzales, next to Wallace the cleverest of all, are in jail in this city, held as Federal prisoners. Gonzales was captured last week in San Diego, after a six weeks' campaign directed against him.

"I have had a warrant for the arrest of this man for nearly two months," said Durlin, after the capture. "He is one of the craftiest men I have had to deal with for a long time. As soon as we aimed our shafts at him in particular, he apparently went into seclusion somewhere in Mexico. According to my information he was interested mainly in landing contraband Chinamen at the Mexican ports and looking after their safe transportation across the line at Nogales and El Paso.

AERIAL PLEASURE TRIPS FOR TOURISTS

Berlin, April 11.—American tourists soon will come to regard an airship tour as one of the regular features of a program of summer travel in Europe if the expectations of the founders of the new Hamburg airship lines are realized. The promoters of the enterprise recognize that the financial prospects of the venture can be improved greatly if proper efforts are made to interest Americans. Aerial excursions are to be arranged, therefore, with a special view of capturing the custom of travelers from the United States. One of the German steamship companies is contributing to the support of the enterprise on that understanding.

The new aerial liners will have cabins holding 20 persons each, and the rooms will be equipped in luxurious style. According to the computation of Professor Hergesell, the aeronaut, the fares, owing to the low cost of construction and operation, can be lower than has heretofore been supposed. It is estimated, for example, that a trip from Hamburg to Heligoland can be made for 100 marks (\$25), and passengers can travel an entire day, going as far as Berlin or Copenhagen.

SPOKANE TRAINS COLLIDE.

Block Signals Misunderstood—Thirty Injured, Many Seriously.

Spokane, Wash., April 11.—A misunderstanding of block signals resulted in a head-on collision of passenger trains Nos. 2 and 3 on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad a mile west of Spokane Saturday night at 9:18 o'clock.

About 30 persons were injured, and it is expected that several will die. The accident occurred on a high trestle over Hangman creek, on the Northern Pacific track, which is used by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle for several miles west of Spokane.

At the time of the collision, according to the stories of trainmen and passengers, train No. 2 was at a standstill, ready to back up, when No. 3, running at a slow rate of speed, crashed head-on into No. 2, the force of the impact smashing in the smoking car on No. 2, occupied by a party of Italian laborers, where the most of the injuries occurred.

Garden Hides Bad Money Plant.

Yonkers, N. Y., April 11.—Secret service men who have been at work in this section for some weeks past have unearthed a "rich counterfeiter's" cache on a farm near Highlands, N. Y. The stuff, which was found buried several feet beneath the surface of a vegetable garden, includes several thousand sheets of paper in which the silk threads of government paper are cleverly imitated; a dozen boxes of blue and red ink, and an old printing press and enough cartridges to destroy a small army. No plates were found.

Bribe Offered Striker?

Watertown, N. Y., April 11.—President J. T. Carey, of the International Brotherhood of Pulp and Paper Makers, today declared that a man giving the name of William Pritchard, and saying he was a member of the brokerage firm of Hamlin & Pritchard, of St. Louis, in the alleged interest of the International Paper company, had been following him for the last week, offering him a \$25,000 bribe if he would call off the paper makers' strike.

Fund to Fight Sleeping Sickness.

Brussels, April 11.—King Albert has decided to give \$200,000 for a campaign against sleeping sickness, \$100,000 to build hospitals in the Belgian Congo, \$100,000 for a pension fund for Congo civil servants, and \$10,000 for a fund for the assistance of their families.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

BUILDING AT TILLAMOOK.

Coming of Railroad Has Stimulating Effect on Business.

Tillamook—Many improvements have been made in Tillamook during the last 12 months, the coming of the railway stimulating business in every direction. The Tillamook, a fire proof concrete building 100x100 feet, two stories and basement, has been completed, the ground floor being occupied by the post office, a department store and hardware establishment. The upper floor is occupied. One-half will be used by the Tillamook Commercial club, recently incorporated.

