

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.

The sugar trust will be investigated next by a congressional committee.

Mexican Socialist rebels in Lower California receive many recruits and will continue the war.

The annual report of the Christian Science mother church shows a great increase in membership.

San Francisco police judges have decided that auto speeders shall serve jail sentences upon their third conviction.

A. G. Rushlight was elected mayor of Portland, Or., by about 3,000 majority over Simon, the present incumbent.

John Dillon, Nationalist member of parliament from East Mayo, is near death as the result of an automobile accident.

Lieutenant Bogue, a French aviator, is believed to have been lost at sea while attempting to fly from Nice to the island of Corsica.

Mrs. Royal Phelps Carroll, a prominent society woman of Newport, R. I., has started for Africa with a large retinue of servants to hunt big game.

Madero meets with great ovations at every town through which he passes en route to Mexico City, where a great reception is being prepared for him.

Maderoists captured and executed 28 alleged "liberal" insurgents who had refused to recognize the authority of Madero and were continuing the war on their own responsibility.

While eleven ministers of Ross, Cal., were taking a complimentary ride on a new automobile fire engine the machine skidded into the curb, killing one minister and badly injuring four others.

Portland's Rose Festival opened with a grand naval parade and the arrival of the king Monday.

A brilliant rainbow was seen for more than half an hour at Winnipeg, Manitoba, about midnight Monday night, and the Indian residents are in mortal terror, believing it forebodes some great calamity.

E. H. Gary promises the steel trust committee that he will tell all he knows about the big monopoly.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 95c; club, 85c@86c; Russian, 84c; valley, 86c; 40-fold, 85c@86c.

Barley—Choice feed, \$28@28.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$29.50@30.50.

Corn—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$28.50@29.50.

Hay—Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, \$21@22; light mixed, \$19@20; heavy mixed, \$17.50@18.50; alfalfa, \$13@13.50; clover, \$12.50@13; grain hay, \$13.50@14.50.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, \$2@3.75 per crate; California, \$1.50@1.75 per crate, gooseberries, 50c per pound; apples, 10c@13 per box; cherries, 15c per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 60 @ 75c per dozen; garlic, 10@12c per pound; lettuce, 30@35c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 5c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1 1/2 @ 2c per pound; new carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—Oregon and Eastern, \$2.25 per hundred, new California, 7c per pound.

Onions—Crystal wax, \$2.50; yellow, \$2.25; red, \$3 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 16@17c; broilers, 22@25c; ducks, young, 25c; geese, nominal; turkeys, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 21c per dozen; case count, 20c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 24c per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10@11c per pound.

Hams—10 to 20 pounds, 16@17c.

Hops—1911 contracts, 25c per pound; 1910 crop, 22c; 1909 crop, 15 @ 15 1/2c; olds, 8@10c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 8 1/2 @ 14 1/2c per pound; valley, 14@15c; mohair, choice, 36@37c.

Cattle—Prime grain-fed steers, \$6 @ 6.35; prime hay-fed steers, \$6@6.25; choice steers, \$5.75@6; fair, \$5.50@5.75; common, \$5.25 @ 5.50; prime cows, \$5.75@6.25; good, \$5@5.25; fair, \$4.75@5; poor, \$4.50@4.75; choice heifers, \$5.50 @ 5.75; choice bulls, \$4.75@5.25; good, \$4.25 @ 4.75; choice light calves, \$7@7.25; good, \$6.75@7; choice heavy calves, \$5@5.50; choice stags, \$5.75@6.25; good, \$5.25@5.75.

Hogs—Choice, \$6.50@6.85; good, \$6.25@6.50; choice heavy, \$6@6.50; common, \$5@6; stock, \$6.75@7.50.

Sheep—Choice spring lambs, \$6.25 @ 6.50; good, \$6@6.25; choice yearlings, \$4.80@5; good, \$4.50@4.75; fair, \$4@4.25; choice ewes, \$4@4.25; good, \$3.75@4; fair, \$3.50@3.75; good to choice heavy wethers, \$4@4.50; old heavy wethers, \$3@4; mixed lots, \$4@5.

MONTHS TO FLOAT YACHT.

Skipper and His Companion Ashore, Spade Canal to Sea.

