

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.

An explosion in an Oklahoma coal mine killed 13 men.

A big rush is expected among Spokane women when the registration books open.

Madero's brother says the Mexican revolt is gaining and that President Diaz is badly scared.

A bank at Bath, Me., has failed on account of competition, after 42 years of successful career.

The German leather industry is endangered by the high price of the American hide supply.

Austria refuses to discontinue discrimination against American oil and its products and a diplomatic conflict is on.

Louis Brandeis, of Boston, asserts that American railroads could save \$1,000,000 a day by scientific management.

The proposed river and harbor bill to be placed before the coming session of congress carries appropriations aggregating \$30,000,000.

Rate experts testifying on behalf of shippers before the Interstate Commerce commission declare the proposed rate increases were unjust and unfairly distributed.

The report of the Washington state board of control on the insane asylum shows that the cost of living has increased out of all proportion to the increase in wages.

Mexican rebels at Chihuahua have been reinforced and a big battle is expected.

The commission form of government has failed to cut down municipal expenses in Tacoma.

The physical valuation of railroads is believed to be a long step towards regulation of rates.

Traffic was tied up for two hours on a Seattle suburban line by a riot which followed a dispute over a 10-cent fare.

In a suburb of Berlin 2,500,000 gallons of benzine exploded. No one was killed, but the property loss is \$350,000.

A theatrical magnate of Baltimore has given \$100,000 to build a hospital and industrial home for crippled children.

The government has begun a second desperate fight against the sugar trust, consisting of nearly 30 separate concerns.

The British parliament has been dissolved, and one faction threatens to rebel if home rule wins in the coming elections.

All hope of finding B. E. Corbin, the missing Boise, Idaho, banker, has been abandoned. He went hunting a week ago and no trace of him can be found.

The absconding teller of a Los Angeles bank, who disappeared Sept. 17 with \$100,000 of the bank's funds, telegraphed that he was starving in a Mexican prison and \$100 was sent him.

Political factions had a fierce fight on the streets of Cork, Ireland.

Twenty-five persons lost their lives in a box factory fire at Newark, N. J.

Governor Clark, of Alaska, says Pinchotism is the curse of that territory.

Michael Cudahy, founder of the great Cudahy Packing company is dead.

King George, of England, will aid the Liberals if they win the coming elections.

The Internal Revenue department says illicit distilling is largely on the increase in Prohibition states.

It is claimed that several thousand babies are starving in Chicago as the result of the garment workers' strike, which is no nearer settlement than ever.

Count Nascimento, of Portugal, was not satisfied with the \$1,000,000 dower of his prospective American bride, and the girl's father has declared the match off.

A force of 600 Mexican troops routed 400 rebels after six hours' fighting, killing 15 revolutionists and wounding many. The government forces had several wounded.

A prominent physician of Moline, Ill., was arrested for attempting to export \$35,000 from the president of the John Deere Plow company by means of imitation Black Hand letters.

A big battle is expected for the senatorship from Kansas.

Representative Tawney opposes the idea of fortifying the Panama canal.

General Madero, the Mexican revolutionary leader is reported to be wounded.

Berlin police have warned women against wearing dangerously long hat pins.

A ten-round fight at Akron, Ohio, was opened by prayer, by an evangelist, who was introduced by the mayor.

JAIL PALACE FOR FOUR.

Convicted Cattle Kings to Have Jap Chef in Prison.

Omaha — W. G. Comstock, Bartley R. Charles Richards, Charles Jamison and Aquila Triplet, land barons and millionaire cattle kings of Nebraska, were convicted in the Federal court of fencing government land and sentenced to one year in the county jail. After spending a month visiting the various county jails in the state they departed for Hastings. There they will become inmates of the Adams county jail.

The four men are not to be treated like ordinary prisoners. With them they took a Japanese chef, who will do their cooking. They have ordered expensive furniture and carpets sent to the Hastings jail as furnishings for their rooms. In addition they purchased and sent out a large and well selected library. They have subscribed for a number of daily papers and many of the leading magazines. The windows of their rooms have been hung with expensive lace curtains. The floors are carpeted and in a general way, it is said, the cells have the appearance of well appointed club rooms.

