

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.

The senate has voted for campaign publicity and a limit on election expenses.

A rival of Lumberman Hines says the latter boasted that he personally elected Senator Lorimer.

Canada is threatened with a coal famine, owing to the strike of miners at the Crows Nest collieries.

Louisiana sugar planters declare the free importation of sugar would mean the death of that industry in the South.

Every boy and girl in Portland under 10 years of age will be given a free auto ride by the Portland auto club on July 26.

It is asserted that the alleged Controller Bay coal scandal in Alaska is purely a conception of two or three professional muckrakers.

Tacoma city officers have neglected to collect about \$35,000 in city liquor licenses, besides \$3 each from the 82 drug stores who deal in ice cream, etc.

Portland citizens are prohibited from using city water for irrigation except for three hours each morning, owing to a shortage in the supply.

For the week beginning Aug. 15, New York women will abstain from ice cream, fancy cooling drinks, roof garden parties, etc., and turn over all the money saved to the suffragettes of California.

It is said the Hamburg-American Steamship company is negotiating for the purchase of a large tract of land at Portland, including 2,000 feet of water frontage, for the purpose of establishing a great trans-Pacific steamer service.

Wholesale lumber dealers are to be investigated by the government.

Forest fires in Northern Ontario are reported under control, with at least 400 dead.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 94@95c; club, 81c; Russian, 80c; valley, 81c; 40-fold, 81c.

Millstuffs— Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50 @26; rolled barley, \$29@30.

Barley—Choice feed, \$25.50@26 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26@27 per ton. Hay—Timothy, new, \$16@19; old, \$18@21; alfalfa, new, \$12.50; clover, new, \$8.50@9; grain hay, new, \$11.

Fresh fruits—Cherries, 34@9c per pound; apricots, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; cantaloupes, \$2.50 per crate; peaches, 85c@1.25 per crate; watermelons, 2@2 1/2c per pound; plums, \$1.50 per crate; raspberries, \$1@1.65 per crate; loganberries, \$1@1.65 per crate; blackcaps, \$1.50@1.65; plums, \$1.50@1.75 per box; prunes, \$1.50 @1.75 per box; blackberries, \$1.50@1.65; currants, 10c per pound; gooseberries, 7c; new apples, \$1.75@2 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 75@85c per dozen; beans, 5@10c per pound; cabbage, \$2@2.25 per hundred-weight; corn, 40@50c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per box; eggplant, 15c per pound; garlic, 10@12c per pound; lettuce, 30@35c per dozen; hot-house lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 4@5c per pound; peppers, 12@15c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; rhubarb, 24@3c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.75@2 per box; new carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—New Oregon, 24@24c per pound; new California, 24@3c.

Onions—Red, \$1.75; white, \$2 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 15@15c; springs, 18@20c; ducks, young, 14@15c; geese, 11c; turkeys, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 24@25c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 26c per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy 9@10c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 11@12c per pound.

Cattle—Prime hay-fed steers, \$6@6.25; choice, \$5.75@6; fair to good, \$5.25@5.50; common, \$5@5.25; prime cows, \$5.25@5.50; good to choice, \$4.75@5; fair, \$4.50@4.75; choice heifers, \$5@5.50; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.75; choice light calves, \$7@7.50; good, \$6.75@7; choice heavy calves \$5@5.50; choice stags, \$5@5.50; good, \$4.75@5.

Hogs—Choice, \$7@7.25; good, \$6.70@7; choice to heavy, \$6.35@6.50; common, \$5@6; stock hogs, \$6.75@7.50.

Sheep—Choice spring lambs, \$5@6; choice yearlings, \$3.75@4; good, \$3.75@3.75; fair, \$3@3.50; choice ewes, \$2.75@3; good, \$2.50@2.75; fair, \$2.25@2.50; good to choice heavy wethers, \$3.50@3.75; old heavy wethers, \$3@3.50; mixed lots, \$4@5.

Hops—1911 contracts, 25c per pound; 1910 crop, 25c; 1909 crop, 15@19c; olds, 8@10c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@17c per pound; mohair, choice, \$6@37c per pound.

