

# 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.

An Illinois legislator admits receiving \$1,000 to vote for Lorimer for U. S. senator.

Patten and his friends on the Chicago cotton exchange cleaned up \$320,000 in one day.

Witnesses state conclusively that Swope, the St. Louis millionaire, was killed by a violent poison.

One person was killed, two fatally injured and about 15 others hurt in a street car collision in Seattle.

British Democracy has forced the Lords to pass the budget which was defeated last fall, and expects further triumphs.

Portland is much worked up over the alleged carelessness of census takers. It is claimed that at least 30,000 persons in the city were not counted.

Speaker Cannon declares the minority rules the house and that such rule must be stopped, even if it becomes necessary to change the constitution.

A rich rancher of Elk City, Idaho, has not been heard from since he went hunting March 7, and two men who went in search of him two weeks ago have not returned.

President Taft, speaking at Buffalo, apologized to the state of New York and congratulated the entire nation upon the appointment of Governor Hughes to the Supreme court.

Negotiations for about 280 locomotives and 5,000 to 6,000 freight cars, which the Harriman lines expected to purchase, are retarded because of inability to secure satisfactory terms.

The Indiana Democratic convention has endorsed John W. Kern for U. S. senator.

The New York stock market is demoralized, everyone trying to sell to avoid loss.

Charles Wezler, confessed murderer of Mrs. Schultz at Gig Harbor, seeks a second degree verdict.

Amid wild enthusiasm, San Francisco business men subscribed \$4,000,000 for their 1915 fair.

Ruth Bryan's first husband, Leavett, says her second marriage will be illegal and that he will fight it.

Rockefeller is discouraged at the delay in securing a national charter for his great philanthropic project.

An insane young man aged 19 shot and seriously wounded three persons in New York and then committed suicide.

Newspaper publishers in the East see a famine in paper unless congress passes the Mann bill removing the duty on pulp and paper.

A cod fishing schooner from San Francisco is reported lost with several members of her crew. She has been missing since last October.

The bridge of the Milwaukee road over the Yakima river was destroyed by a washout and an engine and five cars of lumber went into the river.

About fifty acres of ground, piled 25 feet high with lumber in the yards of the Humbird Lumber company at Sand Point, Idaho, were swept by fire, destroying about \$300,000 worth of lumber.

Pearry is off for Europe on a lecture tour.

A negro leader and 22 followers have been arrested in Havana for inciting a revolt.

Reports place the damage by Chinese mobs in recent riots at Changsha at \$2,000,000.

Lawyers of Reno, Nevada, seek to disbar one of their number who advertises a specialty of easy divorces.

Two hundred girls at Cornell college, New York, are seriously ill from ptomaine poisoning caused by impure milk.

Edward Keaton, aged 110, living near Natchez, La., was bitten by a rattlesnake, but the doctors say he will recover.

A jury has been chosen to try F. August Heinze, accused of misapplying funds of the Merchants bank, of New York.

A huge Russian bear in the New York Zoo turned on its keeper and nearly tore him to pieces before he was rescued.

The heirs of Mrs. Octavia Adelaide Moss, a rich New York woman, are having a hard time finding her wealth, which was hidden about her house in secret places known only to herself.

Cotton seed in the South is now worth \$150 a ton.

A New York girl committed suicide on the beach at Naples, Italy.

Thirty-six hundred miners of Phoenix and Greenwood, B. C., are on strike.

\$100,000 subscribed for a Lincoln monument funded 40 years ago is lost and cannot be located.

Governor Hughes of New York, has been appointed associate justice of the United States Supreme court.

## OFFICERS CONTINUE RAID.

Another New Yorker Charged With Conspiracy to Violate Laws.

New York, May 2.—Another important arrest in the Federal bucket shop crusade was made today when government officers arrested Frank Maier, of the firm of Morrison & Maier, in his office at No. 44 Broad street.

The specific charge against Maier is conspiracy to violate the Federal law against bucket shops. It is alleged Maier, in conjunction with Louis Cella, Edward Altemus and H. D. Durycie, has been furnishing stolen quotations to bucket shops all over the eastern part of the United States.