HONDURAIN PORTS TAKEN.

Revolutionists Under Bonilla Win Important Points.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua — Advice received from Tegucigalpa state that the Atlantic ports of Honduras and the department of Comayagua, have been captured by revolutionists under the leadership of former president Manuel Bonilla.

Government forces sent to retake the territory joined the enemy.

General Bonilla brought about an unsuccessful revolt against the government of President Davila last summer. Later he sought refuge in Guatemala, from which country he was deported. Recently he was reported to be in New Orleans organizing an expedition which was to attack the Atlantic coast of Honduras. Bonilla's cause was helped somewhat by the rebellion of General Jose Valladares, the governor of the island of Amapala. The latter was recently deposed and came to this country.

ELGIN BUTTER MEN AT WAR.

"Insurgents" Say Prices Have Been "Fixed" for Years.

Chicago — An "insurgent" movement on the part of Chicago members of the Elgin Butter board has brought into the limelight alleged manipulation of prices by that body, and assures a bitter fight for control at the annual election to be held December 19.

For more than a quarter of a century the quotations of the Elgin board have served as a basis on which butter was bought and sold in practically every part of the United States.

It is charged by the "insurgents" that the butter board is manipulated solely in the interests of a clique that has been in control of the official machinery for years, and that prices are made by the quotation committee with a view to pleasing one butter company.

Masked Men Rob Mine.

Winnemucca, Nev. — Three masked men who broke into the tunnel of a rich gold mine near here overlooked \$8,000 worth of high grade ore. The robbers broke down four heavy doors at the entrance to the tunnel. Meeting six miners, they made them face the wall. While one of the intruders stood guard, the other two searched for treasure. In their haste they did not notice the rich ore that had already been packed in sacks and was standing in the slope. The identity of the robbers is said to be known.

Forger Dismisses Appeal.

Jefferson City, Mo. — Dwight Fortner, of St. Louis, under two years' sentence to the penitentiary for forging his name to a \$12,000 check, appeared in the Supreme court with his lawyer, had his appeal dismissed and went to the penitentiary to begin serving his sentence. Since his conviction a year ago, Fortner has been managing a hotel in Eldorado, Ark. He was arrested in Paris after a chase through Central America.

Polar Trip is Started.

Christ Church, New Zealand — The ship Terra Nova, bearing the British South Polar expedition under the command of Captain Robert F. Scott, has sailed from Port Chalmers for the Antarctic. The Terra Nova sailed from London on June 1 last and gradually worked her way south. Captain Scott, who joined the vessel in New Zealand, hopes to reach the South Pole in December of 1911.

Nebraska Bourbons Win.

Lincoln, Neb. — The official vote of the November election in Nebraska shows that Aldrich, Republican, for governor, has a plurality of 15,530 over Dahlgren, Democrat. Every state officer elected is Republican, but the Democrats have a majority in both houses of the legislature.

Taxicab Strike Settled.

New York — Following a conference between Mayor Gaynor and William H. Ashton, general organizer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, in the City hall, it was announced that the taxicab strike had been practically settled.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

TAX AMENDMENT CARRIES.

Official Figures Reverse First Reports of Result.

Compilation of the official vote on the various initiative and referendum measures, as canvassed by the county election boards, reverses the result heretofore announced on the county taxation amendment that appeared under the ballot numbers 326 yes and 327 no. Instead of having been defeated, the complete figures show that the measure has carried by a majority of 1,655.

The amendment carried is the most radical and sweeping of the three tax amendments submitted. Two that were proposed by the legislative assembly in response to a movement fostered by the state grange were defeated. These amendments removed the restrictions in the constitution on exempting certain classes of property or on levying a less rate of taxation on one class of property than on another.