FRANCE CEMENTS TIES.

Compliments Exchanged at Fetes of St. Die.

St. Die, France, July 18.—The Franco-American fetes in honor of the naming of America continued today. The United States Ambassador, Robert Bacon, and M. LeBrun, the French minister of colonies, after an automobile trip through the picturesque outskirts of the town, proceeded to the city hall, where the municipality gave a banquet in honor of the distinguished guests.

Mr. LeBrun proposed the health of the American ambassador. He spoke in English, saying the French government was glad to take part in the fetes because it afforded France an opportunity of responding to the expressions of sympathy for France in America, which were especially numerous this year, and of deducting from this sentiment a certain guarantee that no material difficulty could affect the bonds of confidence and friendship which united the two countries.

Ambassador Bacon said in reply that his presence at the fetes as a representative of his government proved that the United States had forgotten neither her baptism nor the sword which France threw into the scale for her independence. The celebration closed with an aviation exhibition at the aerodrome. Twenty thousand persons saw brilliant flights by Fomier and Nieupert.

HUNT LOST BONANZA.

8,500 Acres Will Be Searched Carefully With Pick and Shovel.

Reno, Nev.—With the filing, Saturday, of papers granting a 10-year lease from the Sierra Nevada Wood & Lumber company to Colonel W. S. Proskyer and associates, covering 8,500 acres, partly in Washoe county, is promised the second chapter in the famous tradition of the hidden bonanza that for years has been the vain hope of countless prospectors. With the prosecution of a thorough search over the entire estate during the next ten years is linked the extreme probability that a mine will be found again that has in the past promised wonderful native copper and gold—free gold in ore worth \$100,000 to the ton.

The mine to be sought is the old Barclay mine that for fifty years has been talk of miners in the West. The estate is a part of the Hobart estate and the lease is the final triumph of men who were successful with the Hobart estate managers. Mining magnates, senators and financiers, after years of effort, gave up before the blunt refusal of the land owners.

Sufficient financial backing is apparent and already five experienced prospectors are laying out the tract in sections, each of which will be gone over, literally with the point of a pick, before the ten years of searching are up, unless the discovery is made before then.

One man knows the location of the mine and he won't tell. It is possible that the same men in the face of a history of defeat secured the first lease from the Hobart estate, may be able to secure from him the map he has jealously guarded for 40 years.

FRUIT SUPPLIES SHORT.

California Shipments Show Deficiency of 1180 Cars.

Sacramento, Cal.—Manager McKeivitt, of the California Fruit Distributors, says that shipments of fruit from this state so far this season have been disappointingly small. On July 14, 1910, the total shipments amounted to 2,460 cars. On the same day this year the total had reached only 1198 1/2. Allowing for 100 more cars owing to the increase of the minimum weight per car from 24,000 to 26,000 pounds, would give a total of 1,800 as compared with 2,460 last year, or little more than half.

Owing to this considerable shortage there has not been enough fruit to go around, practically every market requesting supplies which were impossible to furnish. After this week an increase in shipments should begin to cut down this great difference.

Lorimer Legislator Dies.

St. Louis, July 18.—Joseph Clark, of Vandalia, Ill., ex-representative in the Illinois legislature from Fayette county, died here today in the Rebeccah hospital, following an operation Friday for cancer. Mr. Clark was a Democrat. As a member of the legislature he cast his vote for William Lorimer for United States senator. It was said that when he was removed to the hospital he had been expecting a summons to testify before the senate committee in Washington investigating Lorimer's election.

Spendthrift Found Dead.

Redding, Cal.—The body of Jack Conant, a prospector, whose life tragedy is known in nearly every mining camp and town in the West, was found on Salt creek, near Shasta. Conant more than 20 years ago located the Uncle Sam gold mine in Shasta county and sold it for \$360,000. He spent this amount at the rate of \$120,000 a year, and ever since had wandered about, poverty-stricken. Death occurred at least three weeks ago.

