

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 French aviator carried 11 passengers in a monoplane two miles.

Jackson Titterton, a 530-pound resident of Scott county, Illinois, is dead.

Roosevelt says the greatest crisis of the world's history will be decided on the Pacific.

A Mexican rebel leader says he knows Taft will interfere unless peace is restored by May 1.

A fierce gale on Puget Sound damaged shipping and drove many houseboats and small craft ashore.

A large pack of cougars are exterminating the deer in Northern Idaho. Hunters have killed 13 of them.

A Denver judge released two prizefighters, saying: "It isn't half so bad as these human bullfights commonly referred to as football."

Tacoma has passed an anti-treating ordinance.

Iowa legislature defeated the woman suffrage bill.

Residents of the New Hebrides islands are in revolt against the white residents.

California has adopted a law forbidding aliens to acquire, sell, bequeath or inherit lands in that state.

Unless rains come soon, forest rangers will be put into the field in Washington two months earlier than usual.

The parents of Vincent Walsh McLean, the world's richest baby, are trying to insure him against kidnapping.

Unsatisfactory business conditions have caused two big manufacturing firms of Fall River, Mass., to reduce their dividends.

Sunday work in postoffices throughout the country is to be discontinued, except where absolutely necessary in transmission of mail.

Women of Hunnewell, Kansas, have nominated a full ticket of women officers, believing that the men are running the city "wide open."

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 84@85c; club, 81@82c; red Russian, 80c; valley, 81c; 40-fold, 83c.
Barley—Choice feed, 24@24.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, 20@21 per ton; middlings, 27@28; shorts, 21@22; rolled barley, 25.50@26.50.

Corn—Whole, 23c; cracked, 29c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 27.50@28 ton.
Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, 21@22; mixed, 18@20; alfalfa, 11.50@12.50; grain hay, 13@14.50; clover, 11@12.

Green Fruits—Pears, 1.50@1.75 per box; malagas, 6@7.50 per barrel; cranberries 13.50 per barrel.

Apples—Fancy, 2@2.75; choice, 1.50@2; common, 50¢@1 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 12¢ per pound; cabbage, 1.50 per hundred; cauliflower, local, 1.25 per dozen; California, 2.25 per crate; celery, California, 3.50@3.75 per crate; cucumbers, 2@2.25 per box; eggplant, 15¢ per pound; garlic, 10@12¢ per pound; green onions, 20¢ per dozen; head lettuce, 50¢ per dozen; hothouse lettuce, 1.25 per box; peppers, 20¢ per pound; radishes, 30@35¢ per doz; rhubarb, 2.25@2.50 per box; sprouts, 9¢; tomatoes, 1.75@2; carrots, 85¢@1.10 per hundred; parsnips, 85¢@1; turnips, 85¢@1; beets, 90¢@1.

Potatoes—Oregon, buying price: 1.25@1.50 per hundred.

Onions—Buying price, 2¢ per hundred.

Cattle—Prime steers, 36@6.50; choice, 35.75@6, good to choice, 35.50@5.75; common, 34@5; prime cows, 35@5.50; choice, 34.75@5; common, 32@4; choice heifers, 35.25@5.50; choice bulls, 34.50@4.75; fair to good, 33.75@4; common, 33@3.50; choice light calves, 37.75@8; fair to good, 37@7.50; choice heavy calves, 35.25@5.50; fair to medium, 34.75@5; choice stags, 35.25@5.50.

Hogs—Choice light, 8.25@8.50; good to choice, 8.8@8.25; choice heavy, 7.75@8.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, grain fed, 4.50@4.85; old wethers, 4.4@4.25; choice ewes, grain fed, 3.50@4.15; fair to medium, grain fed, 2.75@3.25; choice lambs, grain fed, 4.5@5.50; good to choice, grain fed, 3.5@5.25; fair to good, 4.75@5; culls, 2.50@3.50.

