

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 general strike has been ordered by the National Railroaders' union of France.

Great secrecy over a conference in the house of lords has alarmed British Liberals.

President Taft has emphatically declared that he will take no part in state politics.

Sixty carloads of heavy steel rails passed through Portland for the Pacific & Eastern road at Medford, Ore.

Taft has started a movement to restore the Colorado river to its original bed in the Imperial valley of California.

Speaker Cannon, of the house of representatives, was overcome by heat while speaking before the Chautauqua assembly at Winfield, Kansas.

Despite the wrecking of the first regular train on the new monorail system in New York, the damage will be repaired and the service resumed.

Flames starting from a surveyors' camp have ruined thousands of acres of timber and many settlers' homes on Kellogg Peak near Wallace, Idaho.

Three of England's most prominent "suffragettes" will visit America in the interest of woman suffrage, and will probably come to the Pacific coast.

Five Republican, one Democrat, one Prohibitionist and one Socialist are engaged in a lively race for the nomination for governor of California under the new primary law of that state.

Canada and United States will confer on the establishment of through freight rates.

Many banks are making application to be appointed depositories for the postal savings banks.

Secretary Ballinger will tour Rainier national park to see what improvements can be made.

The section of Nicaragua controlled by Madriz is violently hostile to all foreigners, especially Americans.

A company of Spokane men have arranged to spend \$2,000,000 on an irrigation project in Rogue river valley, Oregon.

Great Britain would like to come to a friendly understanding with Germany, so she could reduce her naval armament.

In the parade at the Elks' convention at Detroit, fully 20,000 men were in line, and 800 were temporarily overcome by the heat.

Robbers attempted to hold up 40 men of a construction train in Ohio, on pay day but were put to flight by a fusillade of bullets.

An American actress was found murdered in London, and her husband has disappeared and is believed to be en route to New York.

Suits which bring penalties aggregating \$42,000 have been begun against Missouri railroads for overworking their trainmen.

Forest fires in Idaho are again beyond control. Millions of dollars worth of timber is being destroyed by fires in Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

William Pittman, the American captured by the Madriz forces in Nicaragua was found in a filthy prison cell, dying of starvation. The American consul forced Madriz to give him better accommodations.

Roosevelt will press the fight for direct nominations.

The congress of American republics is in session at Buenos Ayres.

All pupils in the Chicago public schools will be taught to swim.

A Hungarian aviator committed suicide because of a series of mishaps.

Germany denies any intention of antagonizing the United States in Nicaraguan matters.

The house of commons passed the woman suffrage bill to its second reading, but it probably will not get any further.

Cattle rustlers are said to have killed some of their Indian competitors in Southern Idaho, and considerable indignation has been aroused.

After a long conference on Alaskan affairs, President Taft has decided to send Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary Nagel to Alaska to make a personal investigation.

It is reported that the huge glacier in Rainy Hollow, near Haines, Alaska, is moving 12 feet per day. Earthquake disturbances are believed to have accelerated its speed.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall, professor of psychology at Clark university, Worcester, Mass., says girls about 16 seem to have no souls. He says they are nothing but "rats," fudge and giggles.

Henry W. Savage, noted playwright, has severed all connection with the Klaw & Erlanger theatrical syndicate, and will hereafter allow his plays to be used only by independent houses.

The late Chief Justice Fuller left an estate valued at over a million.

WAR IS UNAVOIDABLE.

Japanese Writer Says Day of Reckoning is Coming.

Victoria—That war between America and Japan cannot be avoided is the theme of a special article in the Osaka Mainichi received by the Empress of China. The Japanese writer says:

"It is now being anticipated in diplomatic circles in general that in future, when the relations between Japan and America become more strained—which will certainly result from a continued collision of interest—the ministry will have to accomplish the painful duty of informing the other country's government that the result of such a collision will be an outbreak of war.