3,500 Pesos Avert Raid.

Juarez, Mex.—A raid on the customs house by former insurgents to get money for the maintenance of the military hospital was averted by the receipt of 3,500 pesos telegraphed from Mexico City. Judge Felipe Seijas, of this city has announced his candidacy for governor of Chihuahua against the present incumbent, Abraham Gonzales.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

FARMERS GO IN AUTOS.

Annual Convention of Union County is Held in Elgin.

Elgin.—The annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Union county, was held here Saturday. Many of them coming in autos, the farmers began to assemble as early as 8 o'clock, and by 11 the streets were filled with cars driven in by members of other local unions at Summerville, La Grande, Cove and Union.

A long table of 63 plates was spread in Eagle hall, covered with dainties prepared by the farmers' wives. This table was served four times before all had eaten. At 2 o'clock the convention programme began.

Among the principal speakers were John Couch, of Wallowa; Mr. McMillian, of Alicel, and Mr. Moore, of North Powder. Following the addresses there was a discussion of matters of general interest to the union, the principal feature of which was the adoption of a resolution to compel the Home Independent Telephone company to allow the farmers better rates. The farmers propose to furnish their own phone and pay the company \$10 a year for them, and demand 10 free calls monthly through any two centers within the boundaries of Union county, with the privilege of more at the usual rate, the company to keep phone and line in order.

If the company does not accept these terms, members of the union throughout Union county will cut out their phones on August 1, organize a stock company and install a telephone system of their own throughout the Grand Ronde valley.

This was the largest convention of the Farmers' Union ever held in this part of the state.

NEW STRAWBERRY FIELD.

Weston Mountain, Umatilla County, Sends Fine Shipment.

Portland.—A crate of strawberries from Umatilla county has been received and placed on exhibition by the Portland Commercial club. The berries were sent by the Weston Commercial club and were grown in the Weston mountain district just east of Weston.

"Our country is destined to be one of the greatest strawberry sections in the world," said ex-Senator P. W. Proebstel, a hardware and implement dealer of Weston. "The raising of fruit is a new industry but already is making a wonderful showing. One man sold over 400 worth of berries from a half acre last year, besides using all he wanted. The country is also a fine apple district. Weston's fruit commands high prices on account of its shipping qualities and excellent flavor. Land is held at \$60 to \$70 an acre at present, as the raising of fruit is in its infancy and the people do not realize its real value. The people of that country are all prosperous."

Engineers have reported that 10,000 acres of the land can be irrigated at a cost of \$65 an acre and plans are being made for the conservation dam on Pine creek to be 150 feet high. Local capital will finance the project.

PEAK SENDS OUT SMOKE.

Mountain West of Bend Is at It Again After Long Inactivity.

Bend.—Coming on the heels of the recent seismic disturbances in California, the discovery that smoke is issuing from the old crater of Broken Top mountain, in the Cascade range, some 30 miles west of Bend, has created no little supposition regarding the possible connection. Not for several years has Broken Top been seen to smoke. So active is it now, however, that prospectors returning from trips about its base report that a column of steam rises often for many hours at a time from its long-cold crater. It is a well known geological fact that this locality is reckoned the scene of the most recent volcanic disturbances in the northwest.

Lumber Industry Brisk.

Marshfield.—The C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing company is turning out a large amount of lumber and in one day shipped from Coos Bay a total of 3,000,000 feet. This is the most lumber that ever before left this port in a single day. It was all bound for California and was carried on the Nann Smith, the San Pedro and the Newberg. Some record shipments have also been lately from Bandon, as the mills are running full force now.

Post Bank Averages \$100 a Day.

Grants Pass.—The postal savings bank at Grants Pass has averaged \$100 a day in deposits since it was opened. At first patrons were slow in coming in, but now deposits are coming in fast.

20 Acres Bought for Specialty.

Grants Pass.—E. J. and William Winter of Walla Walla, have bought 20 acres of the Charles Ferdine ranch near the city limits on the upper river road. The purchasers will specialize with grapes and berries on the tract.

