

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Further revision of the tariff will be made the keynote of the coming campaign.

It is estimated that the fire loss in the forests of the Northwest will reach \$10,000,000.

Official news has been received in Washington of the death of the Madriz government in Nicaragua.

Paris fashions decree that the "hobble skirt" for women shall be supplanted by the "tube skirt."

Southern delegates to the National Coopers' convention declare that prohibition has not hurt their trade.

An O. R. & N. train was struck by a landslide near The Dalles and narrowly escaped being pushed into the Columbia river.

An effort will be made to shift the entire responsibility for the Illinois Central car repair graft on J. T. Harahan, president of the road.

A 14-year-old girl while out rowing on Puget Sound was caught by the tide and carried away from shore, and was not rescued until 2 o'clock next morning. She was nearly exhausted from exposure and fright.

A 14-year-old boy sleeping in a camp near Weston, Ore., was seized by a huge cougar and was being dragged away when a man with whom he was sleeping was aroused, and timely assistance frightened the beast away. The boy was uninjured.

Mayor Gaynor of New York City is improving rapidly.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn was destroyed by fire at her dock in San Francisco.

Thirty-three soldiers were prostrated by heat during practice marches in Kansas.

Steady rains are falling in Chehalis county, Wash., extinguishing the forest fires there.

Wallace, Idaho, is reported to have had a population of exactly 3,000 when the census was taken in April.

F. August Heintz, one of the wealthiest mining men of this country, will be married September 1 to an actress.

The British cruiser Bedford went ashore on the Korean coast and will be a total loss. Eighteen men were drowned.

Senator Warner, of Missouri, announces that on account of old age he will not again be a candidate for reelection. He is 71 years old.

A national bank of Spokane, Wash., is issuing bank notes which are supposed to be antiseptic. They are signed with ink composed largely of carbolic acid.

Oakland, Cal., gave rousing welcome to the first railroad train to reach that city over the new Western Pacific, which is a direct trans-continental ocean-to-ocean line.

Two lads fishing from a skiff at Newport, Ore., were caught by a strong ebb tide and were being carried out to sea when they were rescued by the life-saving crew.

It is said the coming political campaign will be one of the bitterest on record in many of the political centers, as many old politicians will be making a fight for their political lives.

Two desperadoes attempted to capture a steamer just outside San Francisco. They killed the captain, but after a desperate fight with the crew one of them leaped overboard and the other was captured.

President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt are again fellow-workers in the same political field. The threat that they might pull apart has been forefended by a full explanation on one side and an unreserved acceptance on the other.

Political graft hunters in New York have failed to find any graft.

A plot has been discovered to overthrow the Portuguese government.

Madriz has fled from Managua, Nicaragua. Estrada's forces are approaching the city.

A Pennsylvania man sent out 5,000 sermons on gossip to critics of his matrimonial affairs.

A shepherd was found dying of rabies on an Eastern Washington range, where he had been bitten by a coyote.

It is rumored that Miss Catherine Elkins, who is to wed the Duke d'Abuzzi, will eventually be queen of Greece.

Troops have been rushed to Crater Lake forest reserve to fight fires. Men are falling exhausted from exertion and heat.

The Duke Franz Josef, of Barvaria, visiting at Newport, R. I., was badly shaken up in an auto collision with a car driven by Vincent Astor.

The latest census gives the population of Canada as 7,489,781.

A Pennsylvania boy died from lockjaw resulting from a bee sting.

SHOWERS QUENCH FIRES.

Weather Comes to Rescue of Idaho and Montana Forests.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—Light rain began to fall this afternoon in Wallace and other Coeur d'Alene mining towns that have been scorched or threatened by the forest fires, and the weary firefighters took new hope. Nothing but a heavy downpour will quench the flames that are eating up the big trees of Northern Idaho, Northwestern Montana and Northeastern Washington, however.