"It will be pitiful indeed, if, even on that occasion, Japan adheres to diplomatic compliments and states that no collision will take place. Why do the Japanese not boldly and openly say that there will be a collision. If they think that the Americans will believe the Japanese assertions that a collision will never take place, they will only deceive themselves—certainly not the Americans."

The writer contributes a very lengthy article, in which he credits American sympathy with Japan during the war with Russia to a desire to curry favor with the Jewish element of America, and after detailing American naval progress he urges rapid development of the Japanese navy.

MONORAIL TRAIN WRECKED.

New Interurban Service Proves Failure on First Trip.

New York—Twenty persons were injured, only one seriously, in the first commercial trip of the new monorail service between City Island and Barlow, in the suburbs of The Bronx.

Howard Tunis, the inventor, who was motorman, broke a rib and one passenger broke a leg. The latter was the only one of the injured to go to a hospital.

Although described as a monorail, the only car the company owns did not depend for the stability on a gyroscope. For support and traction it ran on a single rail, but twin guide rails overhead hung between pillars and lateral braces on either side of the right of way held it in balance.

While the car was running 30 miles an hour one of these guide rails worked loose and the car tilted 40 degrees, piling the frightened passengers in the lower angle. The pillars at either side of the car prevented it from toppling entirely.

AMERICAN HELD PRISONER.

Madriz Forces Compel Texas Physician to Treat Wounded.

Washington—On the strength of press reports the State department telegraphed American Consul Moffatt at Bluefields to ascertain whether Dr. Lawrence Burghelm, of Houston, Texas, is held a prisoner by the Madriz forces. The report was that Dr. Burghelm had been compelled to treat the wounded at Bluefields Bluff.

Evidences of the condition of unrest prevalent in Managua were received at the State department through the translation of public orders issued by the military governor in the month of June. One of these orders prohibited individuals from leaving the city without written permits from the authorities. Persons disobeying this order were classed as revolutionists.

Another order prohibited gatherings in private houses and in public establishments after 9 o'clock in the evening except by permission of the authorities.

Wrecking Crew Held Up.

Albany, N. Y.—A wrecking train on the Boston & Maine railroad, which was sent out from Mechanicsville early to clear up a freight wreck near Usher was flagged by Italians before it reached the wreckage. As the train slowed down, two Italians pointed rifles at the engineer and fireman and refused to let the wreckers proceed. The train carried about 40 Italian laborers, who found themselves facing an armed crowd. The train returned to Mechanicsville.

Strike Now Abandoned

Seattle—The Machinists' Union of Everett, Wash., has voted to permit its members in the Great Northern shops there to accept the company's offer of 2 cents an hour and a nine-hour day. This will make the wage 44 cents an hour. The men had demanded an eight-hour day. According to the United Metal Trades association, this action will result in abandonment of the strike begun June 1 all over the Northwest for the eight-hour day.

Yellow Fever Feared.

Bluefields—American Consul Thos. P. Moffatt has issued instructions to the American naval commanders here to observe the strictest precautions that no personal communication be held with Bluefields Bluff, on account of fears that yellow fever is prevalent there. It is reported that yellow fever has reached the camps of the Madriz army.

Auto Supersedes Piano.

New York—Another count has been added to the indictment against the automobile. Benjamin Lesser, attorney for several creditors who have filed a petition in bankruptcy against a local corporation which manufactures pianos, says in explanation of the case: "The corporation could not realize on its stock of pianos on hand. People are not buying pianos any more; they are buying automobiles."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

FRUIT YIELD LARGE.

Rogue River Valley Promises Record Breaking Crop.

Medford—Shippers believe that the coming season will be the banner fruit year for the Rogue River valley.

The apple, pear and peach crop is very heavy. It is estimated that the Medford district will ship from 400 to 600 cars of apples and 100 to 300 cars of pears. Most of the peaches will go by express. The several apricot orchards in the valley have not a very good crop this year. However, about 1,500 crates will be shipped. The apricot harvest has begun. Most of the shipments are going to Portland.