Seattle, Wash.—Having consumed nearly six months in making the voyage from Ketchikan, Alaska, which ordinarily requires a few days, Captain Frank Reynolds, of this city, and Dr. Lewis V. Gibson, of San Francisco, brought the power yacht Fremont, which was supposed to have foundered, into port here Wednesday. The story of hardship and privation recounted by Captain Reynolds and Dr. Gibson is almost incredible.

The Fremont was piled high and dry on the beach at Annette island and it took Captain Reynolds and Dr. Gibson three months to dig a canal with makeshift spades that the Fremont could be floated.

During the time the Fremont was on the beach and for the remainder of the trip, the two men had as food only the game which they were able to kill. They were forced to live on the beach beneath a piece of sail cloth, while the yacht was on her beam ends, and each took turns at night fighting off the wolves while his companion slumbered.

MARRIAGES DECLARED VOID.

Thousands of Chicago Couples Affected Shake-Up to Follow.

Chicago—A legal earthquake, which may result in far-reaching reforms, has struck civil marriage methods in Chicago and Cook county. Investigation into the activities of "Marrying Justice" William Stacey, who did a rush-order business in the county building up to a few days ago, precipitated the shake-up. When recovery was sufficient to take stock of the situation this was what was found:

Several thousand Chicago couples, who suppose themselves to have been married by civil ceremony within the last five years, are not legally man and wife. Justices of the peace have no authority to perform marriages in the city of Chicago.

BUYERS GYPSUM LAND

St. Louis Company Said to Contemplate Plant in Eastern Baker.

Baker—The Acuma Cement company of St. Louis, Mo., has purchased 3,000 acres of gypsum deposit land near Huntington and will erect a plant of 200 ton daily capacity on the Buchanan spur of the Northwestern railroad. The plant will cost upwards of \$100,000 and will employ several hundred men. The land was purchased from Major John H. Aitkin of Portland, J. P. Hannon and H. C. Northey of Huntington and John L. Rand of this city. The St. Louis people were interested in the proposition by Frank Nelson of Boise, Idaho, who negotiated the sale of the property and brought about the closing of the deal.

The gypsum industry is fast becoming important in Baker county, along with others being developed. The big lime and cement plant, on the main line of the O.-W. R. & N. east of this city, is being increased in capacity all the time. The gypsum deposits seem practically inexhaustible and of high quality.

UMATILLA ALFALFA SHORT.

Mowing to Begin This Week—Later Crops to Be Heavy.

Pendleton—Growers of alfalfa in Umatilla county are preparing to harvest the first crop of the season. The song of the mower will be heard in several fields this week but it will be about ten days yet before the harvest is in full blast.

According to most of the growers in the vicinity of Pendleton, the first crop will be about 25 per cent short this year. This is due to the exceptionally chilly spring which retarded the growth in most sections. The shortage will be more than made up by the increased acreage and by the second and third crops which promise to go above normal.

State School Receives Presents.

Salem—From the result of efforts made by Multnomah Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, and the Artisans of Polk county, a new piano and moving picture machine will be installed at the Oregon state training school. When Governor West was at the Woodmen reunion in Portland and at the Artisan picnic at Rickreall, he called it to the attention of the lodges. The Woodmen immediately raised \$50 toward a piano and promised that the balance would be forthcoming. The governor received a telegram from H. S. Hudson, of Portland, supreme master of the Artisans informing him that the picture machine had been purchased and awaits the order of the governor.

Farmers Want Own Project.

Grants Pass—George E. Sanders, agent for the Chicago-Rogue River Irrigation company, announces that he has arranged to be ready to start two of the large pumps, recently installed, on two days' notice, when the farmers and fruitgrowers need water. Farmers however, have filed a petition and published a notice that the district would establish an irrigation project under the state law that permits bonding districts for such purposes.

\$300,000 Issue is Legal.

Marshfield—Judge John S. Coke has given a decision in the Port commission case which is of great importance to Coos Bay. The case was a friendly suit started to test the validity of a port bond issue of \$300,000.

Hood River Strawberries Move.

Hood River—The first carload of strawberries of the season was shipped from this city June 3, by the Applegrowers' Union. The berries were consigned to the Stacy Fruit company, of Fargo, N. D. The berries are ripening fast now and hereafter carload lots will be shipped every day.

Deck of Maine is Shown.