Poultry—Live: Hens, 20c; broilers, 25@40c; turkeys, 20c; ducks, 23c; geese, 12@13c; dressed turkeys, choice, 23@25c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20¢ per dozen.
Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 31¢ per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢@11¢ per pound.
Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 12¢@12¢ per pound.

Hops—1910 crop, 17¢@18¢; 1909 crop, 12¢@12¢; contracts, 16¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 12¢@18¢, according to shrinkage; valley, 17¢@19¢; mohair, choice, 32¢ per pound delivered Portland.

CHINA YIELDS TO RUSSIA

Unprepared to Resist She Agrees to Czar's Demands.

Pekin—China is not prepared to antagonize Russia completely, and as a result of prolonged conferences the Chinese foreign office assured the Russian minister, M. Kortostovetz, that China would acquiesce unreservedly to the demands made in the Russian ultimatum concerning the provisions of the treaty of 1881. Russia insisted upon an answer immediately.

It is generally considered that there was no alternative course, in view of China's utter unpreparedness for war.

Intense interest is being manifested in the attitude of Japan, which is obviously holding entirely aloof, although more powerful than ever at Peking.

While the issues between China and Russia have been almost obliterated by the recent series of ultimatums, and theoretically insufficient cause for occupation exists, Russia apparently fears that she could obtain only paper promises which the Chinese would not observe unless intimidated. Russians here point out that they have less now in the way of concessions from China than when the treaty was signed.

Some sections of the legation quarter so ridicule Russia for not following in the first instance the recent example set by Great Britain in occupying territory and awaiting Chinese readiness to discuss the contested points. But it is recognized that Russia by failing to do this, has shown that she does not possess aggressive designs.

The Chinese newspapers, which are utterly ignorant of foreign affairs, are hostile to Great Britain, which they accuse of beginning the present land grab, and they prophesy that both Japan and France will be not long in following suit.

EIGHTEEN LIVE ON \$175 MONTH

Chicago Parents of 16 Children Say All Mouths Are Well Fed.

Chicago—Should the sovereign state of Illinois decide to pay a bounty for large families and call the roll of its citizens, Michael Fox, 7810 Vancey avenue, will be able to answer "present."

Mr. Fox, who is a switchman on the Illinois Central railroad, never has received any congratulations from Theodore Roosevelt, although deserving of them. Of the 814,115 children in Chicago Mr. Fox has 16 and they are all strong and vigorous.

There was a sort of a reunion of the Fox family Sunday, but Mr. Fox was not present. He was out in the switchyards at work, for it takes all he can earn seven days a week to fill the stomachs and cover the feet of the young Foxes.

"How do we manage to feed and clothe so many?" repeated Mrs. Fox in answer to a question today. "Well they don't look as if they didn't get enough to eat, do they?" she asked as she looked admiringly at her large family.

"Mike makes about \$80 a month," said Mrs. Fox, "and our grocery bill runs between \$90 and \$100 a month, but we get along all right. Two of the boys are working for the Illinois Central and two girls work in the tack factory, so the family income is about \$175 a month. They all get enough to eat and all are strong and healthy."

STANDARD OIL IS BUYER.

Southern Pacific Gives Control of Associated Oil Company.

San Francisco—Following upon an announcement made a few days ago that the Southern Pacific company had named a price for the sale of its controlling interest in the Associated Oil company to an Eastern syndicate, a report appears in the Chronicle that the prospective buyer is the Standard Oil company, saying that the Standard Oil company "is in a position through this contract to assume practical control of the entire oil output of the California fields."

The Associated Oil company is reported to be handling 80 per cent of the oil marketed from California fields at the present time.

Tire Hurts Missile Far.

Los Angeles—A huge red touring car was sizzling through space on Spring street Tuesday at a rate that looked bad for speed limit, when one of the front tires burst with a crack like a cannon. The force of the explosion was sufficient to tear a big piece off the steel rim and hurl it 100 feet through the air and through the show window of the Bradley-Wise Paint company, 853 South Spring street, and do damage inside to the extent of about \$100. The name of the cannoner was not ascertained.

