

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.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen denies the rumor of discord in the new government of China.

Government reports say crops all over the world are greatly above the average.

Taft urged before the national hygiene congress the establishment of a National Health bureau.

The Greek minister in London denies any knowledge of a Greek-Bulgarian-Serbian alliance against Turkey.

Miss Elsie Crose, daughter of the American governor of Samoa, was proclaimed a "princess" by the natives.

A party of Frenchmen visiting Berlin say they are astonished at the evidence of high living and luxury to be seen everywhere.

A girl's dream revealed fatal errors in the indictments against an Illinois school superintendent for embezzlement, forgery, etc.

Pascual Orozco, Sr., was marched through the streets of El Paso from the station to the jail, and was hooted and jeered by Mexicans.

Upon the peremptory demand of the American ambassador, an American confined in a Mexican jail was released and placed in the hospital.

The battleship Wyoming is completed and turned over to the government. She will participate in the naval review in New York harbor next month.

A witness in the Standard Oil investigation says the corporation has assigned fixed sales territory to each of its former subsidiaries, making the monopoly as complete and perfect as ever.

Jacob Foy Guthrie, the college graduate on trial in Chicago for robbing the homes of wealthy people of over \$2500 worth of silks, jewelry and bric-a-brac, went raving crazy in court.

A strike of 150 shingle weavers has closed nine shingle mills on Puget Sound.

Railroads are breaking all records in furnishing cars to handle the Northwest grain crop.

A man at Kamloops, B. C., who had been deaf and dumb for 14 years, suddenly recovered both voice and hearing when he saw another man crushed and mangled beneath the wheels of a moving freight train.

Two were killed and several seriously injured when a passenger train struck a streetcar on a grade crossing near Denver.

Officials at Washington think the Mexican revolution is weakening, on account of the many apparently aimless moves being made by the insurgents.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat — Track prices: Club, 78¢; 79¢; bluestem, 82¢; 83¢; forty-fold, 79¢; 80¢; red Russian, 77¢; 78¢; valley, 79¢; 80¢.

Barley — Feed, \$25 per ton; brewing, \$27@29.

Hay — No. 1 timothy, \$17 per ton; oat and vetch, \$11; alfalfa, \$12.50@13.

Oats — Spot, \$27 per ton; futures, \$25@26.

Fresh fruits — Apples, 50¢@1.50 per box; peaches, 40¢@60¢ per box; pears, 50¢@1.50; grapes, 90¢@1.10.

Onions — Walla Walla, 75¢ per sack; Oregon, \$1.25 per sack.

Potatoes — Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 50¢@60¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 24¢@25¢ per dozen.

Vegetables — Artichokes, 65¢@75¢ per dozen; beans, 2¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢@1.25¢ per head; cauliflower, \$1@1.25¢ per head; celery, 50¢@75¢ per dozen; corn, 75¢@1.25¢ per bushel; cucumbers, 50¢ per box; eggplant, 5¢@6¢ per pound; head lettuce, 20¢@25¢ per head; peppers, 5¢@6¢ per pound; tomatoes, 35¢@40¢ per box; garlic, 8¢@10¢ per pound; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25.

Eggs — Case count, 27¢@28¢ per dozen; candied, 28¢@29¢; extras, 32¢@34¢.

Butter — Oregon creamery, cubes, 33¢ per pound; prints, 34¢@35¢.

Pork — Fancy, 11¢@12¢ per pound.

Veal — Fancy, 14¢@15¢ per pound.

Poultry — Hens, 14¢@15¢ per pound; broilers, 14¢@15¢; ducks, young, 12¢; geese, 8¢@12¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, 25¢.

Hops — 1912 crop, 15¢@18¢.

Wool — Eastern Oregon, 14¢@18¢ per pound; valley, 21¢@22¢; mohair, choice, 32¢ per pound.

Cattle — Choice steers, \$6.85@7.25; good, \$6.25@6.65; medium, \$6@6.25; choice cows, \$6@6.50; good, \$5.50@5.75; medium, \$5@5.25; choice calves, \$7@8.50; good heavy calves, \$6.25@7; bulls, \$3@4.50; stags, \$5@5.75.