Developing Lime Deposit.

Metolius.—The lime deposits east of town is being developed by L. G. Savage. Fifteen men are employed in the work.

OREGON CHERRIES IN LEAD.

San Francisco Firm Acquires Entire Display at Salem Fair.

Salem.—That Oregon cherries for fancy purposes are the finest in the world is the declaration of Arthur C. Rass, of E. G. Lyons & Rass, San Francisco, the largest maraschino and fruit syrup dealers on the Coast. Rass is here for two weeks securing cherries for the maraschino trade. He expects to take over 50 tons from Salem this year and will take more cherries if he can secure them. Among other acquisitions Rass secured the entire display of the Salem Cherry Fair through the Salem Fruit Union.

"If the elements are favorable here, Oregon cherries cannot be equalled in the world," he said. "Eastern houses secure cherries from Italy at rockbottom prices. There the cherries cost 1 cent or 1/2 of a cent a pound. We can buy those cherries in Italy, ship them to San Francisco, and put them up for 45 cents a pound. That is what we pay originally for Oregon cherries. Oregon cherries in maraschino go 60 to a bottle. The cherries secured in the East go 175 to a bottle in maraschino. That is some difference in cherries. We can't equal Oregon cherries in California. They can't be grown there, nor anywhere else, to touch the cherries of this state. Given good weather conditions and Oregon leads the world in cherries as well as in many other fruits."

LANE PREPARES FOR FAIR.

County Society Will Erect Booths and Rent Stalls to Concessionaries.

Eugene.—Enlargement of the pavilion on the grounds of the Lane County Agricultural society for the better accommodation of the Lane County Fair this fall was authorized at the meeting of the board of directors, and the painting of all the buildings was also directed. This year the board, instead of renting ground for concessions, will erect a number of uniform booths on the grounds, and rent the stalls to the concessionaries.

More attention will be given this year than last to the stock exhibit, and a committee has been appointed for the purpose of interesting every owner of registered stock in Lane county to bring this stock to the county fair.

The different grades of the county have taken the matter up and already are preparing collective exhibits. The county court has signified its intention of repeating its donation of last year to the fair, the money to be used exclusively in premiums.

Difficulty over the location of the district fair for Lane, Douglas and Coos counties arose several years ago, and since then Lane county has been holding a fair of its own, each year somewhat better than the previous one, until now good grounds and track have been secured, and very creditable exhibits made. The fair this year will be held September 20 to 24.

CHERRY YIELD IS HEAVY.

Hood River Valley Crop Being Shipped to All Parts Now.

Hood River.—Although the small amount of cherries grown in the Hood River valley was cut short severely in a great portion of the community, the crop is yielding very heavily in some districts, and the Apple Growers' union has made a large number of small shipments. A branch 16 inches in length, cut from a tree in the Maxwell orchards on the West Side, contained 103 large-sized cherries. The branch, which was taken from a Bing tree, weighed a little over two pounds.

Although but few orchardists make a specialty of growing small fruits, such as strawberries, those who do so have met with great success this year. The local market is supplied and the union finds a ready market for the gratifying surplus.

O. A. C. Building to Be Ready.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—By the opening of the college year, September 22, the new mechanic arts building, which will contain the foundry, plumbing and wood working shops, will be completed and the equipment ready for use. These three laboratories will virtually double the capacity of the present shops, and will make it possible for the college to make for itself much of the furniture and equipment necessary for the various buildings.

Eagle Point Patronizes New Bank.

Eagle Point.—The First State bank opened its doors in Eagle Point the first of the week and at the close of the first day \$8,000 had been deposited. Eagle Point is a town of 400 people and the First State is the only bank in it. A new two-story brick building, costing \$4,000, was constructed for its occupation and the example caused two similar buildings to go up in a previously "brickless" town.

Coos to Have Fair Exhibit.

Marshfield.—Coos county is to be represented with a fine exhibit at the State Fair at Salem this year. Heretofore Coos has only been represented by individual entries in the dairy products. The chamber of commerce will pay the expenses of a representative from this city to look after the exhibit and will start at once gathering products of all kinds.