A reinforced concrete building 50x100 feet, built for the Jones-Knudsen furniture store, has been completed, and occupied. Excavating is being rushed for the basement of a three-story and basement reinforced concrete building on Main street.

Plans are being prepared for a modern three-story hotel to contain 125 rooms, to be erected on a half block.

Cement pavements are being laid in the business district, and on many of the residence streets.

The council is preparing to lay trunk sewers and build two septic tanks, and expects to pave Main street and Second avenue this summer.

A large auto garage has been built by E. Snodgrass, the first public garage in the county. It will hold 20 autos comfortably. A complete repair and supply shop has been added, in charge of a competent mechanic.

The county court has appropriated \$105,000 for county roads. The Sheridan road, from Dolph to Tillamook, will be put in splendid shape for travel.

Starts Work on New Exhibits.

Portland—H. R. Wight, the expert who has been engaged by the Portland chamber of commerce to get up a new exhibit of resources and products of the state, has begun his work. Mr. Wight came here from California a few days ago and will remain a year at least. A large laboratory is being fitted up in the basement of the Commercial club building, where the exhibits will be put up in hermetically sealed jars.

To begin with, Mr. Wight will preserve fruit blossoms and flowers, and later will follow fruits and berries of all kinds. Then will follow the preservation of fish found in the waters of the state. It will take some time to secure a complete exhibit of these. Mr. Wight will make occasional trips through the country to select suitable specimens. A large consignment of glass jars will arrive in a few days in which the specimens will be preserved.

Mr. Wight has the secret of a special process which is said to keep the specimens in perfect condition for years.

Homeseekers Rush to Harney.

Baker City—The heaviest inrush of settlers into the great Harney valley is now taking place through this city, and promises to reach great proportions before the spring is over. The Sumpter valley train is laden every day with people looking for homes in the interior. Hotel accommodations along the route are taxed to the limit. Roy Corey, game warden, has returned from Austin, the terminus of the Sumpter valley road, and says that 18 people arrived there in one day on their way to Harney county. Only one passenger could be taken on the stage and the other 17 started out and walked to Canyon City, a distance of 20 miles.

Crook County Debt Free.

Prineville—Prineville and Crook county are each out of debt, the first time since the incorporation of the city that it has not carried other debts beside the bond issue of the light and water company, and the first time the county government has had all its warrants in since the construction of the \$35,000 court house.

Prineville has carried a debt of \$3,000 or more for years and at times the value of the warrants outstanding were not more than 70 cents on the dollar and few buyers for them.

Oil Burners to Haul Freight.

La Grande—The O. R. & N. will use oil burning engines between Umatilla and La Grande. This kind of locomotive power will not be adopted exclusively on the mountain district, but is resorted to as an auxiliary means of handling the immense freight traffic over this part of the road. Four or five of the oil burning engines will be put to work at once, and oil tanks will be established at Gibbon and La Grande.

To Have Sewer System.

Independence—The town of Independence has voted bonds for \$20,000 to provide funds for the construction of a sewer system. But 20 votes were registered against the improvement. The school district is building a high school, which will be a credit to this section of the state. A number of farmers are setting out orchards near town, hundreds of acres being thus improved. The larger portion of the plantings are apple trees of the late varieties.

Special Rate on Gravel.

Salem—An order was made by the railroad commission granting the Southern Pacific railroad company permission to put on immediately a special rate of 25 cents per hundred pounds on gravel between Tolo and Medford, to facilitate street improvements in the Southern Oregon city. The shipments must be in carload lots of not less than 40,000 pounds in each car.

OWYHEE DISTRICT ORGANIZED

Last Obstacle Removed and 90,000 Acres Will Be Irrigated.

Ontario—The organization committee of the proposed Owyhee Irrigation district and the land owners under the proposed project met with the County court at Vale to ask that tribunal to authorize the organization of the district. The bonds of the district were accepted by the court.