Alaska Oil in Field.

Port Townsend, Wash.—The first shipment of Alaska fuel oil, inaugurating what promises to become an aggressive opposition to the oil trust, will be made at an early date, coming from the Katalla district, where three wells are in operation, running 1,200 barrels in 24 hours. Other wells are being bored and a stupendous supply is predicted. The first shipment will be 30,000 barrels of oil and has already been sold on Puget sound.

Rio Grande Engineers Get More.

Denver, Colo.—As a result of a settlement agreed upon at a conference between officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and officials of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, 750 engineers of that system will be given an increase of 9 per cent in wages, better working rules and a contract for a year.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

COLONISTS COMING FAST.

Many Sections Feel Benefits of Eastern Advertising.

Portland—Fully 60 per cent of the colonists entering Oregon since the present reduced rates went into effect come to Portland, either to remain permanently or to cast about for suitable locations elsewhere in the state.

The remaining 40 per cent seldom leave the Union depot or the North Bank station, excepting to go to a nearby restaurant for meals. If they have made up their minds as to the particular part of the state in which they want to locate they are in a hurry to get there and do not tarry in this city. The so-called sight-seeing classes are composed of persons who are undecided where to go. They view the attractions of Portland while investigating the opportunities of the state.

The Dalles—The Dalles Business Men's association and local realty dealers are receiving calls and inquiries from a large number of colonists who have taken advantage of the cheap rates to come West.

"The show windows of the exhibition building at the depot are viewed all day long by strangers," said Secretary Fish. "It would be conservative to say that the exhibit building has been seen by not less than 3,000 colonists in the past week. In the Dalles at present are about 50 home-seekers, some of whom have bought homes already. Others are negotiating for land and others are looking at tracts to decide which suits them best. Five from Kansas have about closed a deal for 320 acres of fruit land. Iowa colonists are negotiating the purchase of 80 acres of partially cleared land for which they will pay \$15,000. Several have arrived from Germany. They could not speak English, but had an interpreter with them. They have made a success of raising ducks, chickens, asparagus and mushrooms, and are looking at different locations. Another party bought a small tract of land to engage in raising high-class exhibition and fancy poultry. One day 11 arrived, tired and dusty, but smiling, who undoubtedly will find suitable land here."

Eugene—Approximately 175 colonists have arrived in Eugene. They hail from all parts of the country, but there is a distinct majority from the Middle West, particularly Nebraska. The greater part of them were attracted to Oregon and to Eugene by community advertising, but a large proportion have friends here and came at their solicitation.

The largest number to arrive in one day has been 60, all of them arriving on one train. Almost all of this number was made up of families who had sold their homes in the East and were looking for new ones in Oregon. One family numbered ten members, and the average was large.

Most of the demand is for small homes—tracts of approximately ten acres—suitable for fruit culture or truck-gardening.

Baker—It is estimated that fully 500 colonists have visited Baker during the past week. The Commercial club has a representative at Pocatello and a committee meets all trains here to assist strangers and welcome them to Oregon. Business is active and the merchants are optimistic over the results of the publicity campaign carried on during the year. Arrangements are now under way to serve meals to passengers on the morning trains.

La Grande—To date 75 homeseekers from Oklahoma and parties of four and five from other sections have reached La Grande and are seeking locations here. Many are from Southern states.

Medford—Real estate men of Medford will send an agent to Portland to induce incoming colonists to locate here. Very few of the 1911 homeseekers have appeared in Medford.

New Townsite Probable.

Salem—What is considered plausibly as a move for an Oregon Electric townsite on the new extension south is seen in the purchase of 120 acres of land at Hall's Ferry, about nine miles up the Willamette river from Salem. The purchase was made from H. J. Spitzbart by E. M. Croisan, and the consideration is said to be \$9,000. Mr. Croisan has been purchasing land freely in the interest of the Oregon Electric for right-of-way purposes, and it is rumored that this buy was made for the Oregon Electric.

Make Real City Beautiful.