FIRST QUERY: "WHO WINS?"

Fans in Far Off Pribiloff Islands Get Wireless Luxury.

San Francisco, July 15.—The United States government employees on the Pribiloff islands are rejoicing today because they have been connected with the outside world by means of the wireless telegraph. And the first news that they asked to be flashed over the waves was: "Get us the standing of the clubs in the big leagues."

This report was quickly followed by another one of the same kind, as they had been without baseball gossip so long they could not get enough of the fodder on which so many thousands of fans feast every day. Not until the operator at Honolulu had exhausted his supply of baseball knowledge did the men on the island of St. Paul permit him to inform them of the important happenings in the political and commercial worlds.

Navy electricians and wireless experts had been sent north by the government on board the United States ship Buffalo to install a wireless station on the island of St. Paul. With the aid of the wireless station the fans on these lonely islands will now be able to keep tab on their favorite club in the race for the pennant.

EIGHTY-BUSHEL WHEAT FOUND

Government Completes Threshing 400 Varieties of Grain.

Chico, Cal.—The threshing of 400 varieties of grain has been completed at the government's big plant introduction gardens at this place, says Superintendent Beagles. Some varieties of wheat yielded at the rate of 80 bushels to the acre. This is about twice the average yield of common wheat throughout California's grain growing districts. The varieties producing especially heavily are Prietes and Chul wheats. H. F. Blanchard is the expert in charge of experiments in this department.

GRAIN BAGS RUN SHORT.

Price of Few on Hand Soars, and Farmers Are Worried.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 15.—With grain bags at 8 cents and hard to get at that price, farmers fear they will have a shortage here this year that may cause damage before it ends. There are few sacks now in the city and the penitentiary output is contracted for a month in advance.

Local dealers yesterday shoved the price to 8 cents and the state board of control notified the penitentiary officials soon afterwards that the price at that place should be raised. This makes the fourth raise in price this year, and it is expected that others will follow.

Carnegie Fund Finds Use.

New York July 15.—The custodian of the \$10,000,000 Carnegie Peace Foundation announced today a campaign of popular education to establish friendlier relations between the United States and Japan. The division of intercourse and education has arranged an exchange "to give to each people better knowledge of the other and to help build up a public opinion in both countries that will resist all attempts to arouse antagonism."

Under this plan, Dr. Inazo Nitobi, president of the first high college of Tokyo, and one of Japan's foremost educators, will be brought here early in October to spend about six weeks each at Brown University, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and the Universities of Virginia, Illinois and Minnesota, lecturing on Japanese history and current problems.

The following year "a distinguished American" will be sent to Japan on a similar errand.

Airship Visits White House.

Washington, July 15.—President Taft received his first aerial visitor shortly before 3 o'clock today. The president stood on the rear portico of the White House as Aviator Harry N. Atwood, of Boston, after circling the Washington monument, flew directly into the White House grounds and landed on the grassy lawn, a short distance from the portico. Alighting from the machine, Atwood walked to where the president stood and was presented by him with a gold medal from the Aero Club of Washington.

Twain Estate \$471,136.

New York.—Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) left actual property worth \$471,136. An appraisal of his estate places this value on securities and real estate bequeathed to his only surviving child, Mrs. Gabrielowitch, when he died, on April 21, 1910. Clemens left no real estate in New York. The value of his personal estate here was \$296,746. This does not include a trunkful of manuscripts, the value of which is not specified in the appraisal.

Luzon Swept By Typhoon.

Manila, July 15.—Northern Luzon has been swept by a typhoon. All the wires are down and the observers believe it is the worst experienced in years. Details, because of the lack of communication, have not been received.

France is in Treaty Mood.

Washington, D. C.—France, it is announced, is virtually ready to sign a general arbitration treaty with the United States, similar to the one with Great Britain.

FOREIGN TRADE BIG

All Records Broken for Fiscal Year Ended June 30.