The county tax as it is commonly known, was submitted through the initiative by the labor organizations of the state. It takes from the legislature all power to pass laws regulating taxation or exemptions and gives that power solely to the people, although the legislature may submit such laws for approval or rejection at the polls. Each county is permitted to regulate taxation within its borders as it sees fit. The levying of poll tax is prohibited.

The bill is regarded as having been designed as an entering wedge for "single tax" measures. Under its provisions a county whose voters were so disposed might adopt that system, even though the measure could not muster strength in the state at large to be made a state law. The following are the measures that have been adopted and majority on each:

An act authorizing the location, construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon, 7,587.

A bill providing for the support and maintenance of the Monmouth normal school, 10,361.

A constitutional amendment empowering the people of each county to regulate taxation and exemptions within the county regardless of constitutional restrictions or state statutes, and abolish poll tax, 1,655.

Home rule liquor bill, 4,547.

Employers' liability law, 22,112.

A bill prohibiting the taking of fish from the Rogue river except by hook and line, 16,203.

Good roads amendment, 18,028.

Presidential primary law, 1,679.

Three-fourths jury amendment, 5,238.

The greatest number of votes cast on any measure was on the prohibition law, which received a total of more than 106,000. The bill is defeated by 20,915. Approximately 11,000 votes fewer than those cast for candidates for governor were polled on this bill.

Statewide prohibition as provided for by constitutional amendment was defeated by 17,846 in a total of more than 104,000 votes recorded on the amendment.

The highest majority polled for or against any measure was on the bill providing that Baker county should pay \$1,000 yearly to the judge of the Eighth judicial district in addition to the annual salary of \$3,000 received by him from the state. In a total of about 84,000 votes there is a majority against the bill of 58,368.

On woman's suffrage 94,659 votes were registered and the amendment was defeated by 22,259.

GIANT PARSNIP IS GROWN.

Rich Chemawa Soil Yields Vegetable Weighing 20 3-4 Pounds.

Chemawa — Twenty and three-quarters pounds is the weight of a giant parsnip which was taken from the garden of the Chemawa Indian school. This great vegetable is one of many almost as large taken from a half-acre of especially productive soil. From this one little spot have been taken already 300 bushels of parsnips, enough to give the Indian students of the school all the parsnips they will need this winter.

John Wesley, school gardener, says this parsnip is the largest ever taken out in this section. He attributes the large size to the rich soil which is found in the Chemawa gardens. Only a few days ago Mr. Wesley found a carrot weighing 10 1/2 pounds.

Chemawa Orchards Give Fine Fruit

Chemawa — Under the direction of John Wesley, chief of the department of gardening at the Chemawa Indian school, the orchards of the school are being thoroughly remade. There are in the orchards about 20 acres of Ben Davis apple trees. Mr. Wesley has taken these trees, noted for their grafting possibilities, and grafted on the tops the finest varieties of apples — Baldwins, Red Cheek Pippins and Spitzenbergs.

Cigar Factory at Dalles.

Dallas — J. J. Campbell will open a cigar factory here about December first. The new business will occupy the building next door to Campbell's real estate office. The building will be completely remodeled and a modern front put in. Mr. Campbell, who is a recent arrival in Oregon from Idaho, is a cigar manufacturer of many years' experience.

FINE POTATO CROP GROWN.

Indian Farmers Make Good Showing On Newly-Cleared Ground.

Chemawa — The Indian boys of the farm department of the Chemawa Indian school have this year harvested one of the finest crops of potatoes ever gathered in this section. While the crop here this year is somewhat below an average crop, the Indian farmers under the direction and instruction of John Westley, have an exceptional yield.

Twenty-four acres of newly cleared land yielded more than 200 bushels an acre, the potatoes being of exceptional size and quality. Five early rose potatoes weighed 19 pounds four ounces, and five Burbanks weighed 16 pounds 10 ounces. It required only 19 of the Burbanks to make a bushel. The largest potato was an early rose, weighing five pounds one ounce. The ground was newly cleared upland and the planting was done the last of May and the first part of June. Dry farming methods were followed all through July, August and September.

Hunting Good in Klamath.