Havana—The work of pumping the water out of the cofferdam, which was built around the wreck of the battleship Maine is steadily progressing. The greater part of the after-deck is now clearly visible, showing the confused masses of wreckage covered with marine growths.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

UMATILLA CROPS ROSEATE.

Farmers Believe 6,000,000-Bushel Record Will Be Surpassed.

Pendleton—With the wheat in thousands of fields just beginning to head and with the promise of additional showers, Umatilla county farmers are freely predicting the greatest harvest the county ever had. From all sections of the county and regarding all kinds of grain the same reports are being received. All say they never saw the prospects brighter.

It is said that the normal crop of 5,000,000 bushels of wheat will be harvested even though there should be no more rain between now and harvest, while many say that 1907's record yield of 6,000,000 bushels will easily be surpassed if the normal amount of rainfall comes during June.

Prettier stands of fall wheat were never seen than are now to be found in any direction from Pendleton, while the May rains have brought the spring grain out until a good crop is assured. A peculiar feature of this year's fall-sown grain is that it is heading out as early as the barley, which usually precedes it by a week or two. The harvesting of the two crops will therefore probably start simultaneously.

FRUITMEN INDUSTRIOUS.

Lebanon and Brownsville Folk Have Fine Section.

Portland—That Brownsville and Lebanon will build up one of the best fruit districts of the state in regard to growing and preserving small fruits is the belief of J. D. Lee, who visited a meeting at the former place of people interested in the industry.

Mr. Lee went to Brownsville as the representative of the Portland commercial club and made an address encouraging the organization of fruitgrowers' unions in that district.

"This is a very fertile district," said Mr. Lee, "and the future is bright in this industry. Conditions are right for the formation of a fruit union in Brownsville, which probably will combine with the similar organization already in operation at Lebanon."

"Berries, cherries, pears, and in fact all the fruits common to this climate thrive remarkably well in that region. From the earliest time in the state's history the people of that district have had a reputation for being pioneers in progressive work and all that is required at this time is the re-encouragement of the old spirit; organization and activity along progressive, modern lines. We had a good audience with a delegation from Lebanon and I think our meeting awakened a greater interest in fruit culture and its preservation."

FRUIT PEST CRUSADE.

Agricultural College Experts Begin Summer Campaign.

Corvallis—The campaign for the eradication of crop pests in Oregon has commenced and will be in full force by July 1, says Dean A. B. Cordley, of the Agricultural college. College experts have made several preliminary trips about the state and Dean Cordley will visit Eugene to make arrangements to establish headquarters there. Professor H. F. Wilson spent the latter part of the past week at Independence and Salem investigating the diseases reported to have been making ravages on the hop and fruit crops of this vicinity. It has been decided to have headquarters at Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Cold Holds Wheat Back.

Condon—Owing to the cold and backward weather in this county this spring, grain crops in this locality are about two weeks behind the average season. While the grain is not suffering from want of moisture in most sections of the county, a hard rain at this time would be a vast benefit and this in particular applies to the north end of the county. Farmers about Condon and south of here claim they have ample moisture and are anxious to see warm weather. Fall grain is doing well and will do well if a good rain is had in June and the fore part of July, which has seldom failed in this county, but spring grain which was sown late should have rain in the next ten days in order to insure a good average crop.

Sea Lion Season on Soon.

Marshfield—The season for hunting sea lions on the Curry county coast will begin soon. It is likely that some of the local fishermen who have sea-going boats will hunt for the sea lions. In past years the industry has been carried on quite extensively. There are many sea lions along different points on Curry county and they are valuable for the fat, which is used for oil, and for the hides, which are tanned and used in making belting. The sea lions are shot and picked up by gasoline boats.

May Wettest in Astoria.

Astoria—According to the records in Weather Observer Gilmore's office the past month has been an exceptionally wet one in Astoria. The total rainfall during May was 6.88 inches, an excess of 3.08 inches over the average for the corresponding month of previous years, which was 3.8 inches. Since 1854, when the first weather records were kept here, there were four months of May in which the rainfall exceeded that of the present month.

Ready for Irrigation.

Lakeview—Fifty men are employed on the Davis Creek orchards dam, which is nearly completed. The company has 60 acres planted to trees and about 200 acres in grain, with an additional 300 acres in alfalfa and timothy. There will be plenty of water for irrigation purposes this year, the reservoir having already been filled to the 12-foot level and then released several times.

Salmon Catch Improved.