Balance in Favor of Home Products \$520,000,000—Half of Imports Enter Free of Duty.

Washington, July 17.—All foreign business records of the United States were broken during the fiscal year ended June 30. Figures of the bureau of statistics issued today show that the volume of foreign business amounted to the enormous sum of more than \$3,500,000,000, which exceeded the record year of 1907 by more than \$263,000,000.

The country's exports for the first time exceeded the \$2,000,000,000 mark, while the imports were second only to last year's. The year closed with a balance of trade of more than \$520,000,000 in favor of American business. This is \$332,000,000 more than last year's balance, but was exceeded by the record years of 1908 and 1901 and 1900 and 1899.

Fifty per cent of the imports entered the country free of duty, being greater than at any time in the history of the trade, except in 1892-93-94, when sugar was being imported free under the McKinley tariff law.

The total value of merchandise entering free, however, was larger than in any year heretofore.

NORTHWEST HAS HOTTEST DAY IN PAST FOUR YEARS

Portland, July 17.—Portland was not the hottest place in the Pacific Northwest yesterday, though for two hours in the afternoon, while perspiring folk stamped for shade and coolness, the thermometer stood at 97 degrees and Brother Beals, the genial weather man, registered the hottest consecutive 120 minutes since 1907. But that 97 degrees was as the gentle warmth of a day in spring, compared to the heat in other towns in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In 11 cities that had been heard from last night, the thermometer stood above 100 degrees. Etopia, a little water tank station in Central Washington, near Pasco, was perhaps the hottest place in the United States, the mercury climbing to 110 degrees.

Following were the maximum temperatures Sunday in Pacific Northwest cities: Portland 97; Albany 102; Salem 102; Roseburg 105; The Dalles 104; Bend 98; Seattle 92; Vancouver 99; Walla Walla 108; Ashland 104; Baker 96; Boise 98; Marshfield 70; North Yakima 106; Tacoma 88; Goldendale 106; Pullman 100; Lewiston 106; Etopia 110; Spokane 99.

SHELL 400,000 YEARS OLD.

Tortoise Fossil Preserves Color Through Ages.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Three thousand feet above sea level on the slopes of Mount Baldy, and 50 miles from the coast in Orange county, Thomas Donlon picked up the perfect fossil of a huge sea tortoise, which Hector Alliot, curator of the Southwest museum, pronounces the most important discovery of the kind ever made in Southern California.

Donlon has a bee ranch and was seeking a rock to hold down the lid of a hive when he saw the shell protruding from the ground. The stone weighs 100 pounds and shows the exact markings and some of the original color on the back and yellow bottom. The specimen is nearly 30 inches in diameter.

Alliot estimates that it is 400,000 years old, the most ancient specimen ever picked up on the Western hemisphere. The tortoise swam in these seas, he says, when California and all the territory this side of the Rocky mountains was still a mile or two under water.

Madero to Disband Army.

Puebla, Mex.—Professing surprise at the many Maderistas he finds yet bearing arms, and realizing the danger of maintaining an undisciplined army in time of peace, Francisco I. Madero has determined upon a policy of immediate disarmament. He said the work of mustering out revolutionary forces would be started at once and would be prosecuted vigorously until Mexico has but one army. It is believed that the battle in Puebla was started by young men of the town firing on the barracks of both armies.

Wealth Due to Wife.

Cleveland, O.—John D. Rockefeller says that it was a woman, and that woman his wife, who made him the richest man in the world. To her assistance in his financial ventures and her good advice at crucial periods he admits he owes his fortune. From early days, when the business had its beginning, she has known the details of every transaction of the trust. Mr. Rockefeller stated in an interview on the subject.

Monitor Survivor Dies.

Sawtell, Cal.—Michael Mooney, said to be one of the three survivors of the crew which manned the "Monitor," when it fought and vanquished the Confederate ram "Merrimac," died Saturday night aged 74, at the National Soldiers' Home. On the anniversary of the battle, Mooney sent a letter recalling the events of the day to another survivor, who lives in Philadelphia.