The government agents at the same time cut the telegraph wires leading to all places here and in New Jersey suspected of being bucket shops. Coincidentally two special agents of the United States department of justice paid a visit to an office in the Lincoln Trust building, Jersey City, and arrested Joseph Decker, a telegrapher. The police say Decker had in the office a stock ticker, from which he is alleged to have copied quotations and sent them practically all over the United States.

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Prizes to Be Awarded Creameries.

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It was also planned at the meeting to construct a private stable for keeping test cows during the fair. The state board of agriculture is looking forward to the possibility of having a model dairy barn to illustrate sanitary and convenient methods.

M. S. Schrock, another deputy, has returned from his inspection of all the dairies south of the Clackamas river. The inspection covered a total of 422 dairies. The report shows an average score of 37 on a basis of 100. Three of the total number averaged below 20, while only one went above 60. There were 20 between 50 and 60, and the rest averaged between 20 and 50.

Railroad Toward Sweet Home.

Sweet Home—Work on the railroad from Albany to Cascadia has been begun. The surveyors who are lining up for the graders have reached a point six miles below Sweet Home.

Work has already commenced on the Albany end of the route, the company sending out word that they want all the teams they can get. The promise is made that cars will be running through Sweet Home by the middle of September.

The prospects of a better market has caused much larger acreage than ever before to be put into crops and work is plentiful; every one has money and the place and people bear a general look of prosperity.

Hens Have Egg Race.

Portland—Plymouth rock pullets are establishing records these delightful spring days. It is no unusual thing for a 10-months-old hen to present her egg and master with a 6 by 8 inch egg, in fact pullets belonging to residents in this vicinity have done better than that in several cases during the past few weeks.

Mrs. E. J. Harris, of Fulton Park, has a 10-months-old Plymouth Rock hen which has laid an 8 by 6 1/2 inch egg. A peculiar feature of this pullet's exploits in the egg producing line is that she lays one of these big eggs every two weeks. Her other products are of normal size.

Carl Amous, living at Gates Crossing, on the Cazadero suburban line, owns a Plymouth Rock hen not quite a year old whose latest performance in the egg line measured 7 3/4 by 6 1/2 inches.

Oregonian Returns to First Love.

Lakeview—E. Keller, who has lived in Lake county for many years, sold his farm to J. D. Heryford last fall and left Oregon. His land brought \$125 an acre. After spending the winter touring California and other Western states, Mr. Keller has returned to Lakeview. The more he traveled and observed, the more he became convinced as to the worth of this country. He has purchased the Gillette ranch, just over the California line, paying \$42 per acre for the land.

Oregon Trunk Files Maps.

The Oregon Trunk line has filed its maps through the Indian agent at Klamath Falls, who upon his approval will send them on to the commission on Indian affairs in Washington, D. C. It is expected to take some time for the maps to go through the necessary channels. The contract for the grading of the road from Madras to the northern boundary of the Klamath reservation has not been let yet the bids are in for consideration.

Shipping Asparagus.

Eugene—George Dorris, who operates an asparagus farm about four miles out of this city with the greatest of success, is marketing his asparagus crop. His daily shipments, which go to Portland, amount to over a quarter of a ton per day.

New Bank at Nyssa.

Nyssa—The bank of Nyssa will open for business May 2. The stockholders of the new bank are J. C. McVey, president; A. J. Kingman, vice president; J. Hanks Hill, cashier; Robert Van Gelsie, Newton Minton, Tom Nelson and Hub Walters.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

## COQUILLE TO EXPERIMENT.

Station Will Determine Nature of Crops Best Suited to Soil.

Marshfield—Realizing the great value of their farming land, the people of Coquille valley section of Coos county are planning to open an experiment station for the purpose of ascertaining for the benefit of the farmers just what crops are best adapted to the locality.

William N. Russ, who owns several hundred acres of bottom lands, has agreed to give the use of his land for the purpose. It is believed that the bottom lands of the Coquille valley are particularly well adapted for raising garden truck and everything in the way of vegetables will be planted.