Oreoc—More than a score of men of this town observed Arbor day Saturday, planting between 250 and 300 elm trees on the streets. The town is less than three years old, this being the home of the Oregon Nursery company. It is the purpose of the citizens to make Oreoc one of the prettiest towns to be found in the Northwest. A park has been laid out and numerous beds of flowers, roses and shrubbery will be set out.

Board Appoints State Architect.

Salem—W. C. Knighton has been appointed state architect by Governor West and State Treasurer Kay at a salary of \$4,500 a year. Mr. Knighton will prepare plans and specifications and will supervise all public buildings in this state during his term of office. It is estimated that his services will make a saving to the state in architects' fees of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually.

MOTOR LAW MODEL.

Only State License to Be Paid—Speed Zones Must Be Marked.

Salem—Local city or county authorities have no power under Oregon's new motor vehicle law to adopt any rules for the regulation of motor vehicles which requires the owner to pay any license or fee other than the state license or to prohibit the owner from the free use of the streets or affecting the numbering or registration of vehicles such as would tend to confuse the authorities in enforcing the state law, but the city or county authorities are not restricted in the regulation or licensing of automobiles and taxicabs that are used to carry the public for hire.

A city may by ordinance regulate the speed of automobiles to 10 miles an hour within its jurisdiction but cannot place any further limitation upon the speed of motors but all vehicles of whatever class must be limited to the same speed. The city can prescribe different speed limits in different parts of the city, but the speed zones must be marked by large signs bearing the words "Slow down to miles." Where the city limits and country meet the city must post signs where all automobile drivers can see them, specifying the speed limit within the city by similar signs. The signs must bear arrows designating where the speed limit applies.

Section 25 of the act relates to the authority of cities. The framers of the law say that it contains no jokers, and there will be found nothing in it to restrict the authority of cities to an unwarranted degree. The law is a model of its kind, and a close scrutiny of its provisions will further reveal its superiority in legislation regulating motor vehicles. It embodies the best parts of the motor vehicle license laws of other states and is the result of much study on the part of its author.

WEST NOT TO INTERFERE.

Prison Management Satisfactory to Governor, He Says.

Salem—That there will be no change in the administration of affairs at the state penitentiary was asserted by Governor West in commenting on letters he has received relative to the dismissal of McCullough, a guard, from the force at that institution recently. He said he had received letters from men well known in union labor circles, but did not divulge their contents.

"With antiquated and obsolete equipment and buildings and many difficulties to contend with, those in charge have given it a national reputation as one of the best in the country," he said. "What action is taken by the superintendent toward his employees is for him to pass upon and I do not intend to interfere. I am satisfied so far with the management of the prison and I have no thought of making a change."

TOWNS TO BUILD ROAD.

Athens and Weston Give 400 Days' Labor and Teams for Work.

Athens—The state legislature turning down the good roads bill, citizens of Athens and Weston have taken the case in their own hands. As a result a macadam road is to be constructed between the two towns.

The county is to furnish the machinery. Athens the rock quarry and town residents and farmers have agreed to furnish labor and teams. Fully 400 days' labor with men and teams has already been subscribed for the road. This road will be one of the most beneficial in this part of the country, as the highway between Athens and Weston is one of the worst, especially in winter. The work will begin at once.

"Y" or Turntable Required.

Salem—Notification has been sent to the Astoria & Columbia River railroad by the Railroad commission that the practice of operating trains backward one way between Warrenton and Fort Stevens must be discontinued. The road will either be compelled to install a "Y" or a turntable to carry out this suggestion. The road is also instructed to place lights on its drawbridge at the Skipanon river, the bridge at the present time not being lighted, it is alleged, in compliance with the United States navigation laws.

O. A. C. Bulletins to Africa.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The natives of Southern Africa will be taught the science of agriculture according to bulletins published by the Oregon Agricultural college experts. The bulletins have been sent at the request of George A. Roberts, a former student at this institution, and now head of the industrial department of the Old Untal Central Training school at Rhodesia, South Africa.