The pear harvest will open with picking of the Bartlett's about August 10. During the two or three weeks of the Bartlett pear harvest from 10 to 15 cars will be shipped from Medford daily. After the Bartlett's, the Howells, d'Anjou, Comice and Winter Nellis will come in quick succession.

From 150 to 200 packers will be engaged in the pear and apple harvest in the Rogue River valley this season. Besides the packers, several hundred men will be kept busy in the orchards picking the fruit. The pickers each year are, many of them, of the migratory class who come into the valley during the fruit harvests and are off to warmer climates in the winter.

The apples and pears of the Rogue River valley will, as usual, be sent to Eastern and foreign markets. The pears will not be sold before shipment but will go to the auction block in Eastern markets.

ROAD BUILDING HIS STUDY.

Mayor Rodgers, of Salem, to Visit Belgian Congress.

Salem—Mayor George F. Rodgers has gone to Belgium, where he will attend the meeting of the International Association of Road Congresses as the only representative from Oregon. The associating meeting opens July 31 and will continue until August 3. During his absence the mayor will make a special study of road making and municipal conditions. It is probable he will be one of the most energetic and active delegates at the convention, as he has made almost a life study of good roads, has entered actively into the work in Oregon and is going for the express purpose of gaining ideas which he hopes will result in much good for Salem and the Willamette valley upon his return.

The king of Belgium is president of the roads association and Mayor Rodgers will go armed with letters to him and to several of the European monarchs, asking that the courtesy of various continental realms be extended to him and afford him the best opportunity possible to study roadmaking conditions and the government of European cities.

New Mill Begins Cutting Logs.

Bandon—The new mill of the George W. Moore Lumber company, recently completed, is one of the best plants of the kind on the coast. It was formerly known as the Cody mill and was burned in August, 1909. It is owned by the George W. Moore Lumber company. The Cody Lumber company does the logging end of the business. The machinery is all first class and several of the devices are of the special design of Mr. Logan. Among these is an arrangement for the sorting table which effects great economy of labor. The mill has a first class steam plant equipped differently from any mill on the coast. The mill started cutting 80,000 feet of lumber a day. The full capacity will be 125,000 feet. The mill and the logging camp together make a big item in the payroll of Bandon. The steam schooners Fife and Bandon are engaged in carrying the output of the company to San Francisco.

Union Will Market Apples.

Toledo—The board of directors of the Lincoln county Fruit Growers union met in Toledo and made arrangements for the handling of the apple crop this fall. J. F. Stewart, who has packed and shipped apples for a number of years, was engaged as business manager for the union. He will have full charge of the grading, packing and shipping and selling of the entire crop. The association will establish warehouses at Eddyville, Elk City and Toledo. It is estimated that the association will ship between 25 and 50 cars of choice apples. This is the first year that the union has attempted to market the crops of its members, and the experiment is being closely watched by the people of this county.

Oil Drillers Hopeful.

Asstoria—Reports received from Nehalem Bay are that the company which is drilling for oil there has sunk a hole to a depth of 650 without meeting with any serious mishap. The indications thus far are encouraging, as a slight scum of oil comes up as the water is pumped from the well. It is the intention, however, to bore to a depth of 1,500 feet unless a good flow of oil is struck before that time.

Malheur County to Hold Fair.

Vale—Several months ago plans were made to organize a county fair for Malheur county, with headquarters at Ontario. A board of directors was elected at that time and subscriptions obtained from business men from all over the county. The court was petitioned early last week for an appropriation and ordered \$1,000 for the fair. The first session will be held this fall.

WOOLMEN SECURE ARMORY.

Spacious Building Will House Convention Next January.

Portland—The armory has been secured for the sessions of the National Wool growers' association, which will be held here January 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1911. Arrangements were made by the following committee, representing the wool growers: S. P. Connell, D. O. Lively, C. D. Minton and C. C. Chapman. A conference was held by this committee and Colonel T. N. Dunbar, of the Oregon National guard, and the use of the building was assured.