The Idaho militia and United States troops are on the way to do battle with the red invader, but the soldiers can accomplish little more than protection of the threatened towns.

Ranger Kottkey, who with 200 men was reported as missing, is unharmed. He was never near Wallace, as reported, but was near Adair, Idaho, on the Milwaukee. He reached Missoula this morning and reported his men safe, except two packers. Tonight he left Missoula at the head of a party which went to search for missing fighters along the line of the Milwaukee, where it is believed all will, in time, be located.

Ranger Van Dyke, on Independence creek, and Ranger Derrick, at Saltese, Mont., both reported tonight. It had been feared that Van Dyke's crew of 75 men had been cut off.

The most sensational rumors of loss of life continue to be circulated, but it is impossible to verify them and it seems likely that, aside from losses among the national rangers, the number of dead in the three states will not exceed 100.

The known victims of the forest fires number 53, as follows:

In and near Wallace, Idaho, 38; in and near Newport, Wash., 8; near St. Joe, Idaho, 6 men, supposed to be forest rangers; at Saltese, Mont., 1.

The Idaho militiamen are on the way from the encampment at American Lake, near Tacoma, to the Coeur d'Alenes. President Taft notified Governor Brady today that he would send to Idaho all the troops available, but that United States soldiers could not be used for police duty. Governor Brady will go to the front tomorrow. None of the towns in Idaho are in immediate danger, it is believed.

WATER FIRM BANKRUPT.

College Professors Prove to Be Poor Business Men.

Boise, Idaho—The Grandview Land & Irrigation company was declared bankrupt by Judge Bryan, of the Seventh judicial district court, sitting at Caldwell. George F. Fenton was appointed receiver, under \$7,000 bonds. He took immediate charge of the canal system.

Complaint against the company was filed by N. C. and Harriet J. Massey, heavy land owners, who charged that the officers conspired to bankrupt the settlers, that their orchards and crops are ruined, owing to failure to deliver water for irrigation, and that the money paid the officers was used personally by them instead of on the system.

Professor Holden, former president of the University of Iowa, is president of the company.

CLAYTON SURROUNDED BY FIRE

Passengers on Train Bring News That Town is Doomed.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—Passengers on a Spokane Falls & Northern railroad train which arrived here tonight reported that when the train passed through Clayton, Stevens county, Washington, this afternoon, a great forest fire had almost reached the edge of the town, which apparently was doomed to destruction.

Clayton has several hundred inhabitants and is the seat of an important sewerpipe industry. Destruction of the town would involve large financial loss, but probably no casualties. There is no way of obtaining further news, wire communication being cut off.

Josephine Has Ten Fires.

Grants Pass, Ore., Aug. 24.—Ten forest fires are burning in Josephine county. The local forest officers are working their men day and night. The force has been doubled. Besides these regular fire fighters farmers are being drafted, while many whose property is endangered are banding together for the best protection that can be had.

Of the ten burning districts, two are taking on a serious aspect. At Six-Mile creek, the fire has spread over a territory 15 miles square.

Man, 80, Walks 1880 Miles.

Portland—Reaching here on the last leg of his journey half way across the continent on foot, Anderson Love, 83 years of age, was picked up and cared for by the police. The octogenarian started on his Western journey from Minneapolis in March, soon after he was compelled to abandon his employment in the flouring mills of that city because of deafness. Having no living relatives save a grandson on a ranch near Roseburg, the aged man, desiring to be with him, started to walk to his destination with but \$4 in his pockets.

Pope Balks at Fashion.

London—A dispatch from Rome received here by a news agency states that Pope Pius X has requested all bishops to publish pastoral letters disapproving prevailing feminine fashions. Several Italian bishops, says the dispatch, have already done so at Milan, Turin and Venice. At these places priests are denouncing in churches the scandalous attire in which women have been appearing in public places.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

WATER RIGHTS IS ISSUE.