Hogs — Light, \$8.50@8.65; heavy, \$7.50@8.

Sheep — Yearlings, \$3.50@4.65; wethers, \$4@4.65; ewes, \$3@3.85; lambs, \$5@6.

WINTER HITS MIDDLE WEST.

Four States Have Snow and Temperatures Are Falling.

Chicago — Dispatches received at the weather bureau headquarters tell of pretentious snow storms in four states. The early arrival of "the beautiful" is not accompanied by unusually low temperature and proves rather beneficial than otherwise.

Wyoming was the first to report the advance agent of winter, the vicinity around Lander experiencing a regular snow fall. The maximum temperature in the vicinity of the Wyoming storm was 36 and the minimum 32, so that the snow did not melt rapidly.

The same storm swept rapidly eastward, and was reported in both the Dakotas and Minnesota. Heavy rains have been prevailing in Western Minnesota for two days, but a drop in temperature changed the rain to snow. Dispatches say the temperature is lowering noticeably in Northern Iowa and there are indications of snow fall there. Storms are also predicted generally over the Central West. Rain began falling in the Great Lakes region and the temperature is dropping steadily. The same storm will probably spread to the Ohio river before its force is spent.

ELKS WILL USE "BEETATO."

Portland Lodge Will Distribute Purple Tuber at Reunion.

Portland — Oregon's newest pomological oddity, dubbed the "beetato," which is a hybrid between an Irish potato and a red beet, has already been found valuable as an advertising asset. The tuber's "innards" have a deep purple, one of the official colors of the Elks' lodge.

Officers of Portland Lodge No. 142 have been quick to realize the peculiar coloring feature of the "beetato." They are now negotiating with L. W. Rinhardt, of Silver Springs station, in Clackamas county, the originator of the new potato, for all of next year's crop of "purple spuds" to take back to Rochester for the Elks' annual reunion. Inasmuch as the reunion will be held in July, Mr. Rinhardt will have to plant his "beetatoes" as early as possible next spring so that the product of the new crop will be large enough by convention time.

Mr. Rinhardt expects to grow enough "beetatoes" to supply souvenirs for every delegate to the Rochester reunion. Portland Elks are rejoicing that they will have such an unique souvenir to advertise Oregon.

MAKE EGGS FROM AIR.

Scientist Sees Great Possibility in Nitrogen and Compounds.

Chicago — Dr. Paul Walden, of Riga, Russia, predicts that the next great feat of chemistry will be the making of eggs from air. Dr. Walden, who is president elect of the Ninth International Congress of Applied Chemistry, to be held in St. Petersburg in 1915, further predicts that a variety of nitrogenous foods will be made from the air some day.

"I consider it practically certain that at no distant day we will be drawing food supplies from the air," he said. "Professor Bernthsen, of Germany, already has succeeded in making the simple compound of nitrogen and hydrogen."

"This shows that we will be able to make more complex compounds. An egg is a complex compound of nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur and hydrogen."

Electric Opium Found, Berlin — An electric sleep, which may be turned on and off at will, is the alluring prospect offered to people suffering from insomnia by Dr. Nagelschmidt, who describes his invention for this purpose in a medical magazine.

He says he has devised a new form of electric current which, when applied to the base of the brain, will produce a narcotic effect which can be maintained as long as is desired. It has been tried with success and without any injurious effects on dogs and rabbits, and Dr. Nagelschmidt is convinced that it can be equally well applied to human beings.

Application of the current also eliminates pain from any part of the body.

Scientists Note Strike.

Salt Lake City — Twenty-two of the foreign scientists touring the United States as guests of the American Geographical society visited Bingham Wednesday, thus combining a view of a mining camp strike with an examination of a mountain of copper-bearing monzonite. When convinced that the visitors were not strikebreakers, the crowds at Bingham regarded the scientists with friendly interest. More than half the party passed the day visiting historic spots in and about Salt Lake City.

Land In Spain Utilized.