Astoria—Since the warmer weather began there has been quite an improvement in the runs of salmon and the gillnetters during the past two or three days have been making fairly good catches. While the season thus far, is regarded generally as a poor one, one of the canners says that the pack to date is fully equal to the amount put up at the corresponding time a year ago.

Peach Orchards Yield Heavy.

Hood River—Although most of the peach trees of Hood River valley have but little fruit on them this season, C. H. Stranahan reports that the trees of his orchard are overloaded and that he has found it necessary to thin away more than one-half of the fruit. On a twig less than five inches long there are 10 large, well-shaped peaches.

BOAT UPSET; SIX DROWN.

Father and Babe, Brother and Sister and Betrothed Couple Perish.

Salt Lake City, Utah—Six persons were drowned in Utah lake Sunday when the sailboat Galilee, in which 16 persons were attending a party given in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Vera Brown and Edward B. Holmes, capsized. Among the drowned were the engaged couple. The bride-to-be and two of the other victims were children of Captain Edwin Brown, owner of the boat.

The boat left Geneva on the east shore of the lake at 9 o'clock in the morning and headed west. About one hour later the boat, struck by a sudden squall, turned sidewise to the wind and almost instantly all of the 16 persons aboard were thrown into the water. The boat turned over and over, robbing the struggling people of an opportunity to hold to it. Benjamin Raymond's little son was the first to sink. His father caught him and they sank together.

Edward B. Holmes heard the scream of his fiancée and as soon as he could locate her in the water he went to her aid. They went to the bottom clasped in each other's arms.

Frank Brown saw his other sister struggling in the water and went to her assistance. He was exhausted when he reached her and she was completely worn out and had given up the struggle. Her brother caught her but the chill of the water had so benumbed them both that they were helpless and they sank together. Some young men of Provo, Utah, who were trying out a new sail boat, were attracted by the cries of the survivors. They succeeded in saving 10 persons who had been in the water an hour and a half.

GARY'S TALK OUT.

Steel Magnate Urges Co-operation and Stability.

New York—The arguments with which Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the directors of the United States Steel corporation, addressed iron and steel manufacturers who were his guests at a recent luncheon to discuss the independent action of the Republic Iron and Steel company in reducing prices, were made public by him Tuesday. They threw added light on what occurred behind the closed doors at the Metropolitan club, where the conference was held.

Mr. Gary argued for continuing co-operation among the steel makers and for stability in prices, but his apparent wishes on the price question were overruled by a general difficulty to meet the cuts of the Republic company. In his remarks, Mr. Gary touched upon the possibility of wage reductions, the value of fair dealings and frankness by great corporations in view of the recent Supreme court decision in the Standard Oil case.

OLD FARMS LURE AGAIN.

24 Walla Walla Families Heed Call "Back to Country."

Walla Walla, Wash.—"Back to the farm," is a cry that has a real meaning in Walla Walla. More than two dozen families have left the city for their abandoned farms within the past two weeks. More have announced their intention of so doing and it is believed that within a year the deserted homesteads will be rehabilitated.

More than a score of vacant houses in the city have been left by farmers who have gone back to their ranches and several city homes have been put on the market for sale. It is not the usual summer exodus to the farms. It is the belief that the farm is a desirable place to live and the deserted farmhouses are to be full of life again after years of desertion.

Huge Depot Dedicated.

Chicago—The Chicago & Northwestern railway's new passenger station, the second largest passenger terminal in the world used by only one road, was formally opened here Sunday. The terminal covers 29 acres. The station yard covers 343,040 square feet, and the building section 69,760 square feet. Sixteen tracks with a capacity of 200 cars enter the train shed, giving the station a capacity of 250,000 passengers a day. The total cost of the station was \$23,750,000, \$11,560,000 being for real estate.

Chicago Police Doubt Tale.

Chicago—Chicago police discredit the purported confession of John Delaney in Muskogee, Okla., Saturday, in which he said he had, at the direction of John J. McNamara, secretary and treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Ironworkers, selected buildings in different cities for destruction by dynamite, among them being a viaduct in Chicago, which was, he said, blown up in February, 1907.

Mexico to Send New Man.

Mexico City—Announcement is made of the appointment of Gilbert O. Crespo Martinez as ambassador to Washington to succeed Manuel de Zamacona, who probably will be returned to London as the government's financial agent. Since Zamacona's appointment as ambassador, the London post has been filled by Pablo Maccero, who resigned last week.