State Commission Preparing to Hear All Willow Creek Cases

Vale—The State water commission has advertised for meetings on Willow creek to determine the rights of all the water users on this stream. Under the new water code all the rights are to be settled in one suit. Willow creek is a flood water stream, about 100 miles long, and is used by the people from its head to its mouth at Vale. The Eastern Oregon Land company has agents in Vale with a view of securing some rights, while the Willow Creek Land & Irrigation company is planning to protect all its rights and Upper Willow Creek users arrived in Vale recently and are preparing their evidence.

J. H. Rose, S. M. Matthews, Francis Rose, C. T. Locey, Pierce Smith and several others who have had ranches and used water from 15 to 25 years are among these, and the lower ranches, consisting of probably 30 users, are making up their cases. F. M. Saxton, the water commissioner for this district will be here the latter part of August to begin taking evidence.

It is conceded that whichever way the decisions are made the case will go through the Circuit, and Supreme courts before being finally determined.

BONDS ESCAPE OREGON TAX.

Property Owned by Harriman Can Leave No Revenue to State.

Salem—In response to a letter of several weeks ago from George A. Steel, state treasurer, Attorney General Crawford has just submitted an opinion that stocks and bonds of a corporation under the laws of Oregon are personal property governed by the laws of the domicile instead of the location of the corporation and therefore escape the payment of inheritance tax.

The question involved arose after the death of E. H. Harriman. As he held stock extensively in Oregon railroads and other properties of the state, could the inheritance tax act have been construed as against the Harriman estate, it would have added several hundred thousand dollars to the state treasury.

As it is the attorney general believes that these stocks and bonds, being personal property, are subject to the laws of whatever state Harriman may have been residing in at the time of his death.

LINCOLN FAIR TO BE BEST.

September Festival Promises to Show Vast Growth.

Toledo—The second annual Lincoln County Fair and Festival, to be held at Toledo, September 6, 7, 8 and 9, promises to be the greatest fair ever held in the county. The stock exhibits will be many, and as this county is producing some fine graded stock, this exhibition will be productive of much good. Fruit, vegetables and all other kinds of farm produce will be brought here from every section of the county.

The fair committee, which is composed of representative men and women from every locality of the county, is determined to make this the greatest and best fair ever held here. New grounds have been leased and permanent buildings are being erected and the Lincoln County fair will hereafter be a permanent affair.

Roseburg Pears Go East.

Roseburg—Three carloads of pears grown in the Eden Bower orchards, two miles north of Roseburg, were shipped recently by E. M. McKeany, of the Producers' fruit company, of Sacramento. Mr. McKeany pronounced the pears grown here equal to those grown in counties north of Douglas.

The Eden Bower product brought an average of \$1.60 a box. Besides these, other Douglas county fruitgrowers have shipped East this season five carloads of pears from Winston, six cars from Dillard and one car from Myrtle Creek.

Enterprise May Get Sugar Factory.

Enterprise—Judge Rolapp, of Salt Lake, representing the sugar trust, has left Enterprise after an inspection of the soil here and its adaptability to sugar beet culture on a large scale. In a public statement Judge Rolapp said: "You may say for me that the soil of what is known as the Slope here is the best sugar beet ground I have inspected."

The judge further stated that if the required acreage could be insured there would be a sugar factory here.

Monster Sunflower.

Adams—Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley have a sunflower plant growing in their front yard which they claim eclipses the one grown by Major Lee Moorehouse, of Pendleton, two years ago, and which was written up in local papers as a champion bloom producer. The Moorhouse plant contained 28 blooms on a single stalk, while on the one in the Bentley yard there are 35.

Plan Big Chicken Farm.

Medford—J. A. Armstrong is building what is, perhaps, the second largest chicken house in the state, the only one known to be larger is that at the experimental station of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. This house will be 186 feet long by 12 feet wide. Mr. Armstrong is developing a farm of 10 acres where eggs will be a specialty.

OREGON LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Good Books for Winter Reading Can Be Had by Villagers.