Soon Use Double Track.

The Dalles—The work of double-tracking the line of the O.-W. R. & N. between The Dalles and Deschutes is now completed and as soon as the block system is perfected, which will be in a very few days, the double track will be in use.

CABINET RESIGNS

All Mexican Ministers Except Limar-tour Will Be Replaced.

Mexico City, Mex., March 25.—Following a meeting of the cabinet today every member of that body tendered his resignation to President Diaz.

As yet none of the resignations has been accepted, but on excellent authority it is said that but two of them—possibly not more than one—will be asked to remain in the portfolio. In diplomatic circles it is assumed that Diaz will insist upon Jose Yves Limar-tour remaining in charge of the department of finance. Members of the cabinet refuse to comment upon their action, but it is said that the united stand was taken not by them, but by the president, who, it is believed, proposes to surround himself with younger men, in the hope that such action will serve to unite all elements of the nation.

It is probable that the acceptance of the resignations will be coincident with the announcement of the names of the new ministers. Who will compose the new cabinet is not known, but it may be said they will be men who have not taken a leading part in the government affairs. Neither will it include any who have been identified with the revolutionary movement instituted by Madero.

MADERO WINS VICTORY.

Big Federal Force Routed and Large Number Killed.

Presidio, Tex.—According to a messenger who reported to General Jose de la Cruz Sanchez, in command of the insurgents besieging the town of Ojinaga, insurgents under the direct command of Francisco I. Madero have won an important victory in the vicinity of the city of Chihuahua, routing the Federal troops after 160 had been killed and 40 taken prisoners.

Chihuahua city has been surrounded by rebels for some weeks and all means of communication have been cut. Provisions are growing scarce and many Americans are shut in there.

Madero's aim has been to capture Chihuahua in order that he might be able to point to the fact that he controlled the state of Chihuahua as ground for claiming belligerent rights from other nations. He also desired to secure such a center of government that he might be in a position to negotiate with Diaz to advantage. Madero's victory probably will enable him to force his way to Chihuahua and do battle with the garrison, reported to be about 1,200 strong.

AMERICAN SOIL VIOLATED.

Many Witnesses Swear Blatt and Converse Arrested in Texas.

El Paso, Tex.—C. H. Converse, of Glendora, Cal., has filed additional evidence that his son Lawrence, and Edwin Blatt, of Pittsburg, now in jail at Juarez, were captured on American soil.

He has forwarded to the State department statements of county officials, Federal officials, line riders and customs guards that what is called Ancon de Guadalupe, where Converse and Blatt are said to have been captured, is in the United States, and that the Federal government has exercised de facto jurisdiction over the territory for two years.

These statements were filed with the State department to controvert the statement of the Mexican jefe at Guadalupe that he considered Ancon de Guadalupe Mexican territory.

Rebel Raiders Put to Rout.

Torreon, Mex.—One hundred regular cavalrymen sent out from here under command of Colonel Casillas overtook a handful of rebels, camped on Regugio Hacienda, and at the first volley killed eight. The others fled. Prior to that the rebels had held up a train near Loma bridge and tried to secure kerosene with which to burn the bridge. They also robbed the Loma station and cut the telegraph wires and carried off the instruments. At San Diego Sunday the band robbed Joseph Steele, an American miner, of dynamite caps and \$16. Florentino Rivas commanded the insurgents.

Oldest Engineer Dead.

Tacoma, March 25.—John Strange Waller Reeves, aged 100 years, died yesterday at his home in this city. He was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa., October 18, 1810, and at the time of his death was said to be the oldest locomotive engineer in the United States, having been the first engineer on the Hamilton & Dayton railroad. He was the father of 16 children, of whom three sons and one daughter survive. His wife was the daughter of Rev. William Jones, a descendant of the first Lord Mayor of Cork.

Grange Pushes Campaign.