It is possible that the government or the state will be asked to aid in the work. While the state agricultural college has been of much assistance to the farmers, the land in the Coquille valley is different from other parts of the state and requires especial attention.

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Railroad Builders at Work.

Eugene—The Lane County Asset company, which is promoting a railroad between Eugene and the coast, recently sent to a surveying camp, located on the Elmlake place on Coyote creek, three big wagon loads of supplies. This is evidence to the doubters as to the company's intention of building a railroad, that it is in earnest about the matter.

Open New S. P. Bridge.

June 15 is now the date fixed for opening of traffic over the Oswego bridge now being built across the Willamette above Milwaukie by the Southern Pacific company. The bridge rests on immense piers and is high enough to clear every vessel that might come that far up the river, so it has no draw. It is being built exclusively for the railroad and so has but one deck. It crosses the river about half mile above Elk Rock.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 90c; club, 86c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 90c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$23@24.50 ton.

Corn—Whole, \$33 per ton; cracked, \$34.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22@25; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@28 ton.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 20c@25c per pound; Florin, \$1.50@2.50 per crate; Los Angeles, \$1.25@1.65; apples, \$1@2.50 per box.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 40c@50c per hundred; new California, 5c per pound; sweet potatoes, 4c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 90c@1 per box; cabbage, 2c per pound; hothouse lettuce, 50c@1 per box; green onions, 12c per dozen; radishes, 15c@20c; rhubarb, 2c@3c per pound; spinach, 75c@1 per box; rutabagas, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; carrots, 85c@1; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, 75c@1.

Onions—Oregon, \$2 per hundred; Bermuda, \$2@2.50 per crate.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 29c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 28c@29c; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 24c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound. Lamb—Fancy, 10@12c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 20c@21c; broilers, 27c@28c; ducks, 22@23c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 20c@22c; dressed, 25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Hops—1909 crop, 13@16c per pound; olds, nominal, 1910 contracts, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound; valley, 18@21c; mohair, choice, \$2@3.3c.

Cattle—Steers, good to choice, \$6.50@6.75; fair to medium, \$5@5.50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$4.75@5.25; fair to medium, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$3.50@4.50; stags, \$5@5.50; calves, light, \$6@7; heavy, \$4.50@5.50.

Hogs—Top, \$10.25@10.75; fair to medium, \$9.75@10.00.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.25@5.75; fair to good wethers, \$4.75@5.25; best ewes, \$4.75@5.25; lambs, choice, \$7@8; fair, \$6.50@7.

## VALE SEES BIG CLIP.

Three and a Half to Four Million Pounds Will Be Shipped.

Vale—Between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 pounds of No. 1 wool is to be shipped from Vale this season. Shearing started this week at the Oxman ranch near Dell, and at the Hargis plant near Westfall.

The woolgrowers are jubilant over the prospects for a big wool clip. On account of the hard winter, the sheep were fed corn and went on the range in excellent condition and the wool is said to be of the best.

The Hargis plant is scheduled to clip the wool from 124,000 sheep this season, while at the Oxman ranch 3,000 sheep are being sheared daily.

Announces Next Year's Work.

The February number of the University of Oregon bulletin announces for next year the courses offered by the university school of education. The university, by means of the school of education, is now prepared to train teachers for high school subject and departments, superintendencies, principalships and administrative positions, and special teachers of music and physical training. The same requirements for admission obtain in the school of education as in the other departments.

Among other things the Bulletin notes that while the demand for teachers in the different subjects fluctuates from year to year, there are certain strong tendencies evident in all Western universities, one of which is toward an oversupply of teachers in English and history, and a scarcity of teachers in mathematics and physics.

Ontario Men Bag 165 Coyotes.

Ontario—Elbert Butler and Dick Robertson have returned from a 12 days' hunting trip in the vicinity of Moore's hollow and Henry and Jacobson's gulches, where they bagged 165 coyotes. They killed 90 in three days, which they claim is the best record ever made by nimrods in the coyote line. The bounty from the scalps of the animals averaged them each over \$10 a day, which they claim is another record breaker. All of the animals killed, except two, were young ones and were dug out of their dens in badger holes.