Alaska Mines Sold.

Corvallis, Alaska—Representatives of the London Exploration company, the Pearson Syndicate, are here closing a deal for the purchase of more than 50 gold quartz claims in the McKinley lake district near this city. The purchase price is approximately \$500,000.

TAFT SCORCHES GIANT TRUSTS

Lumber and Paper Men Foes of Reciprocity.

Confident Agreement Will Pass and Prove Beneficial—Thinks People Approve Measure.

Chicago—President Taft, in a speech before the Western Economic society, here, declared that the principal opposition to the Canadian reciprocity agreement came not from the farmer, but from the lumber trust and from American manufacturers of print paper.

In one of the most conspicuous addresses that he has ever made on this subject, the president outlined some of the methods employed by the advocates of the reciprocity agreement; he practically told others that they were being "buncoed" by special interests, and said that the result depended not so much upon the United States senate as upon the people.

"If the farmer and the people at large," he said, "could be brought to understand this question they would no longer fear to vote."

The president was not sparing in his words. He told the reasons for the opposition to the treaty by the lumber trust and by the paper manufacturers and, without using names, scored any firm any of whose members recently appeared before the senate finance committee in Washington ostensibly on behalf of the national game.

In spite of the forces that are arrayed against it, the president expressed the belief that the bill will be passed.

"The bill," he said, "will be passed, if it is passed at all, because the force of public opinion is in its favor."

FLY IS DEATH TO BEETLE.

Parasite that Will Kill Douglas Fir Enemy is Discovered.

Seattle, Wash.—The bark beetle, which destroys Douglas fir throughout the timbered districts of the United States to the extent of almost \$100,000,000 annually, and which was believed by expert entomologists to be without a parasite, has been found to have a deadly enemy.

Professor Trevor Kincaid, head of the department of zoology at the University of Washington, is the discoverer. The parasite is a small red fly with smoky wings and a long stinger-like organ behind. The parasite instinctively discovers the beetle and lays its eggs in the beetle's tunnel.

Professor Kincaid says the newly discovered parasite will destroy from 25 to 50 per cent of a colony of beetles in one season. The discovery was made in Ravenna park, in Seattle, while Professor Kincaid was out in the woods with one of his classes.

Professor Kincaid attained prominence by his discovery of a parasite on the gypsy moth, which was destroying millions of dollars' worth of fruit trees annually.

SWEDEN WELCOMES FLEET.

American Warships Escorted to Stockholm By Pleasure Craft.

Stockholm, June 5.—The second division of the United States Atlantic fleet, composed of the battleships Kansas, Louisiana, New Hampshire and South Carolina, arrived here today for a week's visit. The battleships, which left Copenhagen June 1, were met off the Aland archipelago by a large fleet of gaily-decorated excursion steamers, which escorted them into the harbor.

Immediately after the flagship Louisiana came to anchor the commander of the fortress sent an officer to greet and welcome Rear Admiral Badger, commanding the division. Visits were then exchanged between Admiral Badger and the commander in chief of the Swedish squadron in the harbor.

Woman Has Saving Mania.

Worcester, Mass.—Relatives of Miss Margaret Hudon, who died here recently after working as a shop clerk for 17 years at \$1 a day, have found bank deposits in her name aggregating \$5,200. Her total earnings had been about \$9,304 and from this she had paid her living expenses for the whole 17 years and the cost of the funeral of her brother, who died three years ago. Miss Hudon is said to have lived on 30 cents' worth of food each week. Her house rent was very small. She had a mania for saving.

Civil War Battle Remembered.

Phillipi, W. Va.—Fifty years ago the first land battle of the Civil war was fought at Phillipi and this was the semi-annual centennial anniversary of the event. Union and Confederate veterans went over the line of retreat of the Southern troops when they were driven out of Phillipi. Addresses were made by Governor Glascock, United States Senator Taylor, of Tennessee, ex-Senator Henry G. Davis and Colonel John T. McGraw.

Quake Shakes Charleroi, Belgium.

Charleroi, Belgium—An earthquake was felt at Gosselies, four miles north of this city, at 2:40 o'clock Monday afternoon. Many houses were damaged. The streets are littered with debris. There were no casualties.