The ground floor of the armory will be used to house the big sheep show that will be an interesting feature of the convention. Many varieties of blue blooded baa-baas will be penned on the main floor, giving a chance for a fine competitive exhibit.

The convention will hold its sessions on the floor upstairs. The main corridor down stairs will be taken up with booths, housing many attractive exhibits to the woolgrower, such as various patent appliances the sheep raiser needs in his business, shearing machines, model pens, improved foods, sheep dip, medicines, etc.

VALE DIGGER STRIKES GAS.

At Depth of 240 Feet Flow is Struck—Test to Be Made.

Vale—R. W. Eamos, who is interested in the oil fields here, has been drilling deep cold water wells in Vale on his residence property. He has two wells, one completed this week, and at a depth of 240 feet he found a flow of gas, which arises with the water.

He has not tested the flow to ascertain if it is of quantity sufficient for any purpose, but being about the same as that discovered at Ontario at the shallow depths there, causes the opinion that the gas is distributed generally over this part of the county.

Night Shift at Box Factory.

La Grande—The demand for fruit boxes necessitates the running of the Palmer mill box factory day and night. The night shift works 11 hours a night, except Saturday night, when they work but five hours.

Palmer boxes are in great demand. Orders come from all parts of this valley, Idaho and all parts of Eastern Oregon. The company would have no trouble getting large orders for boxes from the fruit growers of Washington if freight rates were not prohibitive. With freight rates as they are at present boxes can be shipped to Kansas as cheaply as they can be sent to points in Washington.

School Buys Rich Farm.

Salem—Heirs of Judge R. P. Boise have transferred to the United States government the Boise farm near Chemawa, to be used by the Chemawa Indian Training school. The farm contains 100 acres and the consideration is \$20,048. The farm is principally beaver-dam land, which is especially excellent for gardening purposes. The school has started a campaign to educate its Indian pupils in gardening and the farm will be used for this purpose.

Farmers Build Telephone Line.

Condon—The Igo Telephone company has completed its line and has 11 telephones in operation. The line is about 17 miles long and is one of the best constructed in the country.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 87@88c; club, 83@84c; red Russian, 80c; valley, 84c. Barely—Feed and brewing, \$19@20 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$26@27 per ton. Butter—City creamery, extras, 30c; fancy outside creamery, 29@30c per pound; store, 23c.

Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular prices. Eggs—Oregon candled, 27c per dozen; Eastern, 25c.

Poultry—Hens, 20c; springs, 22 1/2@23c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@12c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22 1/2@25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 12 1/2@13c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 11@11 1/2c per pound. Green Fruits—Apples, Oregon Newtown, \$2 per box; new, \$1.75@2; cherries, 5@12 1/2c per pound; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per box; plums \$1@1.25; pears, new, \$1.50@2.50; peaches, 40c @.1.25; raspberries, \$1.25@1.60 per crate; loganberries, 75c@.1.25; blackberries, \$1.75@2.25 per box.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 60@75c per dozen; beans, 1@3c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/4@2 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, \$2 per dozen; celery, 90c; cucumber, 80@90c per box; egg plant, 12 1/2c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peas, 2c per pound; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; carrots, 85c@.1 per sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, 75c @.81.

Potatoes—Old Oregon, 75c@.81 per hundred; new, 1 1/2c per pound. Onions—Walla Walla, \$2.50 per sack.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$4.75@5.25; fair to medium, \$4@4.50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$4.25 @4.65; fair to medium, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$3@4; stags, \$3@4; calves, light, \$5.60@6.75; heavy, \$4@5.25.

Hogs—Top, \$9.75@10.25; fair to medium, \$8.50@9.50. Sheep—Best wethers, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; best ewes, \$3.75@4; lambs, choice, \$5.50@5.90; fair, \$4.50@5.

FINDS JAPAN FRIENDLY.

American Secretary is Royally Entertained in Tokio.

Tokio—"Unhappily, forces for evil for unknown but sinister purposes constantly are endeavoring by false reports or other methods to create conditions of ill will or distrust between two neighboring peoples.