The Nevada Ditch company stockholders accepted a compromise offered by the irrigation committee and remained in the district upon a guarantee of 7,200 acres of water in exchange for the stock of their company. The Owyhee Ditch company and the Wilson Ditch company, the other irrigation ditches under the proposed project, had both agreed to come in some time ago and the action of the Nevada Ditch company eliminated the last barrier in the way of the organization of the district.

There are about 90,000 acres of choice land tributary to Ontario and Nyssa which will be embraced in the proposed district. A great deal of this is unimproved on account of the lack of water for irrigation purposes, and the organization of the district means the development of a very rich body of farming lands.

MAKE LIME FROM MARBLE.

Citizens of Wallowa Develop Natural Resource Heretofore Overlooked.

Enterprise—Last summer Charles Christy experimented with the well known black marble of which there are immense deposits in the canyon southwest of Enterprise. The result exceeded all expectations, the product being chalk white lime, almost absolutely pure. It has been tried and tested both here and at other places. It is so free from impurities that one barrel of it goes as far as one and a half barrels of ordinary lime.

A company has been formed to exploit the deposits and is known as the Black Marble Lime company, composed of Mr. Christy and his son Henry, and George Houser, a well known capitalist.

One large kiln is in operation and a carload of fire brick recently arrived with which three kilns will be built, giving a capacity of from 15,000 to 20,000 barrels per year. Ed Eben, of Joseph, has contracted to market the entire product, and S. D. Kletner has the sole sale of the lime at Enterprise. A carload of barrel staves has also been received and shipments will begin soon. Over 1,000 tons of the marble was gotten out the past winter ready for burning. When in full running the works will give employment to 12 or 15 men. Enterprise will be the shipping point for the lime.

The black marble will doubtless soon be quarried for other uses, as it is a beautiful stone and takes readily a high polish.

\$450,000 for Paving.

Medford—The Clark & Henery Construction company of Sacramento has been awarded the contract for grading, curbing and paving with asphalt nearly ten miles of Medford's streets. In the business district, class A pavement, consisting of 5 inch concrete base, inch binder and 2 inch asphalt surface will be laid. In residence sections a cheaper hard surface will be laid. The city engineer estimates that there are 203,000 square yards to be laid.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1 @1.02; club, 95c; red Russian, 94c; valley, \$1; 40-fold, 97¢@98c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$24.50@27 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@29.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 50¢@60¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3¢@3¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 5¢@8¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢@2¢; horseradish, 8¢@10¢; green onions, 15¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 4¢@5¢ per pound; spinach, \$1 per box; sprouts, 9¢ per pound; turnips, \$1 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, 85¢@1; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 50¢@75c.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 33¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 32¢@33c; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 24¢@24¢ per dozen.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.

Pork—Fancy, 13¢@13¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 11¢@12¢ per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 15¢@16¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 19¢@20¢ per pound; broilers, 27¢@28c; ducks, 22¢@23c; geese, 12¢; turkeys, live, 22¢@25c; dressed, 25¢@29c; squabs, \$5 per doz.

Cattle—Best steers, \$6.25@6.75; fair to good, \$5.55@6; strictly good cows, \$5.50@6; fair to good, \$5@5.25; light calves, \$6@7; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$4@5.25; stags, \$4.50@5.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$8@8.90; fair to good, \$7@7.50; good lambs, \$8@12.

Hogs—Top, \$11.10@11.15; fair to good, \$10@11.

Hops—1909 crop, 17¢@19¢ per pound; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 15¢@16c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@20¢ per pound; valley, 20¢@22c; mohair, choice, 26c.

Hides—Dry hides, 16¢@17c pr pound; dry kip, 16¢@17c; dry calfskin, 18¢@20c; salted hides, 7¢@8c; salted calfskin, 14c; green, 1c less.

SENTIMENTAL TRIP CUT SHORT

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Showered With Flags and Flowers.

Genoa, Italy, April 9.—Though "deighted" to an unusual degree, but in mind and spirit much perturbed, because of ovations along his carriage jaunt to this city, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and wife were compelled to call a halt today to their sentimental tour.