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## CITY ROADS MAY MERGE.

Gigantic Chicago Deal Involves One Hundred Million Dollars.

Chicago, April 30.—Unification of the Chicago elevated railroads, regarded as the first essential step toward a perfect transportation service, was today said to be in sight. A gigantic deal, involving a capitalization of \$100,000,000, may be consummated and the plan put into operation August 1.

Henry A. Blair, who successfully reorganized the Chicago Railways company, is the financier who hopes to merge the elevated roads.

Representing a syndicate of New York bankers with unlimited resources, he has submitted a definite offer to the elevated railroad officials to buy the properties, either paying cash to stockholders in return for a deposit of their stock, or giving them securities in the new corporation equal to the par value of their holdings.

So far, the directors of all companies have agreed that the plan is a fair one, the hitch being in the price offered by Mr. Blair and that which the directors think they ought to get. While Mr. Blair has not announced what his cash offer is, he admitted that it was a good deal more than the present value of the stock of the different companies.

The capitalization of the elevated roads in stocks and bonds, equipment, notes and other outstanding obligations, is a little more than \$100,000,000.

Freight Rates Go Up.

Transcontinental Roads Plan to Meet Increased Expenses.

Washington, April 30.—Freight tariffs showing considerable increase over the present rates from Western territory to the Atlantic seaboard will be filed with the Interstate Commerce commission to become effective June 1.

This is the first step taken by the railroads indicating a purpose generally to increase freight rates throughout the country to meet increased operating expenses.

Already tariff schedules have been filed for Western roads increasing the rate for the transportation of wool from Minneapolis and St. Paul to New York and other Atlantic seaboard points. The present rate on wool from Minneapolis to New York is 59 cents per hundred pounds. Under the new tariff the rate will be 64 cents a hundred pounds, an increase of nearly 20 per cent.

An increase also has been made in the freight rate on live hogs between the Twin Cities and Chicago of 2 1/2 cents a hundred pounds. This is an increase of about 12 per cent over the present rate. While no tariff has been filed with the commission increasing the rate on wheat products from Chicago to the Eastern territory, it seems likely the rate on hog products from Chicago to Eastern points will be increased.

The tariffs already filed with the commission are for all the roads in Western freight association territory, and the rates will become effective simultaneously on all of them.

Fearing Law, Bucketshops Close.

Washington, April 30.—Results already have been accomplished by the crusade of the department of justice against the bucket shop business. In addition to the offices affected by the indictment against a number of principals, scores of houses in the Middle West have closed their doors and others are expected to follow. Should the efforts of the department towards breaking up the business entirely prove unavailing by prosecution under existing laws, it is said that new legislation will be asked of congress.

Taft Starts on Trip.

Washington, April 30.—President Taft left Washington at 7 o'clock last night for Buffalo, his first stop on a seven-day trip. From Buffalo the president goes to Pittsburgh, then to Cincinnati, St. Louis and back home, reaching here May 6. There have been many predictions as to the line the president's speeches will take on the trip. He has given no hint himself of what he will say, but it is significant that he is carrying with him a full set of figures on the operation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

Seattle Japs Number 4,000.

Seattle, Wash., April 30.—The census of Japanese in Seattle, nearly completed, will show a population of more than 4,000 people of that race, or more than twice as many as any other American city has. Adding the truck farmers in the surrounding country, there are 10,000 Japanese in and near Seattle. In the state of Washington the census is expected to show 20,000 Japanese, as against about 40,000 in California.

Court Nips Thaw Plan.

New York, April 30.—Harry K. Thaw, who killed Stanford White, must remain in the Matteawan insane asylum. The appellate division of the Supreme court in Brooklyn handed down a decision today which sets aside the appointment by Justice Tompkins, of the Supreme court, of a referee to take testimony bearing on Thaw's possible transfer. The court holds that Matteawan is the proper place for Thaw.

McCredie's Bill is Favored.