"Their relations are too firmly established and their interests are too distinct to admit of the possibility of any question arising between Japan and the United States, which will not yield readily to the ordinary process of diplomacy. The increased and more intimate exchange of views between the two governments dispels all apprehensions on that score."

This utterance was made by Foreign Minister Count Komura in toasting J. M. Dickinson, the American secretary of war, at a banquet given by Count Komura in honor of the American cabinet officer. Mr. Dickinson and his party arrived at Yokohama on board the steamer Siberia, and after an informal reception at the American consulate, came on to Tokio.

The dinner was a brilliant affair. Eighty persons sat down to the table, including Marquis Katsura, the Japanese prime minister, and five members of the cabinet; admirals, generals and officers and their ladies. After toasts to President Taft and the emperor had been proposed, respectively by Count Komura and Thomas J. O'Brien, the American ambassador, Count Komura, in proposing the health of Mr. Dickinson, referred to previous visits to Japan of President Taft.

"These visits I recall," said the foreign minister, "not only because his personality endeared him to all, but because his insight and calm judgment enabled him to appreciate the true value of the sentiments entertained by Japan for America."

PARALYTIC LAD WALKS.

Church of God Followers Think Miracle is Performed.

Kansas City, Mo.—Eugene Bell and his wife, of this city, believe a miracle has been performed upon their son Paul, 9 years old.

Paul has been helpless for a week with infantile paralysis. His father, an undesignated minister of the Church of God, and other members of that church, have been trying the prayer cure on the boy. They were praying at the bedside at daybreak one morning when Paul awoke. At 7 o'clock the patient arose from his bed and walked to the breakfast table and ate. He could raise his arms almost as freely as before the attack. His right leg, useless for a week, supported him. The family believes him cured in answer to their prayers.

WAY TO APOLOGY SOUGHT.

Mediators Concerned With Adjusting Peru-Ecuador Dispute.

Washington—How best to arrange for Peru and Ecuador to apologize to one another for the stoning of their respective legations and consulates as a result of the boundary disputes last spring is one of the early problems that has called the representatives of three mediating nations, the United States, Brazil and Argentine Republic, into conference a Washington.

So much was learned on the second day of the conference, July 16.

The carrying out of the first conditions of the mediation, the withdrawal of the forces from the frontier and a cessation of warlike preparations, prompt demobilization and the return to a normal peace basis also are sought.

More Land to Be Opened.

Spokane—Two remaining Indian reservations in this state, the Yakima and Colville, are expected to be opened to settlement within the next year, according to Judge James W. Witten, superintendent of land drawings for the Interior department. Judge Witten is en route to Couer d'Alene, Idaho, where the drawings for lots in Plummer and other townsites on the Couer d'Alene reserve will be held. All the lands that can be irrigated on the Yakima reserve will be awarded to the Indians, leaving only grazing lands.

Drexel Files 21 Miles.

Bournemouth, England—J. Armstrong Drexel, a son of Anthony Drexel, of Philadelphia and London, and the French aviator, Leon Morane, engaged in brilliant performances of over-sea speed flights. The start was at the aerodrome across the Solent in the direction of the Isle of Wight, thence round the Needles lighthouse and back, a distance of 21 miles. The Frenchman covered it in 25 minutes and the American in 34 minutes.

Murderers to Be Shot.

Salt Lake City—Harry Thorne, 19 years old, will be shot to death at the state prison September 9 next, for the murder of George Fassell, a grocer. Sentence was pronounced by District Judge Lewis, James Riley, who was Thorne's accomplice in the crime, and who also must pay the death penalty, according to the verdict, will be sentenced on July 23. Fassell was killed the night of March 26 last, when Thorne, Riley and an unknown man held up his store.

King Files in Airship.

Brussels—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria established the record of being the first monarch to go aloft in a heavier-than-air machine, when he went for a flight in a biplane with M. de la Minne at the aerodrome at Kiewitt.

ALFALFA A CURE-ALL

Wonderful Healing Potion Made From Condensed Juices.