Klamath Falls — The shooting season has been at its best for two weeks. Several hunting parties have come in from Portland and California cities. In every instance the members of the parties succeeded in bagging the limit. The local birds are still in the marshes and the northern birds have been brought in by the recent rains. The excellent hunting found in Klamath county is one of the assets of the country.

Elgin Apples to Be Shown.

Elgin — Sherman Chapple, of the fruit packing firm of Chapple & Whiting, will start in a few days with a car of apples to points in the Middle West, where he expects to sell trial orders for the purpose of advertising the product of this section and to secure orders for fancy apples. In the meantime he will represent the Elgin Commercial club at the Chicago International Irrigation and Land exposition.

Bids for Supplies December 20.

Salem — Bids will be opened December 20 for six months' supplies for the state institutions at Salem, including the state hospital for the insane, the mute school, the blind school, the institute for the feeble-minded and the open air sanatorium for the treatment of indigent pulmonary tuberculosis victims.

Improving Water System.

Harrisburg — The city council is having large additions made to the water system. Four new hydrants are being placed in residence sections. Sewer extensions costing \$1,500 are under way.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Track prices: Bluestem, 79c; club, 77c; red Russian, 74c; valley, 78c; 40-fold, 78c.

Barley — Feed, \$20.50@21 per ton.

Millstuffs — Bran, \$25 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$27; rolled barley, \$24@25.

Hay — Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, new, \$15@16; grain hay, \$14.

Corn — Whole, \$31; cracked, \$32 ton. Oats — \$27@28 per ton.

Poultry — Hens, 17c; springs, 15 1/2@16c; ducks, white, 16c; geese, 11c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, 25@26c; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Eggs — Oregon ranch, candled, 40@42 1/2c; Eastern, Aprils, 30@32c; Eastern fresh, 36@37 1/2c.

Butter — City creamery, solid pack, 36c per pound; prints, 37@37 1/2c; outside creamery, 35@36c; butter fat, 36c; country store, 24@25.

Pork — Fancy, 12@12 1/2c per pound.

Veal — Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 12 1/2@13c.

Apples — King, 40@75c per box; Wolf River, 75c@81c; Waxen, 85c@91c; Baldwin, 75c@81c; Northern Spy, 75c@81c; Snow, 1.25@1.50; Spitzenberg, 1.25@1.25; Winter Banana, 1.75@3.50.

Green Fruits — Pears, 1.25@1.25 per box; grapes, 1.25@1.50; cranberries, \$8.50@9 per barrel; huckleberries, 6@8c per pound.

Vegetables — Beans, 10@11c per pound; cabbage, 3/4@1c; cauliflower, California, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 50@80c per doz; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; sprouts, 7@8c; squash, 1@1 1/2c; tomatoes, \$1.25 per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per hundred; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.

Cattle — Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25@6.55; fair to medium, \$4.50@5.50; choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5.50; good to choice beef cows, 4.50@4.75; medium to good, \$3.50@4; common, \$2@3.50; bulls, \$3.50@4; stags, good to choice, \$4@4.50; calves, light, \$7@7.50; heavy, \$4@5.25.

Potatoes — Oregon, 1.25@1.30 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.

Onions — Oregon, buying prices, \$1.10 per hundred.

Hops — 1910 crop, 12@13 1/2c; 1909 crop, 6c; olds, nominal.

Hogs — Top, \$9.25@9.50; fair to medium, \$9@9.25.

Sheep — Best valley wethers, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best yearling wethers, \$4.25@4.75; best valley ewes, \$3.50@4; lambs, choice mountain, \$5.25@5.75; choice valley, \$4.75@5.

CHINESE LAUNDRY DOOMED.

Nation-Wide Crusade Against Them Is Proposed.

Chicago — The doom of the Chinese laundry as it exists today may be the result of a nation-wide organization soon to be inaugurated. A crusade of education is to be carried on through newspapers and magazines warning against the unsanitary conditions. The movement had its inception in Chicago and it is expected the first effects will be felt here through an ordinance which soon will be reported to the city council providing stringent regulations for all establishments engaged in supplying clean linen.