At every village or crossroads they were met by men, women and children, the former with flags and the latter with bouquets.

As an instance of the demonstrations accorded them, 600 persons, many of them Americans, acclaimed Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt with vivas and hurrahs after they left Rapallo, where they had luncheon today. This was the climax of their embarrassments and Colonel Roosevelt gave orders to be driven direct to Genoa.

The people and press of Genoa have manifested the most intense interest in the movements of Colonel Roosevelt. His second honeymoon journey stirred their romantic natures to a high pitch, and when the news spread today of his coming, a big crowd hurried to the modest Hotel Britannia, where he had engaged quarters, and with cheering and waving of hats greeted Roosevelt's carriage as it rattled up the stony street to the accompaniment of the driver's wildly cracking whip.

Both Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt were smiling when they descended from the carriage at the hotel entrance. They said they had enjoyed the trip hugely and were sorry only that the failure to observe their incognito by the people had compelled them to cut it short. Colonel Roosevelt said he had a "bully time" Thursday, when he and Mrs. Roosevelt drove along the sunny slopes of the Ligurian Alps from Spezia to Rapallo.

Half an hour after the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt, the prefect and the mayor of Genoa called on him and greeted him in the name of the city.

Colonel Roosevelt relates an amusing incident of the trip. When he and Mrs. Roosevelt reached the top of the pass at Sestri Levante, where they stopped last night, the enterprising proprietor of a tavern—a rival to the one in which they had engaged rooms—sent out couriers in advance bearing American and Italian flags and triumphantly escorted Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt to his own hotel.

WILSON IS SCORED.

Professor Hopkins Says Farmers are Wearing Out Land.

Chicago, April 9.—Characterizing the teachings of Secretary James Wilson as "damnable, abominable and disgraceful," Professor Cyril G. Hopkins, of the University of Illinois, delivered a stinging criticism of the department of agriculture here today in an address at the City club. Here are some quotations from Secretary Wilson cited by Professor Hopkins as "abominably false":

"Practically all soils contain sufficient plant food for yields; this supply will be indefinitely maintained."

"So far as the present outlook is concerned, the nation possesses ample resources in its soil for any conceivable increase in population for several centuries."

"The soil is the one indestructible, immutable asset that the nation possesses. It is the one resource that cannot be exhausted; that cannot be used up."

"From the modern conception of the nature and purposes of the soil, it is evident that it cannot wear out, that so far as the mineral food is concerned, it will continue automatically to supply adequate quantities of plant foods for crops."

"As a national asset, the soil is safe as a means of feeding mankind for untold ages to come."

After he had cited these quotations, Professor Hopkins said:

"Can you blame farmers for continuing to wear out their lands when these are the teachings promulgated from the highest authority in the United States? And these false teachings are all the more damnable because the common soil type on the abandoned farms in Maryland, only a few miles from Washington, contain only 169 pounds of phosphorus in the plowed soil of an acre, while the richest black prairie soil of Illinois, with a value of \$200 an acre contains more than 2,000 pounds of phosphorus in the stratum."

Miss Gould to Get Home.

New York, April 9.—According to friends of the family a house on upper Fifth avenue will be the gift of George J. Gould to his daughter, Marjorie, when she is married to Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., April 19.

This palatial property, which is between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, was purchased by Mr. Gould today, at a price said to have been between \$350,000 and \$400,000. With the furnishings, which, it is said Mr. Gould intends to install, the gift will represent an outlay of \$500,000.

Girls Dance: Fire Fatal.

New York, April 9.—Miss Susan Lustgarten was fatally burned tonight at a dance given by the students of Adelphi college, Brooklyn. The accident occurred during a fancy dance, known as the "ghost dance," in which a purple light was provided by burning alcohol in a large metal dish. Sixty girls, dressed in flowing robes, danced about the flames. Miss Lustgarten was replenishing the alcohol when the explosion occurred.

Submarine Lowers Mark.