Makes a Medicine Which Cures Derridium Tremens, and Drives Away the Tired Feeling.

Los Angeles—Alfalfa, hitherto holder of a plebian place in the food scheme, is destined to become a comprehensive medicative and remedial element that will put all others in the shade, according to Dr. Marian N. Clark, who announces the discovery of remarkable curative properties in the plant and blossoms.

Her idea, already carried out on a small scale and suggested by the menthol industry, is to electrolyze the alfalfa and condense its healing elements to vest pocket size—a haystack of medicine in a tablet.

Dr. Clark pridefully recounts many instances of curing with the condensed alfalfa juice many nervous ailments, from dellirium tremens to "that tired feeling."

One of these was the aggravated case of a Reno sport, who bet on Jeffries and drowned his sorrows in so many tall ones that the cobras came to get him. The condensed hay expert beat 'em to it and cured the victim so effectively that now he shudders at the sight of even a dog, if the dog is a growler.

Tobacco chewing, gloomy thoughts of suicide, insomnia and a host of other undesirable things fade away like the mists of the morning under the soothing influence of a few forkfuls of alfalfa done up in a tablet.

"HIGHER UPS" ARE WANTED.

Immunity to Be Granted Subordinates in Beef Trust Probe.

Chicago—Fifty subpoenas will be served immediately on officers and employees of meat concerns to appear before the Federal grand jury in the beef trust investigation. Officials of the National Packing company will be visited first.

Despite the lid that has been clamped tight on all matters relating to the inquiry, it leaked out that the government plans to extend immunity to a number of packing officials in exchange for the evidence they may be able to give to the grand jury. Who these officials will be was not made public. It is known that subpoenas have been issued for officials of the National Packing company.

In summoning these officials it is shown that the government does not care for convictions unless those gathered in the net are the men "higher up" in the companies. Judge Landis in his instructions to the jury asserted that only the real malefactors, if such exist, should be dealt with.

ADVICE GIVEN SETTLERS.

Government Issues Pamphlet of Interest to Columbia Valley Folk.

Washington—New settlers in the Columbia river valley, between The Dalles and Priest rapids, will be interested in a pamphlet just issued by the department of agriculture, under the euphonious title, "Suggestions to Settlers on the Sandy Soils of the Columbia River Valley." The report is written by Byron Hunter and S. O. Jayne, experts sent out by the department to study the soil, climate, crops and methods of irrigation.

Embodied in this pamphlet is a vast amount of good advice and timely suggestions; cautions as to the best methods to proceed, the manner of selecting best adapted crops, and pointers as to how to get the best results under the conditions peculiar to this region. The pamphlet, known as Bureau of Plant Industry circular No. 60, is to be had upon application to the department, or through senators and representatives.

Shasta Route Blocked.

Reading—Fred W. Andree, conductor, was killed, Charles J. Foley, brakeman, was bruised, and an engine and 12 freight cars were derailed in a wreck on the Southern Pacific railroad a mile south of Gibson. A broken flange on one of two cars which were being pushed ahead of the locomotive caused a derailment of the first car and the engine and 11 remaining cars rapidly left the rails. The wreck occurred in a deep cut, and when the engine and cars piled upon one another traffic from both sides was blocked.

Pittman Better Treated.

Managua, Nicaragua—William P. Pittman, the American engineer, who was captured by the Madriz forces near Bluefields and brought here, is now confined in a commodious cell. When Pittman arrived under escort a few days ago he was placed in a dirty cell, less than six feet square. Consul Olivares entered a vigorous protest at the instance of the American government, and the prisoner was transferred to better quarters.

Two Drowned in Kentucky Flood.

Lexington, Ky.—Another disastrous rain storm accompanied by lightning swept over Central Kentucky, doing heavy damage to the wheat, tobacco and corn crops. Telephone and telegraph wires are down in much of the bluegrass section. Near Blue Lick springs, Henry Work and his grandson were caught in the flood and the boy was drowned.