Madrid — As a result of the investigation ordered a few months ago by King Alfonso, the minister of the interior reports that 60 per cent of the land in Spain is uncultivated and that 38 per cent is utterly without irrigation. The report shows that 4500 villages are without roads or railroads, 30,000 towns and villages have no schools and 12,000,000 of Spain's 177,000,000 inhabitants can neither read nor write.

\$55,000 Theft Confessed.

Pensacola, Fla. — William H. Bell, a 20-year-old bank clerk, has confessed that he robbed the Pensacola First National bank on a package containing \$55,000 of the Louisville & Nashville payroll, and substituted a worthless package in its place.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

BEND ORCHARD PROJECTED.

Successful Powell Butte Grower Will Try Out New Section.

Bend — While Central Oregon up to the present has received little serious attention as a commercial apple growing territory, an arrangement just made for the planting of an extensive commercial orchard near Bend by an experienced fruitgrower indicates that apples may take their places alongside the other products of this immediate section in the near future.

Guy Lafollette, who for several years has conducted an extensive nursery near Powell Butte, some 25 miles east of Bend, plans the planting of 40 acres of fine apple trees on the A. S. Collins ranch, a mile from Bend. As Mr. Lafollette has raised apples most successfully on his Powell Butte place, where the altitude is 4200 feet, he anticipates no difficulty in meeting similar success here, at an altitude of but 2600 feet, and with excellent soil and irrigation conditions. The action of the nurseryman promises to influence others toward setting out commercial orchards. Hitherto apple raising in this section has been devoted chiefly to little more than enough for home consumption.

200 SEE BRIDGE OPENING.

Span Over Umpqua River at Winchester Is Dedicated.

Roseburg — With a crowd of more than 200 persons in attendance the new steel bridge spanning the Umpqua river, at Winchester, five miles north of Roseburg, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. Binger Hermann was the principal speaker and briefly reviewed the history of bridge building. He said the first bridge built of wood, then came those constructed of stone, and finally there came the modern steel structure which withstands the elements of time. He called particular attention to the fact that the year 1912 is an epoch in Douglas county for the reason that this year eight magnificent steel bridges are in course of erection. Bridges, Mr. Hermann said, mark time with the progress and development of the country and that Douglas county should feel proud of the bridges it has built this year.

The Winchester bridge is 590 feet in length, the two outer spans being 150 feet long, while the center span is 290 feet in length. The total cost of the bridge is about \$16,000.

WATER SUPPLY IS READY.

Klamath Falls Artesian Wells to Pump 1,200,000 Gallons Daily.

Klamath Falls — The California Oregon Power company is ready to connect its new artesian wells to the pumps, and will use this water exclusively for the city supply in future. The new water supply is ample for the present needs of the city, the pumps on a test lifting 800 gallons a minute, or a supply of nearly 1,200,000 gallons per day.

The management has had the water carefully analyzed, and it is free from deleterious germs, and is said to be far purer than that supplied to the great majority of cities. The pipes and reservoirs will be cleaned and disinfected prior to using the new supply. The city has been practically free from typhoid fever this season, no serious cases having been known. This has been due in part to the care of the water company in protecting the springs and partly to the general use of boiled water.

ANCIENT BEAN PRIZEWINNER

Rogue River Vegetable Attracts Attention at Jackson Fair.

Medford — O. J. Ames, from a small garden on the Rogue River bottoms, won the first prize of \$50 for vegetables at the County fair and pear show. A unique feature of his exhibit was the beans grown from a seed discovered in a crevice of a cliff dweller's home in the Aztec ruins in Arizona. The original bean had lain there, according to Mr. Ames, for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years, when he secured it in 1909.

It was planted the next year, the germinating element having survived, and the present crop resulted. It is similar in appearance to the Lima bean, but more prolific. Mr. Ames had 48 different varieties of vegetables in his display.

Mammoth Lettuce Is Grown.

Hood River — Samples of some of the largest lettuce ever seen here are on exhibition at the Commercial club. The variety is the Wonderful or New York, and the heads are seven and eight inches in diameter. J. H. Kobberg, who has made Hood River asparagus famous, is the grower and says that on a half acre he has 12,000 heads just coming to maturity and that the 1000 dozen will fill a car. A couple of cases will be put in storage to be exhibited at the Northwest Land-Products show in November.