Concord, N. H.—Resolutions declaring the proposed Canadian reciprocity agreement to be "one-sided and unjust, which discriminates against the farming industry, which puts all farming products on the free list, while making no reduction in the duties on manufactures that will in any way benefit the farmer," are being sent out to every subordinate grange of the Patrons of Husbandry in the country from Maine to Oregon.

Broderick is Acquitted.

Springfield, Ill.—State Senator John Broderick was found not guilty of bribing Holtzlaw to vote for Senator Lorimer by a jury in the Sangamon County Circuit court. The jury was out 20 minutes.

CHEER ROOSEVELT

Audience Applauds Approval of California's Lawmakers.

Victims Nearly All Women and Girls, Who Meet Death in Flames or Leap to Pavement.

New York, March 27.—One hundred and forty-eight persons, nine-tenths of them girls from the East Side, were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered by smoke or burned to crisp Saturday afternoon in the worst fire known since the steamer Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brother island in 1904.

One hundred and forty-one bodies have been removed from the ruins and seven of the injured died in hospitals. This, it is believed, completes the list of dead, most of whom are unidentified.

Grief-crazed relatives besieged the morgue as the bodies were laid out. Nearly, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Waist company on the eight, ninth and tenth floors of a 10-story loft building at 23 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale district.

Partners of firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanc, escaped, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanc's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

How the fire started will probably never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and only the three upper floors were swept.

On the ninth floor 50 bodies were found, 63 or more persons were crushed to death by jumping, more than 30 clogged the elevator shafts. Loss to property will not exceed \$100,000.

Pedestrians going home through Washington place at 4:50 o'clock were scattered by the whiz of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible thud on the pavement and a body flattened on the flagstones. Wayfarers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills.

"Don't jump!" yelled the crowd. But the girls had no alternative. The pressure of the maddened hundreds behind them and the urging of their own fears were too strong. They began to fall to the sidewalk.

Four alarms were rung within 15 minutes. Before the engines could respond, before the nets could be stretched or the ladders raised, five girls had fallen from the eighth and ninth floors so heavily that they crashed through the very streets to the vaults below. In an hour the fire was out; in 30 minutes it had done its worst; probably the death list was complete in 20 minutes.

The building stands on a corner with exposures on two sides, but the only fire escape was in the interior, opening on a light and air shaft. In all there were seven exits—the single fire escape, two freight elevators at the rear, two passenger elevators in front and two stairways. All of them proved almost useless and practically all who escaped either climbed to the roof and scrambled thence to the roof of the building occupied by the American Book company, adjoining, or fled in the first rush for safety before the crush and smoke grew too thick.

The building stands now as a shell intact; the partitions of architectural tiling between floor and floor are sound, and it is impossible for one who sees it to imagine how the flames in so short a time could have wrought such havoc.

Seven hundred hands, 500 of them women, were employed by the shirt waist company. They sat in rows at their whirring machines, the tables before them piled with flimsy cloth, the floor littered with lint, the air itself full of flying, inflammable dust.

Treasure Found in Ruins.

London—Treasure trove to the value of \$1,250,000 is reported from Jersey, where it was uncovered by Athelstan Riley, while he was pulling down the ruins of an old manor house built in the 13th century with the object of using the stone to enlarge his present manor. The discovery includes ancient urns filled with spade guineas, coined during the reign of King George III and bearing the British coat of arms on a spade-shaped shield. One urn bears the monogram of Emperor Vespasian.

Boy Slain in Gang Fight.

Cleveland, O.—Following a battle in a gully with sticks and stones Sunday afternoon between two rival factions of South End boys and while one side was retreating, two leaders of the other side opened fire with a revolver and a rifle, killing Albert Metman, 13 years old, one of the retreating side. Mrs. George Baumgartler and her daughter, Marguerite, while carrying the dying boy away from the field, were also fired upon.

English Railroad to Be Electric.

New York—The first of the main railway systems of England to be electrified on the American plan, throughout its entire length, will be the London, Brighton & South Coast line. The length of the Brighton system is 479 miles and the undertaking will be a colossal one. The work will be completed, it is announced, by 1916.