The ordinance originated with the health department, and at once received the co-operation of the Laundry association, which obtained the incorporation in the ordinance of clauses even more stringent than those originally drafted. The ordinance has been favorably reported by the committee in charge and its passage is practically assured.

It is declared the statistics of the health department show that epidemics of scarlet fever, diphtheria and other diseases were more prevalent in districts where Chinese laundries were thickest, and these laundries have been the cause of spreading disease.

CENSUS FIGURES FOR PORTLAND AND SEATTLE.

Washington — The population of Portland is 207,214, compared with 90,427 in 1909, and 46,385 in 1890. The increase from 1909 to 1910 therefore is 116,788, or 129.2 per cent, as compared with an increase for the preceding decade of 44,041, or 94.9 per cent.

The population of Seattle is 237,194, an increase of 156,523, or 194 per cent over 80,671 in 1900. The population in 1890 was 37,834.

Census Director Durand said that until the complete returns for Oregon are published, showing the population of Portland's suburbs, a just comparison of the population of the two cities could not be made. Seattle has annexed its suburbs, a very considerable population, similarly contiguous to Portland, is outside its corporate limits.

The revision of the Portland figures resulted in the elimination of 15,745 names. The number taken from Seattle's count was 11,188.

HEIRESSSES TO WORK LAND.

Rich Illinois Girls Take Up Montana Homesteads.

Aurora, Ill. — Miss Winnie Benschbach, whose father, William Benschbach, of Princeton, is one of the wealthiest men in Central Illinois, and Miss Kathryn Smith, daughter of W. I. Smith, also a wealthy resident of Princeton, have taken up land claims in Montana and next April will leave their homes and go to the wilderness, 16 miles from Roundup, Mont., to work their homesteads.

Each girl will fall heir to a fortune of close to \$250,000. They have each filed on 160 acres and will live in log cabins for 14 months. Their claims adjoin and the two cabins will be but 30 feet apart. Both girls say they understand farming and will superintend the work on their claims.

THIEF CUTS OFF GIRL'S HAIR

Makes Away With Tresses But Leaves Jewels Untouched.

Seattle — Leaving untouched valuable jewels and watches which lay on her dresser, a miscreant whose identity is unknown, to the police, entered the room of Miss Bertha M. Parks, 19 years old, at her home, 1216 East Alder street, and while she was sleeping, with her sister, cut from her head long tresses of deep auburn hair, and escaped with his plunder.

Miss Parks immediately became hysterical and a physician had to be summoned in an effort to quiet her. She had not been disturbed in the least, yet her auburn tresses, nearly three feet long, were gone. Her sister had not heard any one in the room, but heavy tracks made by muddy feet were visible on the carpet.

Hostile Natives Killed.

Manila — Detachments of troops and constabulary are operating against the hostile Manobos in Davao, Mindanao island. One column has killed several of the tribesmen, these including two who were implicated in the murder of Earl Geer, a planter from Seattle. Another column has killed three implicated in the murder of Geer and other planters, and has recovered Geer's body. A third detachment had two soldiers wounded, while a fourth lost one man killed in ambush. The rounding up of the tribesmen continues.

Snowsheds Wreck Scene.

Truckee, Cal. — A wreck occurred on the Southern Pacific in the snowsheds near Soda Springs at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning which delayed traffic more than six hours. Two cars of a west-bound freight train were wrecked and tore down 200 feet of snowshed, scattering the heavy timbers in a mass on the track. Rails were torn out for a similar distance. A wrecking outfit from Truckee cleared the track.

Union Man Faces Death.

Paris — A jury in the court of assizes at Rouenburcen imposed the death penalty on Secretary Durand, of the Coal Handlers' union, who was accused of instigating the murder of Foreman Donge during the strike on the docks at Harre in September. Donge turned strikebreaker and returned to work. Soon afterward he was beaten to death in the streets.

MANY GIRLS DIE IN FIRE TRAP

Panic-Stricken Employees Leap to Awful Death.