Salem—The Oregon Library Commission has several new traveling libraries ready to send out into the state. The traveling libraries are intended for farming communities and small villages not enjoying library privileges and unable to support a library. There is absolutely no charge for the libraries except the transportation charges both ways. The books are packed in a strong wooden box and sent by freight; the weight averages 100 pounds. The library may be kept six months, and then returned to the commission and exchanged for another and different lot of books. The books must be loaned free of charge to all responsible persons in the community.

The libraries are usually kept in the most convenient public place, a schoolhouse, postoffice, grange hall, store, or in a home. They are made up of the very best books for grown people and for children. Each library contains 50 popular and interesting books of fiction, history, travel, biography, science, sociology, and literature, books which old and young will enjoy.

If you are interested in a traveling library for your community, write to the Library Commission, Salem, for further information.

CLAMBAKE ANNUAL AFFAIR.

Newport People Pleased Over Success of First Festival.

Newport—Newport will have an annual clam bake owing to the success of the clam bake on August 14. The oven is permanent and the necessary sea foods are easy to obtain.

Sunday was selected as the date for the recent clam bake as the saloons are closed on that day. Rev. J. R. N. Bell defended the date, saying that he would feel as much at home at such a well-regulated clam bake as he would if he were invited to a private dinner on Sunday. The crowds, he said, were the best he had ever seen, in church or out. All the visitors seemed to agree with him, as they have showered congratulations on the committee who arranged the affair.

The Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Company did the best it could, but many were compelled to stand in the cars. It is believed here that such crowds as have come to Newport this summer will force the railroad company to build around the bay from Yaquina, and thus do away with the ferryboat and waiting for the exchange of baggage.

Fight Films Curtailed.

Cottage Grove—The Johnson-Jeffries moving pictures were put on at a local picture showhouse last week. After the show had been in progress a short time, Acting Chief of Police Brown ordered the manager to quit selling tickets for the exhibition, and placed the owner of the film under arrest, as only 10 of the 14 rounds were shown. Later the issue was adjusted after the show was advertised as a "10-round reproduction of the Jeffries-Johnson fight."

Small Fish of Fine Quality.

Astoria—The run of fish has showed some improvement, the seines on Sand Island making much better catches than last week. The fish are running small and are of a fine quality, but the large fish are not of the best, being so poor that cold storage plants have ceased pickling and smoking them.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96@98c; club, 86@88c; red Russian, 84@85c; valley, 92c; forty-fold, 87@88c; Turkey red, 90c.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy Willamette Valley, \$18@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@21; alfalfa, new, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$24.50@25 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$30; shorts, \$21@22; rolled barley, \$25@26.

Oats—New, \$29@29.50 per ton.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, 50c@1.50 per box; apricots, 75c@1; plums, 75c@1; pears, \$1.25@1.50; peaches, 40c@75c; grapes, 75c@1.25; blackberries, \$1.75 per crate; loganberries, \$1.50 per crate.

Melons—Watermelons, \$1.67@1.25 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$1.50@3 per crate.

Vegetables—Beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2@3c; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 90c; corn, 25c; cucumbers, 25@40c per box; eggplant, 6@8c per pound; garlic, 8@10c; green onions, 15c per dozen; peppers, 50c per box; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; squash, 40c per crate; tomatoes, 30@60c per box.

Sack Vegetables—Carrots, \$1@1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.00.

Potatoes—New, \$1.25@1.35 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 4c per pound.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$2.50 per sack; Oregon, \$2@2.25 per sack.

Eggs—Oregon candied, 28@29c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 34c per pound; butter fat, 34c per pound; country store butter, 24c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 17 1/2@18c per pound; Young America, 18 1/2@19c.

Poultry—Hens, 18@19c; springs, 18@19c; ducks, 12@14c; geese, 10@11 1/2c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22 1/2@25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

FOREST FIRES GRIP TOWN OF WALLACE

Fifty are reported dead in and around Wallace, Idaho, where the property loss is \$1,000,000. The fire has not enlarged on the area burned Saturday night.