Washington, April 30.—Representative McCredie today had a hearing before the judiciary committee in order to present arguments in support of his bill authorizing the states of Oregon and Washington to adjust differences over the boundary line where it follows the Columbia river. After his hearing the committee assured him the bill would be favorably reported next week.

# HORROR TALE TOLD

## Nicaraguan Informs American Consul of Awful Cruelties.

Says Cruelties Eclipse Conditions in Congo—Men, Women and Boys Horribly Tortured.

Washington, May 3.—A letter written to the consul at Managua, Nicaragua, by Narciso Arellano, a citizen of Nicaragua, detailing incidents of cruelties in the republic, has been forwarded here to Senor Castrillo, representative of the Estrada forces in Washington. In his letter Mr. Arellano says:

"I will cite as an example case the case of Octavio Marenc, a young man owning a ranch a few miles north of Managua, who was dealt 200 lashes with a stick a midnight on April 6, at the jail at Granada. He is now at the penitentiary in this town (Managua), and as it is a matter of common knowledge you must have heard the story from another source.

"They have also burned property and wrought damage to an incalculable degree, but this we will pass lightly out of mind. It is the rest I lay stress on. I am ashamed that such cruelties should be committed by men who profess to be Christians and are Nicaraguans. Such ferocity is more the work of fiends than human beings.

"We wish the State department and the American public to be acquainted with these facts, as it might help matters a bit. It is a real shame that such work is going on with your warships a few miles off Corinto harbor, when just a word from Admiral Kimball would stop this devil's work. Should the American admiral send another mission to investigate, he will disclose a situation of things unparalleled, even in the Congo Free State."

Under date of April 10 from Managua, a subsequent note to the American consul at Managua from Arellano states that the author has received reliable information of 17 cases in which men have been hung up by their thumbs. He gives the names of 17 victims and the name of one man who was shot and two who were lashed. Another document detailing those alleged cruelties and mentioning specific instances of insults to women by officers, alleging in one case that a woman was shot because she resisted a government officer who tried to kiss her, has been submitted to the State department by Senor Castrillo.

JAPAN MAKES LAND LAW.

Foreign Ownership to Hinge on Reciprocal Rights Abroad.

Tokio, May 3.—The law relating to foreigners' right of ownership of land was promulgated today.

It provides that foreigners domiciled or resident in Japan, and foreign juridical persons registered therein, shall enjoy the right of ownership in land, provided always that in the countries to which they belong such right is extended to Japanese juridical persons.

The law is applicable only to foreigners belonging to countries designated by imperial ordinance.

In the districts of Hokkaido, Formosa, Karafu and districts necessary for national defense, foreigners are debarred from land ownership.

In case a foreigner or foreign juridical person owning land ceases to be capable of enjoying right of ownership such land shall accrue to the fisco, unless he disposes of it within a period of one year.

Five Fall Far, Unhurt.

Pasadena, Cal., May 3.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wolfarth, their two children and R. Tobey, of Covina, were hurled down a 200-foot precipice today and though they fell on a pile of rocks not one of the party were hurt. The skidding of the automobile in which they were riding up Scoville Hill caused the accident. Wolfarth, who was driving, tried to round a sharp curve in the trail skirting the crest of the hill and the car went over the edge of an almost perpendicular precipice. The automobile was demolished.

Chinese Looters Pay Penalty.

Shanghai, China, May 3.—The local government officials are making vigorous reprisals against the looters in Changsha, subjecting them to torture and in some cases executing them. There is still evidence of opposition on the part of the unofficial governing body or "gentry," to permitting foreign business firms to reopen. Reports from up the river indicate that conditions are quiet, but the officials are taking all precautions.

Long Island Shaken Up.

New York, May 3.—Hempstead, Mineola, Garden City and other towns of Long Island shook for 45 seconds this afternoon on the dot of 3 o'clock. Crockery on the shelves and windows in their sashes rattled loudly. Persons on their feet felt the tremor sharply. An earthquake was not thought of, but instant and numerous telephone inquiries failed to bring news of any explosion.