Pour From Windows to Fire Escapes and Fall in Shower Upon Firemen's Heads.

Newark, N. J. — In ten minutes 25 girls were burned alive or crushed to death on the pavement by leaping from the windows and fire escapes of the four-story factory building at Orange and High streets, occupied on the top floor by an underwear manufacturing concern.

It was on the top floor where the death list was heaviest. The lower floors were occupied by two paper box concerns and two electrical fixture factories. The latest count shows that 20 of the 25 bodies recovered have been identified and that six girls are missing. They may be among the unidentified or yet in the ruins. The collapse of a wall interrupted the search for bodies.

Fifty were taken to the hospital, of whom two may die.

Among the injured is Joseph E. Sloan, deputy fire chief, who was overtaken by the falling wall and buried in bricks and rubbish. He is badly hurt but may recover.

The rush of the flames was so swift and threw such terror into the girls on the top floor that the body of one was found still seated on a charred stool beside the machine at which she had been working.

Horrible as must have been what occurred in the crowded upper rooms, what befell outside in the bright sunlight was more horrible.

The building was exceedingly inflammable and the first gush of flames had cut off all escape by the stairways. The elevators made one trip, but took down no passengers and never came back. The only exit was by the fire escapes, the lower platforms of which were 25 feet from the street.

Onto these overcrowded and steep lanes, scorched dancing hot by the jets of flame from the lower windows, pressed forward a mob of women, blind with panic, driven by the fire and the others behind them.

A net had been spread beneath the windows and the girls began to jump, "like rats out of a burning bin," was the way a fireman described the descent.

They came out of the windows like thick treacle, rolled upon the heads of those below them and cascaded off the fire escape to the pavement 60 feet below.

Some of them stood in the windows outlined against the flames and jumped clear. Others jumped from the landings, still others from the steps where they stood. The air was full of them and they fell everywhere — into the net, on the necks of the firemen, and 15 of them on the hard stone slabs.

When the awful rain ceased there were eight dead in the street, and the gutters ran red. Seven were so badly crushed they died in hospitals.

MEXICAN REBELS ROUTED.

Government Troops Kill Fifteen and Wound Many.

Chihuahua, Mexico — In an engagement near this city which lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, 600 Federal troops routed a force of 400 Maderoiats, driving them repeatedly from a strong position and compelling them to take to the mountains.

The revolutionists lost 15 killed and many wounded. There were no fatalities on the Federal side, but several, including three officers, were wounded.

General Navarro was in command of the Federal troops. He left Chihuahua at 5 o'clock in the morning at the head of four companies of the second battalion and two squads of cavalry from the 13th regiment.

Near Fresno, 12 miles out, one of the squads of cavalry fell behind to guard the road. They were ambushed by the rebels, who opened fire from hills on both sides of the highway.

After several hours of heavy fighting the rebels broke for the mountains.

Isthmus Flight Planned.

New York — Clifford B. Harmon and Claude Grahame-White, who will leave Europe on November 30, propose to fly across the English Channel before January 1. On his return to this side, Mr. Harmon will attempt to fly from the deck of the Hamburg-American liner "Moltke" anchored off Colon, across the isthmus of Panama, to the Pacific. Mr. Harmon has arranged this aerial trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific as a demonstration on behalf of the aeronautical reserve, of which he is chief of staff.

Michael Cudahy Is Dead.

Chicago — Michael Cudahy, founder of the packing firm bearing his name, died at 8:45 o'clock Monday night at a hospital here, of double pneumonia. Mr. Cudahy had been ill five days, the disease becoming serious Saturday morning. Mr. Cudahy was born in Callan, County Kilkenny, Ireland, December 17, 1841. He came to the United States with his parents in 1849, the family settling at Milwaukee.

Ban on Whisky Is Upheld.

Knoxville, Tenn. — The Tennessee Supreme court holds as constitutional the act of the Tennessee legislature of 1909 prohibiting the manufacture of whiskey in Tennessee.