Mullan is probably safe but fires threaten. Elk City is reported still unburned.

Four or more are dead in fires near Newport, Wash. One hundred and eighty men in the forestry service are surrounded in the St. Joe country.

Taft and St. Regis, Mont. have been burned. Saltese is surrounded by fire. Deborgia is seriously threatened. Haughan, Mont., is reported destroyed.

There is a solid line of fire from Thompson Falls, Mont., for 50 miles to the Idaho line, with portions of Belknap, White Pine, Hoxon and Heron burning.

Conflagrations rage in the Gallatin forest, Montana. Thompson Falls is in peril.

Ymir, B. C., is in danger from fires which are burning in the bush. Other fires are gaining headway in that region and the situation is serious.

Avery, Idaho, is destroyed, the people fleeing to Tekoa.

MANY BUILDINGS BURNED.

Women and Children Flee on Trains—Skeletons Found.

Missoula, Mont.—The forest fire situation on both sides of the Idaho-Montana line is more serious than at any time this season.

Flames are sweeping over an increasing area, destroying small settlements and wiping out of existence millions of dollars' worth of property.

The loss of life will be large. It grows hourly, and the number of injured is constantly increasing. In and around Wallace it is estimated here the death list is at least 50.

In addition to at least 25 otherwise hurt, it is said that ten persons have been made blind.

Indications in Wallace, however, are that nearly half of the city will be saved. Communications with Wallace to the west has been possible at intervals, but eastward it is entirely cut off and it is known that the entire east half of the town, above Seventh street, has been burned. West of that a hard fight is being made and with improvement in the water supply there is more chance that the flames may be driven back.

In Wallace the dead include: John Boyd, pioneer of the district and for 16 years general agent of the Northern Pacific railroad here, suffocated in his home in Pearl street while trying to rescue the family parrot.

Two unknown, whose skeletons were found in the ruins of the Michigan house.

Unknown man, burned to death in the Coeur d'Alene house.

Backfiring, in which the members of the city fire department, a company of the Twenty-fifth infantry and many volunteers joined, prevented new fires west and south.

The loss to the city is estimated at close to \$1,000,000. Some of the principal losers are:

Coeur d'Alene Hardware company, warehouse and stock, \$150,000.

Sunset brewery, \$80,000.

Providence hospital and the big mills of the Federal Mining company were the only buildings in the East End that were saved.

Forest Supervisor George W. Weigel reports that the region between Wallace and the St. John river is swept practically clean, with enormous loss.

Fires between Burke and Mullan threaten both towns and many women and children have been sent out.

At War Eagle tunnel six were found dead and two badly burned. Five of the dead were in the tunnel, where they had sought refuge. They lay face down in water, covered with wet rags and blankets.

Some had died from the fire and some from suffocation by smoke. The injured were taken to Providence hospital in Wallace.

Twelve dead were recovered at Big Creek. There were three injured and three others were completely blinded.

One fire fighter was found dead near Mullan, and 16 are injured at that place. There are at Pine Creek three dead, five blinded and five others injured.

Blue Mountains All Ablaze.

Dayton, Wash.—A dense pall of smoke hangs over Southeastern Washington obscuring the Blue mountains and indicating that devastating fires are again raging in the Wenaha reserve on the Oregon side, 30 miles east of here. Judging from the density of the smoke, the fires now burning are the most appalling this summer. Menger districts received from the burned district tell of the location, which is in the heavy pine and fir timber near the headwaters of the Asotin river near Teal's camp.

Farmhouses Destroyed.

Grants Pass, Ore.—Fire that originated along the Murphy road and burned into Fruitdale, three miles south of town, is still raging in the upper part of the valley and threatening the Breitmayer home. Residents of that district are exhausted from work. A patrol from town has assisted, but the fire is running in dry grass and underbrush. So intense was the heat on the county road that it was impassable. Several hundred trees have been burned.