Cherbourg, April 9.—The Ventose, a submarine, today established a record by navigating at the depth of 113 feet for 24 minutes.

FACTION LINES MELT

Roosevelt Enthusiastically Greeted by Citizens of Italian Town.

Breaks Chain of Flowers and Opens Street Named After Him—Carriage Smothered in Flowers.

Porto Maurizio, April 12.—Ex-President Roosevelt this afternoon opened the new boulevard which has been named after him and accepted honorary citizenship of the ancient and historical city of Porto Maurizio, amid a popular enthusiasm such as that which marked his arrival last night. According to those who had long memories, never before have local, political, religious and all other differences been so completely obliterated as upon this occasion.

The carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and the mayor was pelted with nosegays tied with ribbons bearing the words, "Long live Roosevelt," until it was overflowing with flowers.

When they reached the foot of the terraced hill opposite the port, where the cheering rent the air, the ex-president and his wife were smiling and looked happy.

A stone bearing the name of the street was unveiled and Mr. Roosevelt broke the flowered chain that was stretched across the driveway and, amid a new outburst of "vivas" led Mrs. Roosevelt up the drive to the hotel.

There the mayor in a flattering speech told how proud the municipality was to confer citizenship upon the great "apostle of peace." The city clerk, who wore a bedizened uniform and feathers in his cap, stepped forward and presented the parchment in a silver case upon a cushion covered with the American flag.

Mr. Roosevelt replied in English, but the mayor experienced difficulty in translating the words and Mrs. Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, amid much amusement, finally came to the rescue. The reception, Mr. Roosevelt said, made him feel as if he were at home in his own country.

"I am especially touched," he continued, "at what you have said about my attitude towards peace and good will. I feel that a nation should behave toward other nations as an honest man toward his fellows. The same law of propriety and morality should apply among nations as among men."

Tea was then served. Mr. Roosevelt sitting next to Luigi Rossi, the Italian commissioner of immigration, whom he knew in America. The party was again acclaimed as they drove back to the Carew villa.

KING EDWARD IS SICK.

Denials by Physicians Not Believed—Shuns Society.

London, April 12.—Official denials that King Edward's health is poor are not trusted here, even by His Majesty's close friends. Imperial reports from Biarritz represent the king as looking listless and tired, and having an unhealthy yellow color.

Facts seem to coincide with these reports rather than with the denials. The king has abandoned his projected cruise on the Mediterranean with the queen because he has been advised not to face the fatigue of traveling, but to rest quietly at Biarritz until the political crisis demands his presence in England.

Never before has the king been known to refer so repeatedly to any one dead as he now does to Consuelo, duchess of Manchester. He frequently speaks of her loss. He misses her particularly at Biarritz, where for years she made things "go" for him.

Mayor Schmitz Joins Musicians.

San Francisco, Cal., April 12.—Ex-Mayor Schmitz, who is out on bail pending an appeal on conviction for graft extortion, has been restored to membership in the Musicians' union, having paid a considerable arrearage of dues. After being removed from office, the ex-mayor neglected to pay his dues. There was some talk of expelling Schmitz when the graft expose came up, but on investigation it was learned that a failure to pay dues had placed Schmitz beyond further action by the union.

Fiji Timber Is Its Goal.

Victoria, B. C., April 12.—Vancouver and Bellingham capitalists have undertaken the development of the hardwood timber resources of the Fiji islands on a large scale, the project involving the establishment of a line of sailing craft to operate between Vancouver, this city and Suva. A large tract of timber in the Fiji islands, together with the largest sawmill there and its logging equipment, have already been purchased.

Youth Invents Airship.

Vancouver, B. C., April 12.—Alfred E. Lauder, 19 years old, has invented an airship which, he asserts, is of a different type from any thus far experimented with. The airship will balance automatically and be capable of carrying two passengers. The automatic balancing feature, and the placing of the propelling power and steering gear in front of the ship, are unique features. Lauder has received commendation for his work from Alexander Graham Bell and Glen Curtiss.