Children's Fairs Great Success.

Salem — To be incorporated in his annual report, Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman has prepared a statement showing what success has attended the industrial contests and industrial fairs which have been held among the children of Oregon. These will undoubtedly become a permanent feature in connection with the school work of the state after this year's trial.

POTATOES INJURED.

Tualatin Valley Crop Reported Short Fully One-Half.

Hillsboro — That the potato crop in this vicinity will be short fully 50 per cent as a result of early blight, is the prediction made by Howard Everts, Weed, an authority on plant diseases. "For several days past I have examined the potato fields in this vicinity, and find very few places but that show great damage to the growing crop. The recent windy weather made the conditions much worse than would otherwise have been the case, as the wind caused a wide distribution of the spores of the fungus causing the disease. The excessive rains during August made weakened, tender vines full of moisture, while the atmospheric conditions were such as cause all fungus diseases to develop most rapidly."

"For a month past there have been small brown spots upon the leaves, showing the presence of the disease known to science as macrosporium solani, or the early blight, but it has only been during the past week that the disease has developed rapidly and the infection become widespread."

"The vines now have yellow leaves at the bottom of the plant, while the top leaves have their edges turned black. Growth of tubers has practically stopped. Some fields are worse than others, hillside fields being the worst affected."

"Potato blight is now practically worldwide in its distribution. First described in 1882, it now occurs throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and Australia. Its control by means of the Bordeaux mixture is easy, thanks to the experiments made in 1899 by Professor L. R. Jones of the Vermont experiment station."

"These experiments were very thorough, and the results so conclusive that spraying with Bordeaux mixture is now conducted as a part of farm practice by the best growers of the Central states. In the experiments at the Vermont station the sprayed potatoes gave a yield of 231 bushels per acre against 99½ bushels per acre for the unsprayed potatoes, showing a difference of 191½ bushels an acre in favor of spraying."

NEW FISH CAR IN USE.

20,000 Trout Being Distributed East of The Dalles.

The first "fish car" that has ever been used in Oregon left Portland Monday night for the Bonneville Central Fish Hatchery to stock up with a large shipment of trout fry that is to be distributed at various Oregon points to encourage the propagation of the trout species in the Oregon streams.

This car is equipped with various mechanical devices necessary to the care of fish and with living quarters for the caretakers. It has accommodations for 20,000 fish.

On the present trip the car will drop 100 cans, each containing 10 gallons of trout fry, at The Dalles, Dufur and other points farther East, and will loop back through The Dalles to pick up the empty cans. Later it is intended to distribute fish at favorable points along all of the railroad lines in Oregon.

The car used in this work was donated to Warden Finley by the O. W. R. & N., and equipped at the expense of the railroad. The car and accompanying employees are given free transportation on all of the official trips. This donation serves as a great accommodation.

Heretofore shipments have been by the usual baggage car route, which necessitated many delays in transfer. It is probable that the "fish car" will be placed on display in Portland soon.

Branch Line Completed.

Klamath Falls — The ballasting crew on the line north from Klamath Falls has finished its work as far as Rocky Ford, the crossing of Williamson river. The section completed will now be turned over to the operating department. At Chiloquin, the present terminus of the work, there is a rumor that the Big Basin Lumber company is preparing to erect a large sawmill. If true it will add considerably to the importance of that town as a shipping point, and also be a great benefit to the surrounding country.

Apple Disease Prevalent.

Corvallis — Professor H. S. Jackson, department of plant pathology, O. A. C., has just returned from an extended trip of inspection through Eastern and Southern Oregon. Professor Jackson reports that the abundant rains of this season have brought about conditions especially favorable to the spread of the apple tree anthracnose in the orchards of the Southern and Western parts of the state.

State To Exchange Land.

Salem — Governor West, State Forester Elliott and Assistant District Forester Andrews as a representative of District Forester Cecil, left this week for the Cascade mountains near Detroit to make a selection of 50,000 acres of government forest reserve land to exchange for scattered school sections in this state. The state forest reserve of 50,000 acres will be thus centralized.