CHOAS RULES IN MADRIZ CAPITAL

Government is Tottering and People Panic-Stricken

Estrada Army Approaches and Lives and Property of Americans Are in Peril.

Washington—The provisional government of Nicaragua is tottering to its fall, the Madriz army is demoralized, consternation reigns in Managua and Dr. Madriz, his general-in-chief, Toledo, and general Irias, are preparing to flee the country.

This, in effect, is the news received by the State department from United States Consul Olivares at Managua, and these advices are confirmed by dispatches from Mr. Johnson, United States consul at Corinto.

The panic in the capital is threatening the lives and property of Americans. Crowds are reported traversing the streets crying, "Death to the Americans."

While the cruisers Vicksburg and Yorktown are at Corinto and in close touch with the situation, the legation and consulates in Managua are under heavy police guard and preparations have been made to meet attacks on American lives and property.

The situation grew out of the victory won Thursday by the revolutionists, who defeated a strong column of government troops and crossed the Tipitapa river.

The removal of the government army seems complete. Mr. Olivares reports that General Toledo, who was in command of the Madriz troops, arrived in Managua following his defeat and announced that his force had been seized with panic and fled when attacked. Soldiers made their escape to Granada while others continued their fight to the capital.

Granada appears to be at the mercy of an undisciplined mob of soldiers, who are reported to be pillaging the houses there.

It is added that the Estrada force is already at the gates of the city and is preparing to take the place by assault. From the evident demoralized condition of the Madriz forces, observers believe that Granada will be taken by Estrada with little trouble and the way to the capital thus practically will be clear.

It seems the unanimous opinion in Managua, Mr. Olivares reports, that the power of Madriz is steadily weakening and that his overthrow may be momentarily expected. The revolutionary army is only 20 miles from the capital and the capture of Managua is looked upon as inevitable.

BURBANK'S LATEST A PEACH.

Juice and Color of Crawford Surround Small Colorless Pit.

Santa Rosa—Horticulturists and fruitgrowers are united in their praise of the two new varieties of peaches and one of plums produced by Luther Burbank, the plant wizard. Crosses of the Crawford and Muir species have resulted in a fruit of greater commercial value. The Bartlett plum seedling is also a betterment in shape, color and preponderance of flesh over pit.

Most of the juiciness and high color of the Crawford peach has been transferred by Burbank to the smaller and firmer pit of the Muir. The color-free pit of the Muir is also retained. The vigor and ability of the new trees to resist diseases is still another recommendation of the Burbank creations.

E. J. Wickson, dean of the college of agriculture of the University of California, pronounces the new variety "a peach."

Private Timber Protected.

Clover Creek, Ore.—The forest fire which has been raging here for the past week is still spreading and the soldiers promised have not yet arrived, and there are not men enough to control the flames.

The smoke is heavy and the heat is something awful. The fire is running to the north and east on the government land and to the south on the private holdings. It is being held in check on the west by firefighters. There are between 50 and 60 men fighting fire for the lumber companies.

Coyote Bite; Then Rabies.

Asotin, Wash.—An unknown shepherd was found along the Snake river 20 miles from here in a very precarious condition with rabies, resulting from a bite of a mad coyote. The shepherd was coming down the river from the mountains where he had been employed for several months. As he was passing over a high rim rock, he was confronted by a coyote, which, when within a few feet made a spring, burying its teeth deep into the flesh of his body. The herder has slight chance of recovery.

Forty Strikers Freed.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Forty strikers, charged with acting as pickets at the Craig shipbuilding works, Long Beach, were discharged from custody by order of Judge Hart and their cases dismissed after they had been in jail ten days awaiting trial. A mistrial and the acquittal by a jury of two of the alleged strongest cases convinced the judge that the police had acted too hastily in making the arrests. He said the city should cut out the expense.