AVIATOR'S PRANKS UPSET BOAT

Excited Crowd Rushes to One Side; Launch Turns Over.

Chicago — The tipping over and rescue of eight spectators in a launch, the disabling of two hydro-aeroplanes far out in the lake and the "pranks" of an aviator dressed as a woman brought Chicago's aviation meet to a close.

Great crowds near Grant Park, on the lakefront, were startled to observe what appeared to be a woman diving in a biplane almost straight down from an altitude of 3000 feet, and then with her arms off the levers and her skirts fluttering about her face, flying as low as 10 feet over the heads of the spectators. To make the scene more startling, the "woman" flew out of the course and skimmed up and down Michigan avenue, sending automobiles in all directions to seek safety.

The "woman" was Lincoln Beachy, who disguised himself as "Mlle. Clarisse Lavateur," for the purpose of creating a new aerial sensation for Chicago. So excited were eight spectators in a launch in the harbor that they all gathered at one side of the craft and it tipped over. They were rescued by a tug.

Bechworth Havens, while driving a hydro-aeroplane with a passenger, punctured his pontoon. Both men were picked up as they were sinking. Anthony Jennis, in a hydro-aeroplane, had a similar accident. His machine had to be towed in.

Armed with a stout club, Weldon B. Cooke, an aviator of Oakland, Cal., defended his wrecked aeroplane for several hours against a crowd of several hundred souvenir hunters. When flying on the South Side he fell, wrecking his biplane. He was stunned by the fall, and when he regained consciousness he found a large crowd around his machine breaking pieces from it to carry away as souvenirs. Seizing a club, he held the crowd back until the police arrived.

KAISER RIDES ON WHISKEY.

Tires on Emperor's Automobile Made From Alcoholic Beverage.

Chicago — Emperor William of Germany rides in an automobile, the tires of which are made from whiskey, according to Dr. H. A. Bernson, head of the chemistry department of Heidelberg university, who with 300 other scientists, is in Chicago to attend the eighth annual international congress of applied chemistry.

He says that rubber has been made from whiskey for several years at several experimental laboratories in Germany, and recently a set of automobile tires made from the alcoholic beverage were presented to Emperor William and that he is now using them on one of his private automobiles.

According to Dr. Bernson the process of manufacturing is quite intricate. By special processes of fermentation the scientists increase the amount of fusel oil in whiskey, then extract the oil and use it in place of the raw gum that is tapped from rubber trees.

CURB ON FLYERS SOUGHT.

Aviators' League Proposed to Stop Reckless Aerial Flights.

London — The death of H. J. D. Astley by the fall of his aeroplane at Belfast has given impetus to the movement to found a National Aviators' league.

Astley was the twentieth British aviator to lose his life. A similar movement has begun in the United States to forbid unnecessary flying involving dangerous risks. The movement has the support of the leading aviation authorities.

Astley, who met death while executing too sharp a turn, wore no safety helmet. He received thereby injuries to his head. He was the heir of a millionaire and a descendant of Cromwell.

Many of the spectators of the accident are of the opinion that Astley sacrificed his life in a brave attempt to avoid colliding with the crowd.

Auto Burglars Get Gens.

New York — Automobile burglars, accompanied by a woman, who remained outside in a machine, the engine of which the chauffeur kept racing in readiness for flight, at the point of a revolver bound and gagged George Richman, a jeweler, in his store at 111 Second avenue, and obtained \$5000 worth of loot. The thieves stole \$820 in cash, two trays of diamond rings and pendants, and other trinkets that had been left to be repaired. Richman was bound hand and foot and a towel tied around his mouth.

Women May Storm Jail.

Dublin — Phoenix Park was the scene of a disorderly suffragist meeting Sunday. A letter was read from Mrs. Mary Leigh, who recently was released from Mount Joy prison on account of ill health, declaring that unless Gladys Evans, now serving a sentence of five years for an attempt to burn a theater, was liberated within a few days, she would lead a march on the prison to effect her release, and would succeed or die in the attempt.

Chinese Rob and Murder.

St. Petersburg — Atrocities committed by Chinese expeditionary troops in Mongolia are reported in Harbin dispatches. After plundering and burning several monasteries, the troops massacred 1000 Mongolians and mutilated the bodies of women and children. Prince and Princess Un Ai escaped, but all other members of their family were murdered.

OPIUM BROUGHT BY HIGHER UPS

Inspector and Steamship Agent Indicted for Smuggling.

Intercepted Letter Leads to Discovery of Extensive Deal—Drug Taken Ashore at Night.

San Francisco — Robert Donaldsen, assistant superintendent of navigation of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, and Henry Gallagher, United States customs inspector, were indicted here by a Federal grand jury charging complicity in an opium smuggling conspiracy, in which, it is said, many other men are implicated. Warrants for their arrests were issued and they are being served by United States marshals.

The indictments were based upon the testimony of David Powers and Emil Fiedler, employees of the Western Fuel company, arrested in Oakland, December 13, 1911, with several hundred tins of contraband opium in their possession. Powers and Fiedler served four and six months respectively in the Alameda county jail.

The supposed connection of Donaldsen and Gallagher with the smuggling plot was revealed through the interception by government officials of a letter given by Fiedler, while in jail, to a discharged prisoner.

Powers testified before the grand jury that he had been approached by Donaldsen in December, 1911, with a proposal to assist in landing opium concealed on the steamer Siberia, which then was being loaded with coal by a barge on which he and Fiedler were working. He at first refused to consider the matter, he said, but later decided to "take a chance." He was taken aboard the Siberia and met two Chinese cabin boys, who had secreted the opium. Two nights later, said Powers, 320 tins of opium were transferred from the Siberia to the barge.

MILLIONS FOR TIMBER BONDS.

\$12,000,000 Invested in Western Securities This Year.

Portland — More than \$12,000,000 has been brought from Eastern money centers and invested in timber bonds since January 1, according to a statement made before the Portland Realty board by Theodore B. Brown, of Brown & Brown, timber bond brokers. This new capital was invested in bonding propositions, nearly all of which are in Portland territory.

"The business of floating bonds on standing timber has reached big proportions during the past few years," said Mr. Brown. "The ability to realize on standing timber by the bonding method has been of great benefit to the Northwest. As a result operators have been able to continue the logging industry to advantage. Hundreds of men have been given employment and the development of this section has been generally aided."

"Oregon and Washington timber bonds are now in favor with Eastern capitalists. On account of the efficient patrol of the forests, danger from fires has been reduced greatly, thus providing better security for timber bonds."

Frog Lives Ages in Rock.

Los Angeles — Workmen engaged in clearing and blasting rock on the L. D. Loomis property, in Santa Monica canyon, found a frog imbedded in solid limestone, three feet beneath the surface. It had been encased in rock for hundreds of years. Apparently petrified, the amphibian was taken by the astonished workmen and laid in the sun. In a few moments it suddenly showed signs of life. After several minutes it blinked confusedly, drew a long breath, and in long leaps traveled a hundred feet before the workmen could recapture it.

The lump of limestone from which it was taken was carefully packed and taken to Santa Monica. It shows clearly the exact shape of its occupant, to the minutest detail.

Bayonets Win Battle.

Rome — The most sanguinary engagement of the war in Tripoli was fought Thursday near Derna, a town on the Mediterranean coast 140 miles northwest of Benghazi. The Italians lost 61 men killed and 113 wounded. The Turks and Arabs left more than 800 dead on the field. Forty-one prisoners, including an Arab chief, fell into the hands of the Italians. The battle opened at daybreak, when a force of Turks and Arabs surprised and attacked the Italian lines. The fight raged for four hours.

Aviator's Fall Is Fatal.

Shenandoah, Ia. — Aviator Russell Blair, of Kansas City, while making an exhibition flight here, was killed in a fall from a height of 30 feet. Blair had just made a successful flight and had landed some distance from the crowd. When he attempted to rise from the ground again his machine struck an air current and turned over. Blair was pinioned underneath the wreckage, and when aid reached him he was dead.

Work Stops for One Man.

Pottsville, Pa. — Because one man refused to join the union, several thousand workmen are idle at the collieries of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company in the Panther Creek valley, and only one mine and three washeries are working.